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**DO IT
— IN A —
DRESS**



Some of Moss Vale High School Staff getting into the spirit of the Do it in a Dress Fundraiser

Students Making A Difference

All Moss Vale High Students who made our Do it in a Dress fundraiser a success, raising approximately \$1,130.00

NEWSLETTER

Principal's Report

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate Emily Herman, Jamie Lee and Alex Smolej on achieving Credits in the Australian Chemistry Quiz. The Australian National Chemistry Quiz is a unique chemical education activity. It provides a major focus for secondary school students on the relevance of chemistry in an exciting and stimulating way. It has made a significant contribution to the development of a grass-root appreciation of the role of chemistry in our society. Many of the questions are aimed at emphasising the connection between the academic image of chemistry and its everyday applications and its importance in the home, the environment and industry. The aim of the Quiz is to promote and encourage an awareness of the nature and relevance of chemistry amongst secondary school students. This is clearly related to **'Science for Everybody'**, a national aim for Science Education in Australia. The Quiz also aims to encourage participation in a challenging and rewarding activity.

Well done Emily, Jamie and Alex!

Head Teacher HSIE

After Mr James McGill retired at the end of last year, Mr Matthew Nash has stepped into the role of Head Teacher HSIE throughout 2017 and has done an outstanding job. This term we ran a merit selection process for the position, and I am pleased to announce that Mrs Letitia Summers is the successful candidate. Mrs Summers will take up the position from the start of 2018. Mrs Summers comes to us with a wealth of experience and talent, and has been the Head Teacher HSIE at Albion Park for the past ten years.



I look forward to working with Mrs Summers and having her as part of our executive team.

Do it in a Dress

Many thanks to all in our wonderful school community for supporting the Do It in a Dress fundraiser. All money raised will go to the One Girl Foundation to help educate girls in developing countries who would not normally have access to education, simply because they are female. A girl's income increases by at least 10% for every year she stays in school. A girl who receives an education will be married later and have a healthier family when she is ready. The school will continue to support this worthwhile cause.

HSC

The HSC exams are underway and I have been receiving positive feedback on our students, and their application during the exam sessions, from the Presiding Officer, Mr. Barry Roberts. I would like to again wish our HSC students well in the final exams, and look forward to catching up with them all at the Formal in November.

The Five Ways of Wellbeing

Our Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS) team is focusing our PBS lessons on the five Ways of Wellbeing this term. Students will engage in school-wide lessons that take them through five important aspects of wellbeing: to give, to be active, to keep learning, to stay connected and to take notice. I would like to thank Ms. Felicity Curtis, Mrs. Janeen Pepping, Ms. Katie Cripps and Ms. Melanie Brindley for their time and efforts in creating these very important and engaging lessons.



Patricia Holmes—Principal

Deputy Principal

Yr 12 Graduation

The Year 12 Graduation has been and gone, but, the continuing positive feedback we are receiving has not stopped! We have been inundated with messages from families, friends and community members commending the outstanding send off that was organised. I know I mentioned thank yous in advance last report, but this day would not have happened without the hard work from Di Sutherland, Luke Vandenberg, Megan Norris and the TAS team, Linda Johnston and the CAPA Team, and of course the wonderful Year 12 students themselves.



TAFE Program



TAFE NSW

We have recently collaborated with Moss Vale TAFE to involve some of our Year 9 and 10 students in a program designed to engage students back into school. The program aims to give students a “taste” in possible career paths (Trades, Agriculture/Horticulture, Aged Care etc) and develop skills that employers will be looking for. The positive feedback from students after

only 2 weeks has been phenomenal with many now having identified courses they want to pursue after school. This link is beginning to create higher engagement levels from students as they realise the connection between school and their future. A big thank you to Sarah Blake from Moss Vale TAFE, Sharlene Killian and Phil Warwick for getting this up and running.

Uniform

It's that time of year again in the highlands where we can get four seasons in a week. With the hot, cold and everything in between weather, can I please encourage all students to be prepared with the correct uniform. The Bureau of Meteorology App might be something students could add to their phones.....!

School sun-hats

jumpers

jackets



New Electronic Sign

The school has been in negotiation for quite some time about the purchase of an electronic school sign to replace the old sign on the Illawarra Highway. The paperwork and consultation process is close to being completed and the new sign will hopefully be up and running before the end of the school year. This will be another way the school will be able to promote the many outstanding opportunities Moss Vale HS has to offer to everyone driving along the Highway! Another big shout out to Di Sutherland who has been the driving force behind this venture. See the proposed design at right.

People Making a Difference

All the students in 8F who cooked, baked and planned a farewell for a fellow student who is leaving. Just another demonstration of the positive spirit and comradery amongst the student group!



*Mr Matt Carlyon
Deputy Principal*



Dates to remember Term 4

30 October - 3 November	Yrs7 & 9 Maths Assessment Week	20 - 23 November	Writer in Residence Poetry
Wednesday 1 November	Swimming Ability Assessment	Tuesday 21 November	P&C Meeting 5pm - 6:30pm
	Vivo Day		Support Unit Transition 9:30-1:00
Thursday 2 November	Meet the Music #4	22 - 24 November	Schools Spectacular
6 - 10 November	VET Work Placement week	Tuesday 28 November	Support Unit Transition 9:30-1:00
Monday 6 November	9/10 Dance Assessment 4		Drama Night
6 - 10 November	Yrs 8&10 Maths Assessment Week	Thursday 30 November	Presentation Evening 6:30pm - 8pm
Tuesday 7 November	Support Unit Transition 9:30-1:00	Friday 1 December	Gundungurra Shield
Thursday 9 November	Remembrance Day Assembly	Tuesday 5 December	Y7 2018 ORIENTATION DAY 9:30 - 2:30pm
13 - 16 November	ISE Performing Ensemble Tour	Thursday 7 December	CAPA Concert 6:30 - 8:30pm
Tuesday 14 November	Y12 Sign Out day	Friday 8 December	Y5 Taster Day
	Support Unit Transition 9:30-1:00	11 - 13 December	ACTIVITY WEEK
Thursday 16 November	Y12 Formal - Centennial Winery	Friday 15 December	Last day Term 4 2017

FEE\$ IN ADVANCE

The new school financial receipting system allows for funds to be held for students to use at a later date. This is called **Fees in Advance**.

These funds can be used for any student in the same family and remain available from year to year.

Examples of when **Fees in Advance** may be used:

- When an overpayment is made
- When an excursion is cancelled
- If an amount is paid to the school to be used for future fees, excursions etc.

To pay for a student's excursion or activity using **Fees in Advance**, write "*Fees in Advance*" in the payment method on the excursion note.

A receipt is still issued when utilising **Fees in Advance** to show how payment was made.

Statements of account are mailed out regularly, and any **Fees in Advance** will show up here.

If you have further questions regarding how **Fees in Advance** works, please contact the school by phone on 4868 1717, by email on mossvale-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or in person at the Front Office.

Maureen Sinclair

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

Activity Week 2017- Information for parents



As you know, Activity Week takes place this year between the 11 to the 13 December. We have two groups (Go for Gold and Moreton island) who will also be away for Thursday 14 December. **For all other students, however, the Thursday and Friday of that week are normal school days.** The Monday and Tuesday of the following week are staff development days with the school being closed to students.

There are many activities that involve swimming or water related participation for Activity Week 2017.

Department of Education guidelines, however, require students to pass a Water Challenge test before participating in water activities. This test will be held at the Moss Vale Indoor pool on the 1 November. It will cost students \$4, to be paid to the front office at school. The permission notes can be picked up outside the PDHPE office. The actual test requires students to complete the following:

- **Entry** – Slide in entry into shallow water and walk five metres.
(Please note: This is the minimum benchmark for yellow wrist banded students).
- **Survival Swimming** – 25m swim with recognisable strokes.
- **Survival Sequence** – Scull, float or tread water for 1 minute, call out for help once.
- **Exit** – Exit the water unassisted.
- **Rescue Sequence** – Demonstrate a simple voice rescue.

Following completion of 'The Challenge' all students will be classified as either proficient swimmers or non-proficient swimmers. Proficient swimmers will be issued with a blue wrist band on Activity Week and will be deemed safe to participate in the aquatic activity. Non-proficient students will be issued with a yellow wrist band and can participate in shallow water activities. **Students must wear these bands for the duration of the water activity.** Please note, this applies to all school excursions involving water, not just Activity Week. Once a student completes the water challenge, the results are valid for two terms.

PS-all money for Activity Week was due at the end of last term.

If you have any questions about the above information, please don't hesitate to call me.

Matt Nash
Activity Week coordinator

Congratulations

Year 12 2017 Graduation Assembly

Thursday 21 September 2017

Congratulations





Best Wishes



*Congratulations On
Your Achievement
And Our Best
Wishes For Your
Future*



The Duke of Edinburgh Award program is starting again at Moss Vale High School in 2018.



It is an internationally recognised program for young people, building their skills to equip them for life and work. By creating opportunities for young people to develop skills, get physically active, give service and experience adventure, the Award can play a critical role in their development.

The choice to do The Duke of Ed is entirely voluntary and every Award is different. Each participant chooses which activities they want to take part in for each Section. It is a very personal program that offers young people a structure to fulfil their passions and ambitions in a way that suits them.

Apart from the requirements for each Section, and the safety training requirements for the Adventurous Journey Section, the activities a participant chooses to undertake is entirely up to them. They have the freedom to progress through The Duke of Ed according to their personal needs and abilities.

The Award is comprised of three levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold Award) and four sections. Participants complete all four sections at each level in order to achieve their Award. At Gold level, participants also complete a Residential Project.

Service

The Service section of the Award encourages young people to volunteer their time and understand the benefits of this service to their community.

Skills

The Skills section of the Award encourages the development of personal interests and practical and social skills.

Physical Recreation

The Physical Recreation section of the Award encourages young people to participate in sport and other physical recreation for the improvement of health and fitness.

Adventurous Journey

The Adventurous Journey section encourages a sense of adventure whilst undertaking a team journey or expedition. As part of a small team, participants will plan, train for and undertake a journey with a defined purpose in an unfamiliar environment.

Residential Project

The Residential Project, completed only at Gold level, aims to broaden participants' horizons through involvement with others in a residential setting.

If you think your student should consider completing the program, please encourage them to come to the TAS staffroom at school and collect the information and application form.

There will be a Parent/Caregiver information evening held later in the term.

If you need any further information, please contact Gillian Button in the TAS Department at School, or email me at: Gillian.button@det.nsw.edu.au

More information about the Award can be found at: <http://dukeofed.org.au/>



Please Note : Year 11 Reports

Year 11 reports were distributed to students to take home on Friday 27 October 2017

Community Notices

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School Notices

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\$20.00

Can be purchased from the Front Office



These caps have been approved by the school community and will be available for a limited time. Money raised will go to the purchase of Sun Shelters for outdoor activities.



OPENING TIMES:
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students of
Moss Vale High School
Support Unit*

Thank you



Moss Vale High School staff and students would like to express their appreciation to **Graham Marcolin** (McDonald's Sutton Forest and Moss Vale) for supporting our school with use of bus transportation.

TO : <u>MOSS VALE HIGH</u>	<u>NOTE OF ABSENCE</u>
Date : _____	Address : _____
Roll Class : _____ Year : _____	
Please excuse the absence of my son/daughter : _____	
on (dates) _____	
Total number of days absent : _____	
The reason for the absence/s (<i>this reason must be specific, not just "he/she was sick"</i>) : _____	

Parent Name : _____	
Parent Signature : _____	Date sent : _____

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