



# Moss Vale High School

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**20 December 2018**

## Presentation Night 2018



**Wishing everyone a very  
Merry Christmas & a  
Safe & Happy Holiday**

### **School Resumes Term 1 2019**

Tuesday, 29 January

Staff Development Day - staff only

Wednesday, 30 January

Years 7, 11 & 12 commence

Thursday, 31 January

Years 8, 9 & 10 commence

Friday, 1 February

*Pre-arranged* Interviews for New  
Enrolments in all Years

All other New Enrolments by appointment only

**NEWSLETTER**

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## Relieving Principal's Report

2018 has absolutely flown by and it has again been another positive and productive year with many staff and student achievements across all areas of the school. The theme for 2018 "let's celebrate", has been unbelievably successful. Be it sporting carnivals, CAPA concerts, academic competitions or charity fundraisers, Moss Vale High School, as always has excelled! We have strived all year to make a difference across our school, community and wider society by raising over \$15,000 to support those in need. Moss Vale High's staff, students and parents truly have big hearts!

Whilst Mrs Holmes has been on leave over the last few weeks, I have been left to steer the ship as Relieving Principal, with Mrs Summers filling in as the Relieving Deputy Principal. I was lucky enough to get to address the audience at our recent Presentation evening. Below is my speech from the evening.

"This evening, I thought I would speak about how important a productive school community is to achieving outstanding educational outcomes. Tonight brings together the key stakeholders of our school, our staff, students, parents and community associations. It is these key groups working together, believing in the values of our school and what we are trying to achieve that makes our school successful.

The *Positive Behaviour for Success* program continues to be the backbone of our school and has been the driving force of change. This positive change in culture, with high expectations and strong wellbeing at the forefront, has led to Moss Vale High School being regarded as the best school in the Southern Highlands. Our ever increasing enrolments reflect this, next year, for the first time in a very long time, our anticipated enrolments will be over 700. There are already 170 confirmed new Year 7 students for next year. People know what we are about and they want to be a part of it.

The valuable role that our parents and families play is highlighted by it being a key part of current school plan. We will be encouraging even more input and look to utilise the skills and knowledge that you possess over the next few years. We are promoting a new wave of P&C members to continue to support our goals. The P&C have agreed to continue to support our *Kick off with Reading* initiative, supplying each student and staff member the gift of a book each year. Ultimately, it is the communication between parents and the school that helps to keep everyone in the loop. Next year, we will be releasing a Parent Portal online, where parents can see how their child is progressing, notes that they may need for excursions and any general information. No more lost notes! Staff will also be utilising the online classroom Edmodo next year across all year groups to increase communication between students and parents.

This year I have been lucky enough to be part of a team that commenced training in the program *How 2 Learn*, something again which is embedded heavily in our school plan over next few years. This program equips students with skills and strategies to become more effective learners. It focuses heavily on the importance of mindset in learners and building resilience in students to persist in the face of challenges in the classroom. Our staff will use this program to build the academic culture and to continue our exceptional HSC results. It is important to note, that since 2014, our schools HSC results have been on a strong incline above state average, whilst the state and similar school groups have continued to decline over this time. Our students last year averaged nearly 4 marks above the state average.

The valued input our community plays allows nights like this to happen. I would like to personally thank all of the sponsors here tonight who contributed to the prizes our students are receiving. The community is also finding that the values our students are leaving with to be strong indicators of work readiness. Our students are highly regarded by employers across the highlands, many only offering apprenticeships or traineeships to students from our school.

And finally our outstanding students. You have all heard me say it before but I will say it again. You are the image of our school. You are Moss Vale High School and the way you present yourselves, behave yourselves, care for one and other and the community makes you noticed. Whilst everything I have spoken about previously has been put in place for you, ultimately it is up to you as individuals to take on the challenges, responsibilities and opportunities. Every student here tonight has done this, and tonight you are being rewarded for being your best.

Before I wrap up, I would like to formally introduce Mrs Letitia Summers who will join me as a second Deputy next year. Mrs Summers is the leader of our How2Learn team and will join Mrs Holmes and myself on the senior executive.

Thank you all again for your presence this evening, and we hope you enjoy this celebration of our students and of all that is great about public education.”

On behalf of Mrs Holmes and myself, we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday break. We are gearing up for a big 2019 and are looking forward to everyone returning fresh and ready to go.

### **STOP THE PRESS!!!!**

We have just been made aware of our 2018 cohort’s HSC results. There has been some exceptional results across the year group and across many subjects. I would like to make a special mention of the students who have achieved Merit List Band 6 results.

**Acacia Ashworth** – Music

**Ben Brittle** – Society and Culture

**Leah Drayton** – Agriculture, Mathematics General 2, Primary Industries

**Katie Hall** – Visual Arts

**Emily Herman** – English (Standard)

**Jamie Lee** - Maths Ext 2

**Megan Mulcahy** – Society and Culture

Congratulations Year 12!

*Matthew Carlyon*

*Relieving Principal*



*Mrs Patricia Holmes*  
*Principal 2019*



*Mr Matthew Carlyon*  
*Deputy Principal 2019*



*Mrs Letitia Summers*  
*Deputy Principal 2019*

# GIBRALTAR WIN HOUSE CUP 3 YEARS IN A ROW!

Congratulations to the Gibraltar Blues who have taken out the MVHS house cup for their third consecutive year, finishing on 400 points. However, this year was a close fight for the cup with Belmore only falling short 10 points (390 points) placing them in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Moreton ran in 3<sup>rd</sup> on 350 points and Carrington 4<sup>th</sup> place on 320 points.

The Gibraltar House Captains and team will receive House Cup during end of term celebrations. The Cup will be kept in the foyer of our office draped in blue ribbon for the next year for all to see.

I look forward to seeing even more dedication, determination and pride in 2019 when representing your house groups.

**"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships." --Michael Jordan**



Below is a screenshot of how the points have been tallied up throughout the year.

### 2018 House Championship

Event	Moreton	Gibraltar	Carrington	Belmore
Swimming Carnival	30	40	20	10
Cross Country	10	30	20	40
Term 1 VIVO Points	30	20	10	40
Athletics carnival	40	30	10	20
Term 2 VIVO Points	30	10	20	40
English Challenge	30	40	10	20
CAPA Challenge	40	20	10	30
TAS Challenge	10	30	20	40
PDHPE Challenge	20	10	40	30
HSIE Challenge	40	20	40	30
Maths Challenge	40	40	30	20
Support Unit Challenge	10	30	40	20
Term 3 VIVO Points	10	40	30	20
Term 4 VIVO Points	10	40	20	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>390</b>

## Final Activity Week Message for 2018

As you know, Activity Week takes place this year between 17 and 19 December. All the hard work of organising by activity leaders is close to being finalised. Teachers and students will soon be dispersed all over Australia thoroughly enjoying themselves and having a positive schooling experience to finish 2018. Thanks to all parents who have supported Activity Week. It is only available due to teachers, students and parents supporting the three days. To take 30 students out of a school requires much preparation. To place nearly 400 students in a wide array of activities is indeed a most challenging, logistical exercise.

Activity Week is indeed a great privilege for students at Moss Vale High School. As has been mentioned many times before, the vast majority of schools finish with three days in the classroom. These students aren't exploring the water world of Jervis Bay through snorkeling, they aren't sampling the vast array of foods Sydney has to offer and they aren't zipping and twirling on amusement rides on the Gold Coast. Moss Vale High School students are very lucky to have this program. Because of this, student behaviour is expected to be exemplary. Parents and students have signed a behavioural contract for all students attending overnight camps.

There are also many activities that involve swimming or water related participation. DET guidelines require students to pass a water challenge test before participating in water activities. This test was held at Moss Vale pool in November. Following completion of 'The Challenge' all students have been 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 activities. Students who failed to participate in the water challenge day will not be allowed near the water.*

If your child is not participating in Activity Week, it is expected that they will attend school. Supervision and educational programs will be in place. If your child is away during Activity Week, it's classified as an unexplained absence without a note of explanation.

I would like to wish all students the very best and safest time on Activity Week. What a way to start your Christmas holidays! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mr Nash  
Activity Week Coordinator



# Term 4 Sport Report

During term 4 most of our knockout competitions have finished, except this year our opens boys cricket team were still running strong. In week 2 the boys headed to Warilla along with their new coach Mr Good and Mr Warwick driving the McDonalds bus which we greatly appreciated.

## Cricket report

On Thursday October 25 the Senior Boys Cricket team from Moss Vale High School played Warilla High School in the 4<sup>th</sup> Round of the Davidson Shield.

Warilla won the toss and elected to bat. They were bowled out for 118 in the 35<sup>th</sup> over. **Dylan Plumridge** took 3-12, **Riley Hurford** 2-8, **Cameron Clay** 2-20 and **Ethan Corby** 2-25. **Flynn Corby** took two excellent catches and there was one sharp slips catch early on to **Jack Baldwin**.

When it came to our turn to bat we were almost immediately on the back foot with the early run out of **Charles Whatman**. **Nic Wilson** soon settled after that early mix up with **Charles** and scored a stylish 26. **Nic** was part of an outstanding partnership with **Jack Baldwin** that took the game away from Warilla. **Jack** ended up with a dominant 62 not out and was well supported at the end by a solid innings of 22 not out from **Cameron Clay**. Moss Vale passed Warilla's score with only two wickets down in the 22<sup>nd</sup> over.

The boys then went on to play Smiths Hill. This was the Final of the South Coast A division, with the winner to meet the South Coast B champions. Our boys were triumphant on the day taking the well known cricketing school out of the competition. This was an exciting day for the boys as this was the best Moss Vale had achieved in nearly 13 years. The senior boys displayed fantastic sportsmanship and embodied the true meaning of team work. A truly outstanding effort by our boys.

In the last week of term the boys faced off against Bega in the overall south coast final, playing at Queanbeyan. After a late change of venue, team members leaving school and injuries incurred the day before, our boys were up against the odds. Moss Vale lost the toss, Queanbeyan came out bats swinging scoring an impressive 238. It was a tough target to reach, but heads held high the boys took the pitch and fought hard. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be their day, Queanbeyan victorious.

I want to congratulate the boys and coach Mr Good on their gallant effort and achievements this year. I have certainly enjoyed hearing up to date scores as the games progressed and rejoiced for joy as the boys conquered their matches. I look forward to the boys competing next year and continuing their success.

Term 4 also saw our first mass training session for our Tiger Tag students. Earlier in the year the P&C requested we give students more opportunities to enhance their skills before heading off to Athletics or competitive sports. Last term we held a training session for our Athletics students who were going on to compete at the Regional Athletics Carnival. So this term we decided to run a session during a double period due to the high number of students (60 students) trialling and the lack of time during lunch to be able to complete it successfully. This was run and organised by Ms Middleton and Miss Leet, with the assistance of our Year 11 SLR students. It was a fantastic effort by the students who showed enthusiasm and dedication to learning new skills. There will be further training sessions to fully prepare our students before they head off to the Tiger Tag competition which will be held on November 21.



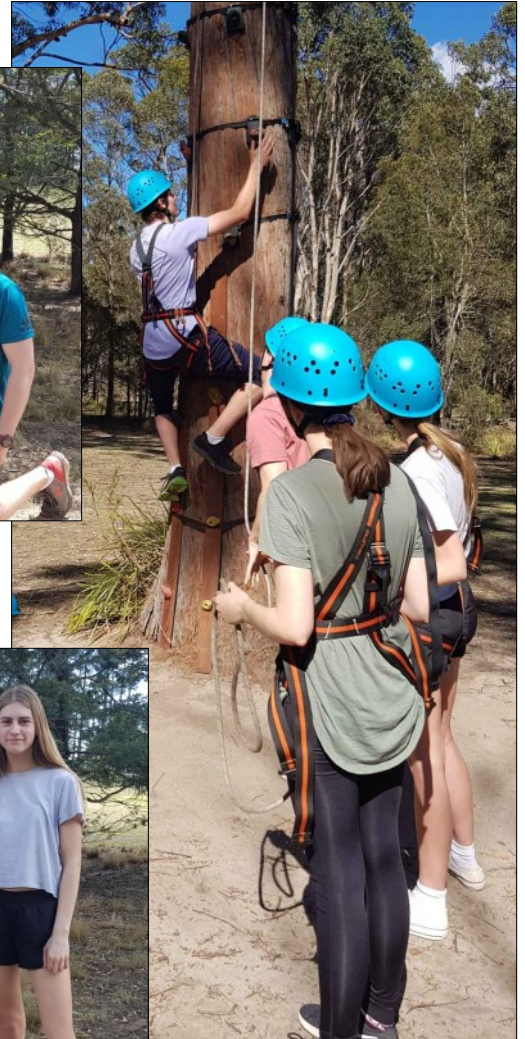
Term 4 has also seen the reintroduction of an old favourite for weekly sport, Mix Up. Mix Up is a variety of different sports and activities run each week during allocated sport times. Sports and venues included are the Moss Vale Basketball stadium for indoor games, Moss Vale Aquatic centre, Moss Vale Tennis courts, Mittagong Ten Pin Bowling, Evolution Gym with a personalised trainer, PCYC Mittagong for Archery and Moss Vale Golf course on the driving range. A variety of venues allows students to remain interested each week as there is something new to do.





Year 11 have been focused and involved in our Cross Roads program which is run every year in term 4. Students are involved in workshops with presenters focussing on drugs and alcohol then head outdoors to participate in team building activities.

In week 8 Year 11 students participated in a whole day of team building activities at Camp Wombaroo. Students put their team work skills to the test, building rafts, high rope climbing and other initiative games. Thank you to Mrs Rossi, Ms Leet and Ms Youman for accompanying students on the day.



As a reward for everyone's hard work this year and massive involvement in all things sports, I decided to put on a reward sport day. This day was held in the last week of sport (week 9) The students were given the opportunity to have a blast on a couple of jumping castles. There was one massive water obstacle castle and a massive dry obstacle castle and a huge water slide. Students costs were subsidised as a reward.



Term 4 2018 also saw the inaugural “Highlands Cup”. This is a Soccer competition which has come about due to the nature of our current interschool knockout competitions. In Soccer if you get knocked out in the first round that’s it, there is no other game for the rest of the year. An invitation went out to our local schools, from Bowral High, Chevalier, Oxley, Frensham and Southern Highlands Christian School to some of our more southern areas in Goulburn and Mulwaree High. The proposed competition was to bring all our local schools together for a fun day of Summer Soccer, 7 a side. Not all schools took up the offer, however, Bowral, Goulburn and Mulwaree certainly did with Chevalier and Oxley to hopefully join next year.

On the day there were Junior boys and girls and senior boys and girls competing for a trophy and bragging rights for the year. The day was a huge success, with over 180 students attending. The competition was tough and students played hard all day long. Each team played a minimum of three games and then the finals.

The students’ behaviour and sportsmanship was exemplary and all represented their schools well.

After a tough day of competition, the results were as follows.

*Senior Boys winners — Bowral High School*

*Senior Girls winners — Moss Vale High School*

*Junior Boys winners — Bowral High School*

*Junior Girls winners — Goulburn High school*

*Overall school champions of the day - Bowral*

I would like to thank all accompanying teachers, student competitors, referees, linesman and ball kids. Also the Moss Vale Soccer club who kindly opened the canteen for the students and providing a BBQ.

A special thanks goes out to our sponsors, who kindly paid for our fantastic trophies.

Sponsor of the overall school champions -

*The Champions Ball - Mortgage Choice Southern Highlands*

*The Senior Boys Highlands Cup - Four Brothers Café, Springetts Arcade*

*The Senior Girls Highlands Cup -The Hair Station, Moss Vale*

*The Junior Boys Highlands Cup - KMI Builders*

*The Junior Girls Highland Cup - A&R Engineering Bowral*



*Overall winners of the Champions Ball - Bowral High School  
- with the sponsors.*



*Senior Boys Champions, Bowral High School, presented  
by Four Brothers Café, Springetts Arcade.*



*Bowral High School, Junior Boys Champions presented with their trophy by KMI Builders.*



*Junior Girls Champions, Goulburn High School, presented by A&R Engineering, Bowral.*



*Senior Girls champions, Moss Vale, presented by Hair Station Moss Vale.*



*Champions Ball presented to Bowral High School coach, Nick Morris, by Mortgage Choice Southern Highlands, Phil Jeffery and Kevin Campbell.*



**Liam Hinchcliffe** has continued to shine in the sporting arena. His recent accomplishments are in the Triathlon area, where **Liam** is a part of the NSW development squad and represents the Illawarra in the 14-15's age group. A recent event in Huskisson saw **Liam** place 1<sup>st</sup>. I am sure we will hear more from this young man in the future.

**Liam** continues to compete regularly achieving awesome results.

**Liam** has also received a Helen Fuller/Mal Mow Award for outstanding contribution to South Coast Sport.

He was also our Senior Sports Person of the year. Well done **Liam** on a fantastic year of achievements.



**One last special mention for the year.**

**Connor Tuddenham** of Year 11 has been awarded the New South Wales Combined High Schools Sports Association (NSWCHSSA) Sporting Blue Award for his outstanding achievement in the sport of Hockey. This is the most prestigious award that a school student can achieve in the school sport representative pathway. We would like to congratulate **Connor** on this fantastic achievement and what has been a great year for him on the representative scene in Hockey.

Finally, congratulations should go to those students who have participated enthusiastically throughout the year in a whole lot of different activities. This includes all those who tried out for teams, those who participated enthusiastically in sport and PE lessons and all those who volunteered to fill in at various carnivals just to help out and earn points for the school.

No sport report would be complete without an acknowledgement of the great work carried out by the coaches of all these teams throughout the year. The teachers who coached teams this year were as follows:- Mr Vandenberg, Ms Middleton, Mr Nash, Ms Rossi, Mr Deitz, Miss Leet, Mr Dubois, Mrs Cowan, Mr Vasilakis, Ms McNeill, Mr Good, Mr Gannon, Mr Cisneros and Mr McLoughlin. On behalf of the students of Moss Vale High School and myself, I would like to say thank you to these teachers for their hard work and dedication to the students of Moss Vale High School.

*D.Middleton*  
Sports Organiser

## NEWS from the CAPA VAULT

### Performances and Achievements:

As always, our CAPA students are to be commended for their performances and achievements this term:

- **Haydon Loane** performed in the Hop Hop Ensemble at Schools Spectacular and **Lachlan Hayes** and **Rheece Philipse** were members of the Schools Spectacular VET Entertainment Team.
- **Travis Neale** was nominated for a "Best Youth Actor in a Featured Role in a Musical" CAT (Canberra Area Theatre) Award for his performance as Uncle Fester in the SHYAC production of *The Addams Family*. In addition, he has been invited to perform at the Awards Night which is an extreme honour.
- The Southern Stars Performing Company Orchestra was also nominated for the "Best Orchestra" CAT Award. **Matthew Johnston** (trumpet), **Jamie Lee** (bass clarinet) and **Heath Robertson** (cello) were members of this orchestra.
- **Javiera Diaz** was successful in making it through to the next round of the Talent Development Project.
- **Haydon Loane** was selected to be in the Mass Ensemble for the 2020 Sydney production of *The Wizard of Oz: The Arena Spectacular*.
- **Oliver de Horne** was selected to play the role of Paul in the *Pigs Fly* production of Sondheim's *Company: the Legendary Broadway Musical*.
- **Cassidy Brown** and **Luna Mauro** were selected to sing at the second *Wingecarribee Vocal Muster* Awards Dinner.
- Our Stage band gave a concert of 12 songs at the Moss Vale Golf Club in honour of their presentation ceremony.
- Our *One Note Longer* Vocal Ensemble performed six songs at the Moss Vale Uniting *Christmas in Song* concert.

### CAPA Concert Update:

Unfortunately, due to a blackout, our Term 4 CAPA Concert had to be cancelled. However, we have set a new date! The exact same concert will now be held on Thursday February 7 (week 2 next year). We were happy that we were able to present the student body with a selection of the concert items on the last day of school. Tickets for the catchup CAPA concert will go on sale Thursday, 31 January.

### In Summary:

We would like to wish all our CAPA students a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and hope they can take the time to relax with friends and family over the holiday break. We have appreciated everything they have done this year, and look forward to what 2019 brings.

Mrs Johnston.



Stage Band at Moss Vale Golf Club



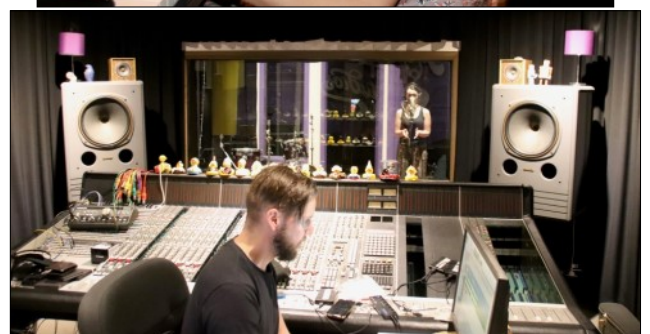
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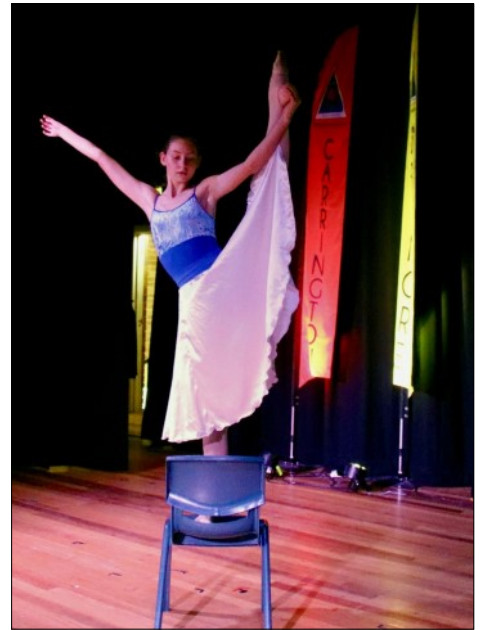


One Note Longer Vocal Ensemble



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*Term 4 CAPA*

*Concert*

*Rehearsals*





## Farewell Mr Paviour & Mr Berman





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# 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 : MOSS VALE HIGH NOTE OF ABSENCE**

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