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Congratulations Colin

NEWSLETTER



Colin Cooksley, Year 10, has attained his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

Deputy Principal Report

Athletics Carnival

What a fantastic day! It was great to see so many students and staff getting involved in the carnival and dressing up in their house colours. I must complement the attitude and behaviour of all students on the day and the way everyone supported each other. A special thanks must go to Miss Middleton for her impeccable organisation and all the staff and student helpers who made this such a successful event.

Demountable

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the new demountable has arrived and is almost ready to have classes in. Although it is an older style demountable, it comes to us fully renovated and everything inside the room is brand new. The new addition will help to ease the strain on our rooming with the increased number of student enrolments this year.



NAPLAN

Year 7 and 9 completed the NAPLAN testing last week. Thankfully, our school was still completing NAPLAN on paper and did not experience any of the troubles that were experienced across the state by schools who were completing it online. A big thanks to Miss Curtis and Mrs Pepping for their organisation.

Parent Teacher Night

The feedback from the Years 7, 11 and 12 parent teacher night were extremely positive and the move to the Hall was popular one. The next parent teacher night will be for Years 8, 9 and 10 will be held on Wednesday 26 June. More information will come closer to that time.

Parent Portal

Have you joined the parent portal yet? The parent portal is a great place to see a variety of information about your child. See the information in this newsletter on how to join!

Uniform

Whilst on uniform, I would like to clarify the use of plain blue jumpers under jackets during the extremely cold days. Plain blue jumpers are allowed to be worn UNDER the school jacket for extra warmth. They should not be seen. If a student needs to remove a layer, the blue jumper is removed. The "blue sloppy joe" trend that seems to have swept in as a fashion accessory is not an approved school uniform item. These will be allowed under jackets for the rest of this year but will more than likely be banned for next year.

Matt Carlyon
Deputy Principal

The Focus on Learning at MVHS – The Learning Pit

As part of the implementation of the HOW2Learn (Higher Order Ways to Learn) program at Moss Vale High, students have been introduced to the concept of “The Learning Pit”.



When we are learning something new, we can all experience the feeling that what we are doing is too challenging, overwhelming or complex. Many of us feel like giving up at this point. Using the learning pit to help us understand that these feelings are a normal part of learning is extremely helpful, and allows us to develop a growth mindset as learners.

There are four stages that we go through when stretching ourselves with new learning.

1. Concept: A new concept is introduced to the learner.
2. Conflict: An internal fight begins about what they know and don't know about the topic and feelings of inadequacy begin to emerge.
3. Construct: The learner begins to construct meaning that will eventually lead to better levels of understanding than before the learning experience.
4. Consider: The learner considers what they know now and how they can move beyond this point of knowing.

When learning something new, it is important for all learners to realise that it is natural to feel 'stuck', but that by building up a repertoire of strategies to help us move through our learning, we can make our way out of the Learning Pit.

*Mrs Letitia Summers
Deputy Principal*



ACTIVITY WEEK 2019



Activity Week in 2019 will take place from Monday 16 December to Wednesday 18 December. On the Thursday and Friday of that week, the school will be closed to students due to staff development days taking place. Students received their 2019 Activity Week information booklet at the recent Activity Week assembly. I was extremely impressed with the behaviour and level of interest from students at this assembly. To all those that attended, congratulations! If you have not received a booklet, they are available from the school's office or you can download them from the school's internet website at (under the heading- learning at our school)

<http://www.mossvale-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

All students in the school are expected to select an activity and attend for the duration of the Activity Week. There will be no normal lessons conducted during this time. The activities offered provide a wide range of choice for students, from overnight camps to day to day activities, from expensive to minimal cost. If your child doesn't select any Activity, supervision and a work program are provided at school.

It is most important that students and parents consider the options carefully, as there is a one third non refundable deposit to be paid late in Term 2. **This deposit is like any paid to a travel agent, it is used to pay deposits to companies supplying accommodation, transport or services. In addition, once a teacher starts paying for the remainder of expenses, this portion also becomes non-refundable.**

While the full cost of the activity may be paid immediately, we also have an instalment program so families with a number of students may pay off the activities of their choice. There are 4 instalments throughout the year, with the final payment due at the end of Term 3. The instalment dates are listed on the front cover of the information booklet. **The first date of payment and the most important is- Week 8, Thursday 13 June 2019**

As we are trying to place all students from Year 7 to 11 it is important to realise there are some very popular activities that fill quickly and, without prompt payment of the deposit, students may not secure their first choice. It is, therefore, really important for students to list 3 choices in order of preference. If a student misses out on their first preference they are placed in their 2nd. It is also important for parents/carers and students to understand that while every effort is made to accommodate student's wishes, **it is not possible for students to change their preferences after the deposit has been paid.** Therefore, it is encouraged that all students should choose carefully. **In addition, if a student wishes to select an activity that is greater than \$200 in value, all school fees must be paid before the selection date.** Some activities involve water. In term 4, all students participating in these water activities will need to complete a swimming ability challenge. **Please, don't let your child choose a water based activity if they aren't a competent swimmer. Non-proficient swimmers will not be allowed to participate in surfing or snorkelling activities.**

Moss Vale High School is quite unique in offering such an extensive Activity Week program. This program only operates with the good will of the staff of Moss Vale High School, who are prepared to organise and, in the case of overnight activities, give up their own time to enable this program to be offered to students. The 2019 program lists 19 Activities with 4 of these being new activities. We hope you see the value of this program by supporting it in 2019.

For further information about the program please contact Matt Nash, Activity Week Coordinator, during school hours.

*Mr Matt Nash
Activity Week Coordinator*

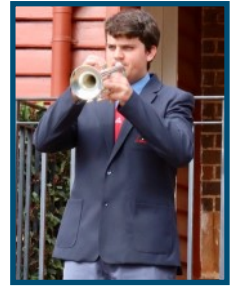
NEWS FROM THE CAPA VAULT

A Creative and Performing Arts Update

Performances, Excursions and Achievements So Far This Term

ANZAC Day

Matthew Johnston performed the Last Post and the Rouse at the Burrawang and Robertson Wreath Laying Commemorative and Memorial Service.



Matthew Johnston playing the Last Post

Senior Vocal Ensemble

Caitlin Miller and Madeleine White were selected to join our Senior Vocal Ensemble, One Note Longer.

State Music Camp

Samantha Roberts (flute) and Heath Robertson (cello) were selected to attend the State Senior Music Camp.



Oliver de Horne selected as featured artist

Schools Spectacular

Oliver de Horne has been successful in reaching the final round of Featured Artist auditions for Schools Spectacular auditions. We wish him all the best!

Company

Oliver de Horne performed the role of Paul in the *Pigs Fly* production of Stephen Sondheim's "Company".

Southern Highlands Jazz

Matthew Johnston attended a Southern Highlands Jazz Masterclass with Brendan Clarke, Greg Stott, Hugh Barrett and Ben Jones. He was then given the amazing opportunity to perform in their Concert held the same afternoon.



Matthew Johnston far right at the Jazz Masterclass

Stage Band Master Class

Our Stage Band was again very fortunate to have Andrew Robertson, an experienced performer, arranger and conductor, come and spend time workshopping repertoire in a rehearsal held before school.

Year 12 Music HSC Workshop

Music students from Years 10-12 attended an invaluable workshop with experienced presenter, Pauline Churchward. Year 12 students were able to perform and present viva voces, receiving vital feedback for their upcoming HSC exam.

Coming Up

Regional Performing Ensemble Concert

The ISE Performing Ensemble (the purple shirt group!) consists of 47 outstanding performers in Years 7-11 from Illawarra and South East public high schools and comprises of a Stage Band, Vocal Group and Dance Troupe. They tour the state each term, performing 9 shows over 3 days, entertaining both primary and high school students with their exciting live show.

This year, Moss Vale High has 3 students in the Ensemble: Ewan Dimmock (drums), Matthew Johnston (trumpet) and Samuel Johnston (tenor saxophone).

On Wednesday 5 June, the Ensemble is coming to Moss Vale High for a concert during periods 5 & 6.

All Year 7-11 students who do Music, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, Visual Design, Photography or Entertainment are encouraged to attend. The Concert is also open to all Year 7-11 students who have 6 PB points or a Green Merit Award. And all Year 7 & 8 students.

The cost is \$5 per student and tickets can be purchased from the front office by the end of lunch, Tuesday 4 June. No permission note is required.

Mrs Linda Johnston Head Teacher CAPA

What the Parent Portal can do for you

Moss Vale High School has introduced a Portal for Parents, powered by Sentral.

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
- 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

View this short video to see how easily you can register:

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

There is also a linked free app so that you always know in advance about what's going on - without having to rely on your child to bring news home from the school. **Note that the app, at this stage, is only for receiving notifications. Parents should access the Portal via a browser.**

A letter was mailed home to each family on 22 March 2019 with details and student "keys". If you did not receive the letter, please contact the school for a copy.

Once connected to the Portal, parents can click between Portal Version 1 and Portal Version 2 to see different information displays.

**Please note that this is a portal for parents only
and not for student use.**

Junior Girls Soccer



Wow! What a fantastic effort from our junior girls against a tough and well drilled team – The Mulwaree girls.



Great effort from everyone 4:2 our way. Some really great passing and a fabulous team spirit. Thanks to Courtney (Referee) and Bruce Harkness (linesman) and Kynan Denford (linesman) for a job well done.

Our next game will be 6 June at Church Street Soccer fields so all parents welcome to watch their girls.

Ms McNeill
Coach

Year 12 Chemistry Depth Study Polymers in Water Recycling

As part of our studies of organic chemistry, Year 12 Chemistry students had the opportunity, on 30th April, to tour the St Marys Advance Water Recycling Plant. The tour involved learning about the process of waste water treatment and the potential (in the future) to produce large quantities of recycled water to help will the Sydney's increasing demands for potable water. The photo shows students modelling the use of polyacrylamide solutions to remove organic material from waste water. The activity substituted a biscuit for the usual 'organic' matter.

Heather Kemp
Science Teacher



Cameron Clay (left), Joel Hinchcliff, Ethan Sharp and Alicia Moore – proudly holding their recovered 'bio-solids'. Emily Christensen was also present but managed to avoid this great photo opportunity.



Stone and Bones Incursion 13/5/2019

David Harrington, from Stone and Bones, visited the school on Monday to run a number of incursions with the senior Earth and Environmental Science classes and the Ancient History class as well as junior workshop. During these workshops the students learnt about rock classification based on their uses and then chose a rock that was suitable to make an axe head before attempting to grind it on the sandstone slabs provided. They also had to make a suitable rope to tie the axe head to the handle as well as mix pine resin and charcoal to form a suitable glue to hold it all together. Some of the students also had the opportunity to throw a spear with a woomera.

It was a fabulous day and lovely to see the kids participating positively and willing to learn new skills.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2019





MOSS VALE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVE APP

This App has been withdrawn by the provider.
 All future notifications will be sent via the
 Sentral Portal for Parents.



LABEL IT OR LOSE IT



As the weather is becoming cooler, the amount of lost clothing is building. Unfortunately we are unable to return items to their owners as they are not labelled. The expense of lost gear can really add up, therefore the purchase cost for a laundry marker pen for labelling your children's clothes and belongings is a great cost-saving measure.

Labelling your child's clothing will help us return belongings to rightful owner.

Staff Members - New Family Additions



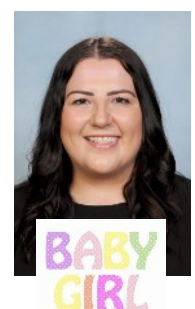
Recently several members of our staff have welcomed new members to their family. We would like to send our congratulations to the following :



Andrew & Rachel Drummond welcomed a beautiful little girl, Charlotte, to their family.



Adam & Ellen Dubois have welcomed a handsome little boy, Samuel.



Stephanie Lidgard & partner Ryan have a gorgeous little girl, Lola-May.

School Notices



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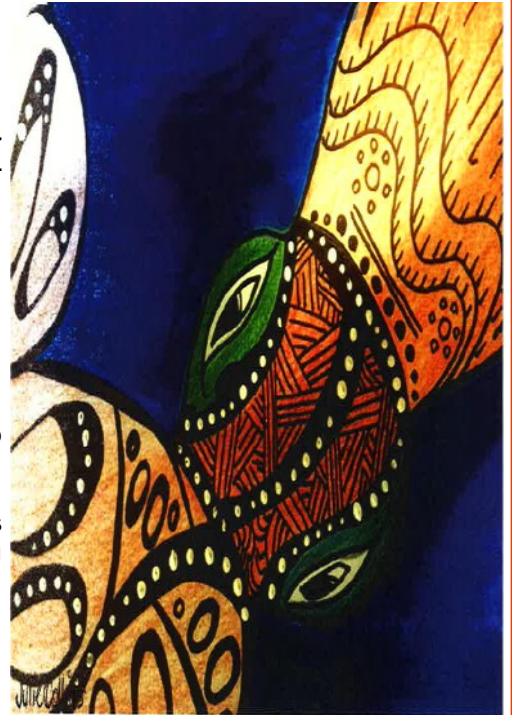
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experience a significantly higher burden from Influenza infection and much more likely to be hospitalised with this disease.

South Western Sydney Public Health Unit will be holding a free Influenza Clinic for all Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders aged 6 months – 65 years and older see details below:

Venue: Community Links Wellbeing
Date: 3rd June 2019
Time: 9am – 12pm
Address: 1a Crimea St. Balaclava

Please bring your Medicare card so the nurse can update your vaccination into the Australian Immunisation Register on the day.

Children 6 months – less than 9 years receiving first time vaccine is recommended to have 2 doses 1 month after first dose. We will provide you with a letter to complete your child's second dose with your GP.



If you require further information please contact
 Kelly Duncan or Karena Rowley 4872 2777

Mittagong Junior Disco



Venue: Mittagong RSL – Bessemer Street

Date: Saturday 25 May 2019

Times: 4pm to 6.00pm

Ages: Up to 14 years

Cost: \$5.00

Please note all money raised goes back to the children in the Southern Highlands community.

We hope to see you there .

We have several gift vouchers to win, these are drawn on the night through purchase of entry tickets.

CHRISTMAS IN WINTER DINNER and MONSTER TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 21st June at Mittagong RSL Club



Tickets available at
 Mittagong RSL Club
 Cost: \$60.00 per
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 Dinner served
 7.00pm

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