



# Moss Vale High School

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## February 2020

### 2020 Young Citizen of the Year Nominees



Above : Ex-Student Angela Hughes,  
Evan Woods-Jack, Year 8 & Colin Cooksley, Year 11

#### Students Making a Difference

Our students "Shine On" whilst supporting the RFS with fighting bush fires and giving support to the firefighters by preparing meals, restocking supplies and maintaining equipment.



#### P & C AGM & Meeting

—Tuesday 17 March 2020 @ 5.30pm

#### P & C BBQ

— Sunday 31 May 2020 at Bunnings Braemar



## Principal's Report



### Great start to 2020

The school community has had a very settled but productive start to the school year. Students have generally returned refreshed and ready to be engaged in their learning. Our Kick off with Reading books have been distributed to all students and staff to engage in the pleasure of reading. These books are a gift to our school community and have been generously funded by our amazing P&C. This year we are reading a graphic novel, *White Bird*, by RJ Palacio. This novel expands upon the story of Julian, Auggie's chief bully in *'Wonder'*, one of our previous Kick off with Reading books. It begins with Julian on a facetime chat to his Grandmère, as part of a family history school assignment. Unwilling at first to talk about her traumatic history, Grandmère decides that 'it is time' and she begins to relate her wartime story as a Jew in France during World War II. The 1943 German occupation saw her Jewish peers and family arrested by soldiers and taken away, while she was hidden by a student from her school, who, like Auggie in *'Wonder'*, has spent a lifetime being bullied for his differences. Students will be reading the novel during Home Group time and there will be lessons in several subjects where the themes and ideas of the book will be incorporated into the curriculum. Many thanks again to our generous P&C.

### Recent Bushfire Crisis

I am well aware that a number of our staff, students and their families were adversely affected by the recent bushfires across our local areas. We had extra counselling time provided to assist students who were emotionally impacted by such a distressing experience, whether through loss or damage to property, or through being on constant high alert and undergoing evacuations. We held a multi-day fundraiser and all proceeds will be donated to the students affected. We raised over \$1,200 and this will be used to supply these students with a gift card to purchase any items they may require.

### Thank you RFS Students

I would like to thank and acknowledge the bravery and selflessness of all our students who were engaged in one way or another in working with the RFS to combat the bushfires. Most of these students were awarded certificates of appreciation on assembly but I would like to make special mention of all the students involved in the RFS, no matter how big or small their role.

Students have to be 16 years of age and completed their Cadetship before they can be actively fighting fires.

Phoebe Kelly Year 12-active fire fighter  
Mitchell Rowley Year 11- active fire fighter  
Sofia Wilson Year 11 – active fire fighter

### ***Assisted in fire sheds with preparing meals, restocking trucks etc:***

Matthew Kelly Year 11 – CADET	Lachlan Goodwin Year 9
Thomas Gillis Year 11 – Fought fires around his own home	April Rowley Year 8
Maddy-Jay Daley-Webb Year 11	Harry Jones Year 8
Matthew Jones Year 10	Tori Rowley Year 8
William Brand Year 10	Charlotte Singleton Year 8
Ashley Rowley Year 10	Olivia Farquhar Year 8
Aliki Lees Year 10	Tyana Satchell Year 8
Ben Duffy Year 9	Mia Waters Year 8
Cade Wilson Year 9	Sami Lees Year 8
Kiarnah Robb Year 9	
Zac Singleton Year 9	

## Parents and Citizens

I would like to encourage parents to consider joining the P&C as it gives you an opportunity to have a strong 'voice' in our school community. It also allows you to hear, first hand, what is happening in our school, and to ask questions directly of the Principal and Deputy Principals. The P&C allows you to meet other parents and to be heavily involved in the whole school decision-making process. Please come along to the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 17 March, at 5:30. Refreshments and nibbles will be provided on the evening. Everyone is warmly welcome!

## HSC Minimum Standards

To help ensure New South Wales students leave school ready for success in future learning and life, a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy has been introduced for the Higher School Certificate from 2020. Getting the basics right also means students have the foundation for doing well in all their subjects. Students will show that they meet the standard by passing short minimum standard reading, writing and numeracy tests that will be available for them to take online at school. They can take these when they are ready in Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12. Students will be able to try each test **FOUR** times a year if they want to. They do not have to pass all tests at once and once they pass, they do not have to sit that test again. All of our current Year 12 students have passed the Minimum Standards tests, and we are continuing to work with Years 10 and 11 to ensure they meet the minimum standards for literacy and numeracy well before sitting the HSC.

## Welcome

I would like to welcome the following staff to Moss Vale High School for 2020:



Ms Madeleine Fitzgerald  
in HSIE for  
at least Term 1



Ms Adele Maskiell  
part time in CAPA



Mr Bryan Shedden  
all year in Science



Ms Elizabeth Morthorpe  
all year in English



Ms Elizabeth Wilson  
all year in English



Mr Greg Oehm  
part time in Science

A reminder that Ms Rebecca Tweedie is the Relieving Head Teacher English for 2020 and she will also be Head Teacher of Year 10. Thank you to Ms Tenille Leet for stepping into the relieving Year 10 Adviser role for the year.

I wish everyone a great 2020, and please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

*Patricia Holmes*  
*Principal*





## Deputy Principals Report

### Welcome back!



It was a difficult holiday period for many of our school community members, and coming back to the routine of school has been a welcome normality. Thankfully all the fires across the state are now out and with the drenching rain we received, we are now starting to see green grass growing which is something that we have not seen in such a long time.

The start of this term has been a busy one with so much going on already. The swimming carnival was again a major success and big thanks must go out to Miss Middleton and the PE team for putting together such a successful carnival, and breaking the run of rain for a sunny and warm day. The polishing touches are being put on the Matilda musical, and the school community is looking forward to the show in week 10.

Although we welcomed back much of the same school students from 2019, we had approximately 150 new Year 7 students and 25 brand new enrolments start in 2020. Although some of Year 7 are taking a little more time than usual settling into high school, the feedback from many parents and students is that they are very excited and are loving their new environment.

### Mobile phones

As advertised last year, mobile phones and smartwatches are now banned from use at Moss Vale HS throughout the school day. Although the majority of students have adapted to these changes, there are a small number of students that have had their phones confiscated as they are not following the new guidelines. Below is a reminder of the main points and the consequences of continuing to use phones:

- If phones are brought to school, they are to be turned **OFF** and put **AWAY** in the student's bag **BEFORE** they enter the school in the mornings. The phone is stay that way for the remainder of the day. Students **POCKETS** etc are not acceptable.
- Students may access their phones after 3.20pm when they are at the BOLA waiting for buses or when they have left the school grounds to be picked up/walk home.
- Parents are encouraged to get any messages or change of routine to the front office staff who will then pass this information to students.
- Smartwatches are also banned during school hours.
- If students are caught using mobile phones, their phone will be confiscated and locked in the school strong room.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> time a phone is confiscated it can be picked up by the student after school. The 2<sup>nd</sup> time a phone is confiscated, it **MUST** be picked up by a **PARENT/CARER**. Any subsequent breach will lead to disciplinary consequences in line with continued disobedience, which may lead to suspension/warning of suspension depending on the circumstances.

If you have any further questions regarding this please give me a call.

### Uniform Issues

We have heard from our uniform supplier Daylight Sportswear who have indicated that the outbreak of Coronavirus has had an impact on the supply/logistics/transport of certain school uniform products. Whilst they have indicated that they do carry quite a considerable amount of stock, there may be a delay in certain products landing in Australia. As we hear more information we will pass it on as soon as we get it.

We are both looking forward to a big 2020!

*Matt Carlyon and Letitia Summers*

# Moss Vale High School 2020 HOUSE CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2020 House Championship has kicked off in Term 1 with the election of our new house captains from the Year 11 Year group who would lead their teams into sporting and academic battle throughout the year. Our 2020 swimming carnival was a huge success with over 600 students attending.

## CARRINGTON 2020 SWIMMING CARNIVAL CHAMPIONS!

A huge congratulations to **Carrington** for taking out 2020 Swimming House Champions on 580 pts!! Finishing in 2nd place was **Morton** 552 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Gibraltar 512 pts and 4<sup>th</sup> place **Belmore** 348 pts.

Term 1 PB Points have already started to accumulate and we have our Cross-Country carnival at the end of term. Stay tuned for the end of Term 1 total House Championship Points update.



## NEWS FROM THE CAPA VAULT

We would like to welcome all our CAPA students to 2020 - we definitely have had a big start to the year!

Our **Vocal Rollers** and **Stage Band** Home Groups are in full swing and the Vocal Rollers are at capacity.

Our **Choir** has begun rehearsals at Monday lunch and has a massive 74 students (who have all auditioned either this year or in past years).

Our **Junior Band** has also started, and they rehearse every Friday morning at 8.30am. Any Year 7 or 8 student who plays an instrument is welcome to attend.

Our **2019 Choir** gave their first performance for 2020 at our Week 2 Assembly and performed a beautiful arrangement of "Waves" by Dean Lewis, accompanied by Thomas Gillis and Matthew Johnston.

Our **Year 12 Drama** students attended **Onstage** at the Seymour Centre. They were enthralled and inspired by outstanding 2019 HSC Drama performances.

James Denman (guitar), Matthew Johnston (trumpet) and Samuel Johnston (tenor saxophone) attended the **ISE Regional Performing Ensemble Camp** at Nowra. Over 3 days they learnt the 16 songs that will form the 2020 Showrun that will be performed by the Ensemble to thousands of public school students over the next four terms.

Our newly formed "**Patchwork**" **Vocal Ensemble** consisting of Charlotte Blake, Oscar Dunn-Luck, Aurora Hoare, Grace Jones, Zahra Nasser, Cayde Rose and Sophie Vandervoort performed "Flashlight" at our **Year 7 2021 Information Night**. They were accompanied by Mrs Johnston on keyboard. Our **Junior Lyrical Dance Company**, with members Eleanor Brooker, Amelia Gentiles, Abbey Wallace and Alice West, performed "Rise" with stunning choreography by Miss Fox.

20 Music students from Years 9-12 attended the first **Meet the Music** Concert at the Sydney Town Hall. They were entertained by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra who performed Wagner and Stravinsky impeccably.

Charlotte Blake, Thomas Gillis, Matthew Johnston, Samuel Johnston, Samantha Roberts and Hannah Torpy performed with the **Southern Highlands Concert Band** for their "Just Having Fun" Concert in honour of Seniors Week. The concert featured a beautiful trumpet solo from Year 11 Music student, Thomas Gillis, along with a cheeky muted trumpet solo from Mr Donaldson.

We are full steam ahead for our April production of **Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical**. There will be 2 Matinee performances for primary schools on Wednesday April 1 and Thursday April 2, and 3 Evening performances on Thursday April 2, Friday April 3 and Thursday April 4, with each night kicking off at 7.00pm. Tickets go on sale to the wider school community Friday February 28 and can also be purchased at the door. Tickets for the evening show are: Students \$11 and Adults \$16. For more details, see the school website or Facebook page.

It's easy to see why our CAPA staff are impressed with what our talented students have achieved in such a short space of time - we look forward to what they will continue to achieve throughout the year!

Linda Johnston  
Head Teacher CAPA





# CAPA Showcased





# Kick off with Reading for 2020



It is that time of year again when staff and students at Moss Vale High School are gifted a book to read. Our Kick off with Reading program is now in its seventh year thanks to the kind support of the P&C which have donated \$12,000 towards this year's book *White Bird* by R J Palacio. A big thanks also to the Bookshop Bowral for their ongoing support of the school's reading program and for supporting the school's application for a \$1,900 grant from Penguin Random House Australia.

The book is a beautiful hard cover graphic novel which is a continuation of the *Wonder* story which was a best seller a few years ago and was made into a Hollywood film. Those students in Year 11 and 12 will remember that *Wonder* was the Kick off with Reading book for 2016 and the theme for the year was "Choose Kindness".

This year the theme which accompanies the book is "Let your light shine" as the graphic novel expands upon the story of one of the main characters from *Wonder*. Julian was in the same class as Auggie and he could be characterised as somewhat of a bully to Auggie because of his facial difference.

If you read the companion book *Auggie and Me* you will realise that there was more to Julian than his horrible treatment of Auggie. It begins with Julian on a facetime with his Grandmother Sara, as he wants to work on his family history school assignment and ask her about her experiences in France during the Second World War. His grandmother is at first unwilling to talk about what happened to her as a Jew under Nazi occupation as it was painful and traumatic. But as George Santayana reminds us (and is quoted in the book) "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." She feels it time to talk about it.

So we travel back to 1943 in German Occupied France where Sara is at school and sees her Jewish peers and family arrested by soldiers and taken away. The graphic novel certainly gives readers an opportunity to all learn a lot about Vichy France and the horrifying experiences that many went through in that dark time of history.





Students enjoying the *White Bird* by R J Palacio



Like with the story *Wonder* there are some inspirational characters who are discriminated or bullied for being different but don't let the way they are treated extinguish their light or sense of hope. As Sara's father Max tries to explain to his daughter about why the Nazis single out Jewish people:

*"I try not to think in terms of good and bad. I prefer to think in terms of light and dark. I believe that all people have a light that shines inside of them. This light allows us to see into other people's hearts, to see the beauty there. The love. The sadness. The humanity. Some people, though, have lost this light. They have darkness inside them, so that is all they see in others: darkness. No beauty. No love. Why do they hate us? Because they cannot see our light. Nor can they extinguish it. As long as we shine our light, we win. That is why they hate us. Because they will never take our light from us."*

Whilst this is a book you most certainly can read quickly, this is a book you should not rush. Take time to appreciate the emotional story, the perfect pairing of the illustrations and the text which invites you to be thoughtful and really think about the important lessons from history we need to take heed of in order for us to not repeat any of the terrible mistakes.

As with each Kick off with Reading book, students will be looking at aspects of the book in their various classes with their teachers. The book needs to be kept safe and be ready to use in class when the teachers request it. Students need to ensure that their name is written on the book so it can be returned if it gets misplaced. If you missed out on your copy please come and see the staff in the library. Thanks once again to the P&C for their support of Kick off with Reading.

Ms Cripps  
Librarian



**MOSS VALE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY DAY : Wednesday 8 April 2020**



Reminder that School Photographs are scheduled to be taken on **Wednesday 8 April 2020**.

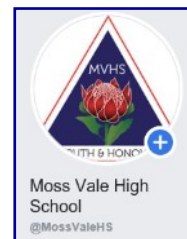
*For your information :* Students are expected to be in full school uniform and be dressed neatly, with no excessive makeup or jewellery as per our school's dress code guidelines. Please refer to Student Handbook, distributed to every student at the commencement of the school year.

Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed to students during roll call later this term (approx. Week 9), it is the photography company's preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for photography packages may be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique 9 digit Online Order Code (located on top right side of envelope). Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day. If you would like a sibling photograph taken, please collect an envelope from the front office and process payment the same as the individual packages. Further details later in the term via our facebook page.



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**Moss Vale High School Administration Office is open :  
8.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday**

# Moss Vale High School Parent and Student Portals

We now have Student and Parent Portals operating via Sentral. There are two separate log in sites:

For Parents: <https://mvhs.sentral.com.au/portal2/#!/login>

For Students: <https://mvhs.sentral.com.au/portal/login>

*These links are on our school website*

## **Via the Portal parents can:**

- View student details, including family address, phone numbers, emergency contacts; medical information;
- Edit the details above
- View attendance and absences
- Explain student absences and inform the school of future absences
- View student timetable
- View number of positive entries and PB points
- Receive half yearly and yearly Student Academic Reports
- Message class teachers
- Receive notifications and updates from the school
- Book an interview for Parent/Teacher night
- Give permission to attend some excursions and activities on line

*If you don't have the Parent Portal yet, watch this video for instructions:*

<https://vimeo.com/sentraleducation/review/270556778/afb17936f0>

The associated App lets you receive notifications on your phone.

You will, however, need to access the Parent Portal via a web browser to access the information above

*If you have the Parent Portal but don't have the Parent Portal App yet, watch this video for instructions:*

<https://vimeo.com/sentraleducation/review/269839565/72209ea987>

## **Via the Portal students can:**

- View attendance summary
- View number of positive entries and PB points
- View student timetable
- View which Activities and Excursions they are enrolled in
- Receive notifications and updates from the school

*Students can simply log in using their Department of Education user ID and password (the same ones they use to log on to computers at school)*





## Surfing@Gerroa

On Monday morning we met at Moss Vale High School, packed our gear into the buses and headed for The Farm. After over an hour of enduring “Pump It Up” blasting through the speakers, we finally arrived, ready for our first surfing lesson. We walked down to the beach and changed into the wetsuits provided. The surf instructors gave us a quick tutorial and then we jumped into the water to have a go. Many of us had not surfed before so we were definitely not pros, but it was an exciting new experience all the same. After an hour on the waves, everyone was pretty tired so we left for our campsite in Gerroa. We had the rest of the day to unpack, eat, swim in the pool and relax in our cosy surf shacks.

The next day began with another surf lesson at The Farm. The sun was warm and the surf was perfect so everyone had an awesome time. When we got back to the campsite, we all had some lunch. It was fun cooking for ourselves although a few of us did face some pasta-cooking dramas that Mr Carlyon solved using the power of Google. That afternoon, some of us went for a peaceful walk on the beach with Miss Leet and Miss Rossi. Then we went out for a session of tenpin bowling and ended the day with yummy pizza and gelato in Kiama.

On the last day, we got up a bit earlier to tidy our cabins and pack our gear back into the buses. We drove to the Farm for our final session of surfing where we all had our last chance to finally catch a wave. Eventually, we had to leave which was disappointing, although it was a relief to finally be free from the brutal waves and burning sun. We stopped at Macca’s for lunch on the way home and then piled our sunburned selves back onto the buses as we headed to Moss Vale High School.

Everyone had a super fun time and we would definitely recommend it. The surf instructors were really helpful in the water and when you fell off your board, you just got back on and tried again.

*By Euphrates Webb and Keira Hol, Year 8*



As younger students attending Moss Vale High School, we desire to attend this renowned activity. Following years of hard work, it is safe to say that the 2019 Gold Coast Activity is the ultimate reward. The Gold Coast Crew were lucky to explore the beauty of South East QLD, visiting multiple theme parks, spending time among the local community, indulging in a variety of cuisines, developing bonds and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Following an early arrival at Sydney Airport, the laughter was soon to begin. It's not often to see students arriving before their teachers, however the 2019 GC Crew were ready and waiting. A steady flight had us touching down in a timely fashion and sending us on the way to our beautiful beachside accommodation, followed by an afternoon of shopping, birthday celebrations and an evening at the beach with some unforeseen attendees...

crabs.

Mr Vandenberg had us up bright and early the following morning for the traditional GC coffee run, which continued throughout the week and brought on many laughs. Filled with caffeine and keen to explore, day two saw the crew visit Wet n Wild. There were tears, many screams but overall tons of fun as the students developed some colourful skin. Following a long day at Wet n Wild, the GC Crew ventured into Burleigh Heads for some dinner, surrounded by local festivities and dipping their toes into the culture of Queensland.

Day three was action packed, as the Gold Coast Crew headed to Warner Bros Movie World for a day of adventure seeking. Students were lucky enough to experience the hair-raising DC Rivals Hyper coaster, one of the newest additions to the park, renowned for being the longest, fastest and tallest Hyper Coaster within the Southern Hemisphere. Throughout the day the annual gold coast scavenger hunt was introduced to the 2019 Crew, inevitably dominated by "the gals", Taylah, Monique and Carlie. Comprising of 40 selfie challenges, students were required to encounter the daunting joker, handsome batman (no problems there) as well as many other well-known characters.

On Monday night the Gold Coast Crew were looking dapper in a multitude of Hawaiian Shirts and questionable fashion decisions (Sam) as we ventured into Cavil Avenue for some tucker. Here, students had the opportunity to dine within restaurants of their choosing and supplement their time with some retail therapy.

After some well-earned sleep, the students conquered both Dreamworld and neighbouring White Water World. The day was an overall success with many students conquering their fears on both the Buzzsaw and Giant Drop. Many of the GC Crew were also lucky enough to experience a 4D cinema simulation as well as a Magnetic Hydro Coaster to round off the week.

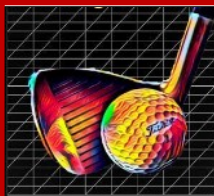
Following our last action-packed day, the GC Crew were treated with a pizza party, frisbee cricket and an intricate game of skulls, which undoubtedly brought the 2019 Gold Coast attendees closer together. The highlight of our final evening together, was the 2019 Gold Coast Awards Ceremony, where the teachers allocated mock awards to students who they see fit.

During our trip, the Class of 2020 were introduced to many annual traditions, including Hawaiian night, scavenger hunt and grace during every meal. However, this gold coast squad was also the first to meet the prestigious "Shano Shaka Man" totem. This totem was a symbolic award to display an individual whom had exceeded expectations each day. Shano was passed on between individuals at the beginning of every dinner from one student to the next. Unfortunately, Shano's life was short lived as NICHOLAS LAMROCK GEORGE (Lam-rock Lobster) destroyed him, within his first 5 minutes of care. So not only was this the first Gold Coast Activity with the coveted Shano totem, it was soon to be the last (maybe...pending surgery).

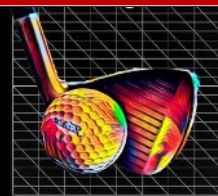
The 2019 crew also contributed to the annual experiences, by introducing the teachers to Tik Tok, in high hopes to go viral... but we will keep you posted. Overall, it is safe to say that the Gold Coast Activity Week has been the ultimate experience, loved by all parties. Thank you to Mr Vandenberg, Ms Campbell and Ms Middleton for coordinating such an amazing week.

*Monique Amadoro , Year 11*





# 2019 Golf Activity Week Report



All of us really want to extend our thanks to the golfing professionals at each of the three clubs we visited for Activity Week. They generously reduced the cost so we could pay for things more easily. They also gave their time to give us some free tips. They are three excellent courses in the highlands and we heartily recommend each of them to anyone who would like a social round of golf or to actually join a club. The boys behaved fantastically well throughout the three days. They definitely improved their golf. They were a credit to their families, the High School and to themselves. An absolute pleasure to have on Activity Week. Details of the three days as follows:

## Day 1: Mittagong –

**Temp: 25 with a slight cooling breeze. A fair bit of smoke around.**

**Teacher: Mr Good**

Closest to the Pin: Oscar

Bunker play: Simmo

1st: Tom 103

2nd: Oscar 109

3rd: Will 116

4th: Tyler: 143

Longest drive: Tom 16th 230m

Best putt: Tyler

Longest iron 17th: Will

Duck shot: Tyler (duck not harmed)



## Day 2: Moss Vale –

**Temp: 26**

**Teacher: Mr Button**

1st: Tom 100

2nd: Oscar 106

3rd: Will 116

4th: Tyler: 120

Longest drive: Mr Button

Best putt: Tyler

Longest iron: Will

Snake sightings: One (it was already dead)



## Day 3: Mt Broughton at Sutton Forest –

**Temp: 32 with significant smoke haze**

**Carts generously provided by Mt Broughton Golf Course and gladly received by the fellas after plenty of walking the previous two days.**

**Teachers: Jim Good and Neil Button**

**Coaching was also provided by Mr Button at the start of the day with a noticeable improvement in the scoring of the fellas.**

1st: Oscar 86

2nd: Tom 99

3rd: Will 105

4th: Tyler: 106

Longest drive: Oscar 250m (beat Mt Good by 3 metres)

Best putt: Tyler

Longest iron consistently: Will

Snake sightings: One medium sized red belly black snake





# Trout Fishing

## in the Snowy Mountains



Trout fishing 2019, where to begin.

What a great experience! From the beautiful location at Geehi, to the crystal clear water, and the great company there was nothing not to love. The trip might have been long but it was definitely worthwhile to be surrounded by the fresh green grass, and rolling mountains. The river was beautiful and pristine, sadly no one caught any fish, not for lack of trying, but it was lovely to sit in the water and let it take a weight off your shoulders. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the chance to kick back and relax throughout the day, sitting around chatting, taking pictures, or reading a book.

Although the ants were a pest and we were all bitten beyond necessary, we made plenty of friends with the local roos and the resident duck population. A limp duck was our favourite, inheriting the name Garry. Two lucky fishers were able to catch some yabbies.

Some definite highlights were, the constant hysterical laughter from the boys, witnessing people fall into the river, and a late night walk to spot some platypus. Overall this was a great opportunity that I'm sure we can all agree was loads of fun, enjoyable, and relaxing.

*Hayley Brown, Year 10*







# JBAY 2019

An adventure packed few days starting with Huskisson. We arrived at the caravan park to off load our gear into the cabins before heading off to a session of stand up paddle boarding at Moonee Moonee creek. After an introduction to the techniques required, the students paddle off up the creek. They were all excellent paddle boarders and Mason, our instructor, promised to bring a couple of other monster paddle boards and the eclipse boards for our Day 2 ventures. Mr Kumar was a whiz at these eclipse boards. Our next activity was snorkelling with Sue from Crest Diving. Wet suited and finned we entered the water at Murrays Beach and made our way around the corner to Murrays Beach boat ramp. We saw many different fish, wobbegongs, sting rays, sea urchins, sea stars and fiddler ray. We were lucky to even pat the fiddler ray and have the urchin placed on our hands.

This we repeated on our second day, improving on our skills and some of our students even managed to duck dive and check out what was hiding under the rock ledges.

Our third day of adventure was at Optimum Experience at Fitzroy Falls. Here students were challenged to step out of their comfort zones with the flying fox, the giant swing, a touch of archery and the leap of faith.

A fantastic effort by all participants, and a big thank you to the teachers involved: Ms Quinn, Mr Kumar, Mr Donaldson and Mr Canute.

*Mrs Sims*

*JBay Activity Week Organiser*





## Jamberoo, River, Rock – Activity Week 2019

On the first day of our adventures twenty excited students travelled to Kangaroo Valley by bus to canoe down the scenic river with Mr Williams, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Mauger. When we arrived we had a safety lesson with our guide Mr Freeman and then we spent around two hours canoeing down the river (the easy part). We then stopped for lunch on the bank of the river and enjoyed the scenery. Next we headed back up stream and played a game with Mr Freeman. We had to try and hit him with a ball as we rowed back. We only hit him once. During our time on the water we saw a variety of wildlife including kangaroos (of course), wallabies, lizards and a snake! By the time we got back we were all exhausted but overall had an amazing day on the water.

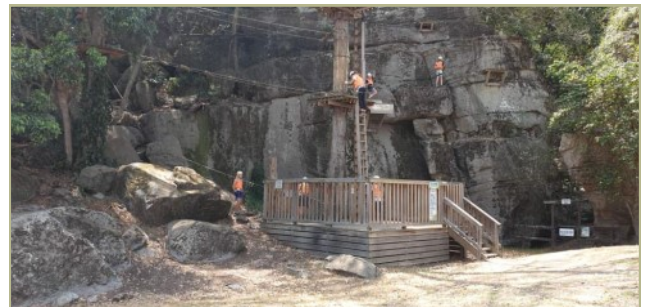
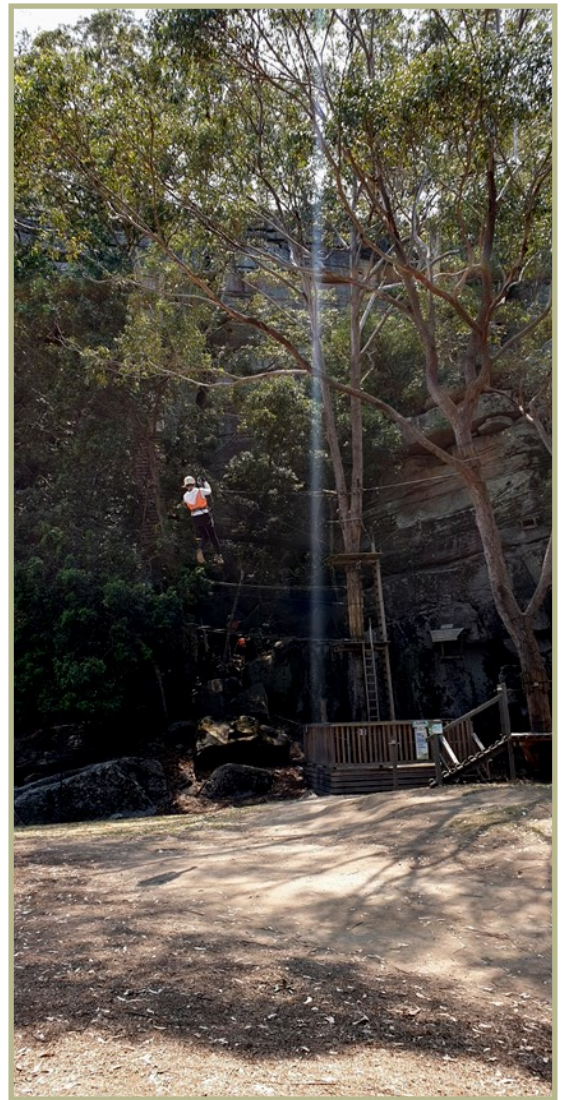


On the second day we travelled by bus to Nowra Tree Top Adventures with Mr Williams, Mr White and Mrs Mauger. Although some of us were a little sore from the canoeing we were all keen to start climbing. After a lesson on how to negotiate the course and with our safety gear fitted we were ready to climb, crawl and fly through the five different courses. It was fun, with a different level of difficulty to suit everyone. There were lots of challenges and overall we all had a great day.



On the final day we travelled by bus to Jamberoo Action Park. This was the highlight of the week. Everyone was keen to get in the water and on the rides. Riding on the Funnel Web, Perfect Storm, The Taipan and Bobsled to name just a few, kept everyone entertained. At lunchtime we all met up and enjoyed a sausage sizzle and drink. After lunch had settled we headed back to the wave pool, waterslides and other rides before returning home. The weather was nice and warm and all students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day.





## Jamberoo, River, Rock







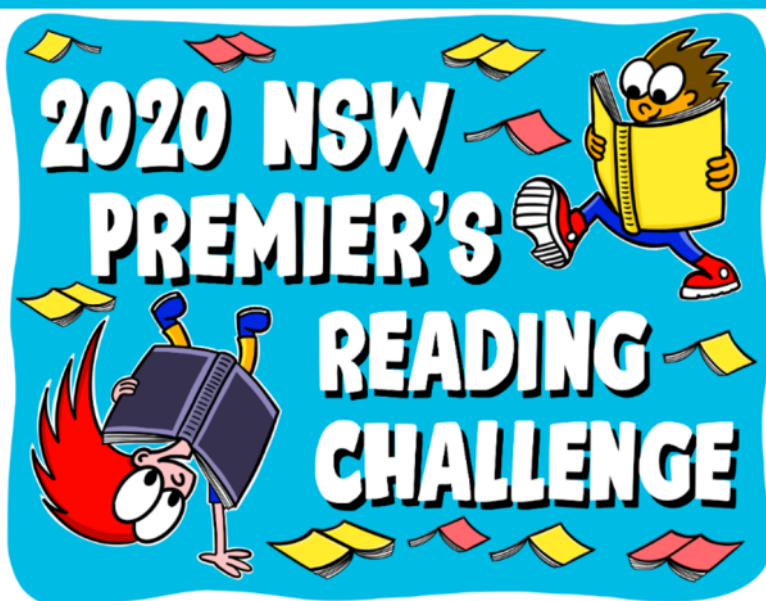
## Star Wars Movie Marathon Experience 2019 Report

Mad Moss Vale High School Star Wars fans from most year groups joined the 'Star Wars Movie Marathon Experience' with Miss Mulcahy to immerse themselves in pure indulgence all things 'Star Wars'. From prequels to sequels to goodness knows what! Students were encouraged to bring anything and everything 'Star Wars' including dressing up for free tickets to the final 'Star Wars' released the day after our movie marathon finished! Perfect timing! Students received prizes for best costume, best artwork, citizenship and general contribution. Thank you to Empire Cinemas for their generous prizes including free tickets to the final 'Star Wars' movie experience. Students enjoyed not so healthy take away delicious pizza lunches and a Chinese banquet. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for the next movie marathon selection for Activity Week 2020. Our mad 'Star Wars' fans suggested 'Lord of the Rings' and 'The Hobbit' for 2020! What an awesome idea! For those who want to stay at school, keep costs down, but have a great time, this is a super fun option! Suggestions for games, competitions all welcome! Now time for me to get some exciting ideas ready for our next Movie Marathon 'Lord of the Rings' style and channel my inner nerd capabilities!

*Miss Mulcahy*  
Activity Organiser







Calling all readers, the Premier's Reading Challenge will be starting up for 2020 on Monday 2 March. Student needs to complete their reading record online. Any questions please see Ms Cripps in the library or go to [www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Can you volunteer a couple of hours on Thursdays and /or Fridays?

Our school canteen needs your help, PLEASE.

Contact Trudy or Robyn on 4868 1883

between the hours of 8am-8.30am or 11.30am-12.30pm Monday to Friday



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Moss Vale, NSW 2577  
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# Community Notices

## 66 WHATS ON



**Youth Week 2020** is on 1 - 9 April, if there is something that you would like to see happening in your community contact [Michelle.Williams@wsc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Michelle.Williams@wsc.nsw.gov.au) to make it happen

**Connect and Celebrate** is a new program for young people funded by Department of Communities & Justice and we are looking for committee members to run this incredible program of events. If you are interested in music or in learning about how to run and manage events that will include opportunities in media and marketing, stage and lighting, project management along with multiple opportunities to gain training certificates please get in contact [Michelle.Williams@wsc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Michelle.Williams@wsc.nsw.gov.au) or 0428 243 602



NatureMapr

*Community info sessions!*

### Free NatureMapr workshops

Council is holding four workshops in March for interested people to learn more about NatureMapr and the Southern Highlands Nature Map. This is a tool to capture records of all living things via photos and sound recordings. You will learn how to use the web site and the app, and what an expert moderator does. These workshops are free and no RSVP is required. Simply turn up and bring along your smartphone or other device if you want to. If you have any questions call the Natural Resources Team at Council on 4868 0888.

Where: Volunteer Centre, Queen Street Moss Vale

When: 4-5pm

Turn up 5 mins before start time:

- Tuesday 10 March
- Thursday 19 March
- Tuesday 24 March
- Tuesday 31 March

### Schools Environment Network Southern Highlands (SENSH)

We invite and encourage our local schools to contact Council for advice and assistance with sustainability teaching initiatives and sustainable asset management. Council is establishing a sustainability network called SENSH, for sharing ideas, asking questions and providing support around sustainability and the environment. If you are interested in joining this network please contact [Marnee.Harlor@wsc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Marnee.Harlor@wsc.nsw.gov.au) or 4868 0811

IT'S BETTER TO KNOW HOW TO LEARN THAN TO KNOW - DR SEUSS!



# Community Notices



**COMMUNITY KICKBACKS**  
Place funds back to your school

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# Community Notices

## How to Join?

To join Army Cadets a youth must:

- Be a resident of Australia;
- Ages For Joining the AAC:-
  - Must be at least 13 years of age, and must be in Year Eight (8) of school (or a higher school year) or would normally be in Year Eight (8) of school (or a higher school year) if he / she attended school; and
  - Must not have reached the age of 17 years.
- Be able to participate in cadet activities to the best of their abilities;
- Not be a member of the Australian Navy Cadets, the Australian Air Force Cadets;
- Be prepared to commit to regularly attending cadet activities;
- Complete an application form (and have it signed by their parent/s or guardian/s), and complete any other forms required by the AAC (such as emergency contact details, health declaration, etc);
- Have their application accepted by the Army Cadet Unit Officer Commanding.



## Join Now.

The Australian Army Cadets is a leading national youth development organisation with the character and values of the Australian Army, founded on a strong community partnership that fosters and supports an ongoing interest in the Australian Army.

The Australian Army Cadets adopts the values of the Australian Army - Courage, Initiative, Teamwork and Respect - to empower youth to achieve their potential.

The Australian Army Cadets provides teenagers with opportunities to develop skills including leadership, initiative, teamwork and problem solving in a safe, challenging and fun environment.



A rising generation under a rising sun



**272 ACU (Army Cadet Unit) Chevalier**  
*Would you like to do something different and challenge yourself?*  
*How about learning some cool new skills*  
*Think you might be into some adventurous training*  
*Do you like supporting your Community?*  
*Are you free Wednesday afternoons? – We parade from (4.15pm - 7.30pm) at Chevalier College.*  
*Make new friends and learn leadership*  
*Why not give Australian Army cadets a try.*  
*Did you know there is a Cadet unit located in the Southern Highlands?*

**272 ACU Chevalier is a Community Based Unit**  
**(open to the community not just students at Chevalier College)**  
**272 ACU will be hosting an information night**

**Date - Friday 6 March**

**Time - 6.30-7.30pm**

**Venue - Performing Arts Centre at Chevalier College (off Charlotte Street, Burradoo)**

If you want some more information before the information night or are unable to attend, check out the website : [www.armycadets.gov.au](http://www.armycadets.gov.au)

Or you can contact the Officer Commanding 272 ACU, CAPT(AAC) Nicole Hanger – [Nicole.Hanger@armycadets.gov.au](mailto:Nicole.Hanger@armycadets.gov.au)



## Activities

- Example typical activities:
- Drill and Ceremonial Parades
  - Abseiling
  - Watersmanship
  - Use of Service Firearms (under direct supervision)
  - Navigation
  - Living in the Field
  - Leadership and Management
  - First Aid
  - Survival Training

Some units and regions also have additional opportunities, such as engineering, aviation, drum corps and band.



Conduct a creative personal development program in a military environment that:

- Extends individuals beyond their self-imposed limits,
- Teaches them responsibility,
- Promotes resilience, self-reliance, self-esteem and self-discipline, and
- Develops and recognises a broad range of skills including leadership and teamwork.

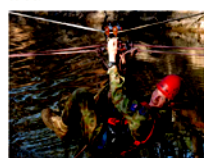
Contribute to social development by:

- Encouraging pride in self, community and the nation,
- Equipping young people to be better citizens,
- Encouraging a volunteer ethos,
- Preparing them for adult life, and
- Providing a supportive and safe environment.



## Courage, Initiative, Respect and Teamwork

Australian Army Cadets aims to be inclusive of all young people and Officers and Instructors of Cadets, including those with special needs and health conditions. All reasonable steps will be taken to include any person whose individual circumstances may necessitate special consideration in Cadet Unit activities, provided such steps do not jeopardise the safety or cadet experience of others.



## Contact Us

1300 333 362  
 (1300 DEFENCE)

Visit us on the Web to find your closest cadet unit: <http://www.armycadets.gov.au>

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