

# **Moss Vale High School**

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### August 2019

# School Canteen Recognition



Debbie Drayton and Canteen Manager, Robyn Kirby

Last Thursday 15 August 2019, Colleen O'Rourke, NSW Government South West Division, Health Promotion Officer, visited our school canteen.

This visit highlighted the hard work and dedication of our Canteen staff in providing healthy and nutritious food, not only for our students but our staff.

This comes with the Departments new standards that will be enforced by the end of 2019. To-date, only 640 government schools have submitted their menu and been successful in obtaining these standards.

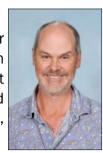
Congratulations to all!

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### **Principal's Report**

#### **Mr Canute**

I recently ran a merit selection panel for a Drama/English teacher to replace Mr Drummond's position. I am pleased to announce, that after this very rigorous selection process, the successful candidate is Mr Chris Canute. Mr Canute has been working at Moss Vale High School this year on a temporary basis in the CAPA faculty, so staff and students are thrilled to have someone with his skills and experience teaching Drama, and directing our musical, *Matilda*, in 2020. Congratulations Mr Canute!



#### **Captains and Senior Leadership Team**

We held a rigorous merit selection process for our School Captains and Senior Leadership team recently. The selection process involves a written application, an interview with a staff panel, a speech delivered at a full school assembly and voting by all staff and students. All elements are taken into consideration and students are ranked against each part of the process. It is my pleasure to announce that the four captains are Taylah Denford, Allie Kracht, Scott Lawrence and Harrison Green. The Senior Leadership team will consist of Bradlee Watsford, Amy Green, Emily Sheather, Jackson Turner, Carlie Ragg, Jasmine Edwards, Annabel Collison and Zoe Drayton. The senior leaders and captains will be inducted at a full school assembly on Thursday, September 5. Congratulations to all of these outstanding young leaders.



Taylah Denford



Harrison Green



Allie Kracht



Scott Lawrence



Annabel Collison



Zoe Drayton



Jasmine Edwards



Amy Green



Carlie Ragg



**Emily Sheather** 



Jackson Turner



**Bradlee Watsford** 

#### **Ag Vision**



Week 3, students attended AgVision which is designed to cultivate careers in Agriculture. Our team consisted of Katelyn Hall, Ashleigh Hines, Alistar Whatman and Nathan Brumfield. The team placed third out of 25 schools that competed in the Young Farmers challenge on the day. A fantastic achievement to finish at such a high level amongst 1.284 other students.

#### Social Media-Safe, Respectful and Responsible Use

Despite numerous talks on assemblies, year meetings and presentations from our School Police Liaison officer, a small number of students persist in using social media in a highly inappropriate manner. I ask that all parents and their children read through our policy in relation to the use of devices, and particularly the points associated with social media. Please be aware that it is an offence to 'Use a Carriage Service to Menace, Harass or Offend, contained in section 474.17 of the Criminal Code contained in schedule one of the Crimes Act 1914 (Commonwealth). As educators and mandatory reporters, we have a duty to respond to any incidents where a student may use a carriage service for these purposes, particularly when it is directed at a member of our school community, staff.or student.



Thanks you for your support in this matter.

#### **Student Achievements**

There is always so much happening at our school and so many students achieving in many areas that it is hard to mention all of them. I would like to congratulate the following students on some of the highlights so far this term:

- Stage 6 CAPA students on their performances last Thursday evening.
- The Astronomy students on their fantastic photos of Saturn and Jupiter.
- Maizy Evans who competed in the Australian Schools
- Our AgVision team.
- Our Year 10 students who have been performing well in the lead up to their dance assessment.
- Our Support Unit students who are ready to perform their fractured fairy tales.
- All the participants in the Regional Athletics carnival at Canberra. Alliyah King Dewit placed second in the Triple Jump, Alex Harris placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100 metres, Abbey Wallace was 1<sup>st</sup> in 13 years High Jump, Sonny Faau placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 12 years Discus, Liam Hinchcliffe was 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1500 metres and Matthew Elliot was 1<sup>st</sup> in 17 years Javelin.
- The students who competed in the Vocal Muster at Gibraltar Hotel. Congratulations to Javier Diaz, Olivia Jones and Emily Sheather who were all placed in the vocal competition on the evening.
- Javiera on her stunning performance of her composition, 'Dance with you', at the Sydney Opera House.
- Matthew Kelly for achieving the Bronze Award for the Duke of Edinburgh International Award.

#### Year 12

I have been impressed by Year 12 students and their studious approach to their Trial HSC exams this week. The students have been turning up promptly to each exam and following all examination rules. In the coming weeks, I hope that Year 12 can maintain their efforts in the lead up to their graduation and the Higher School Certificate exams next term. I look forward to celebrating their achievements with our parents and families at the Graduation assembly on Thursday, September 26.

### **Deputy Principal Report**

#### **School Blazers**

The school is offering Moss Vale High School blazers as an option for uniform. With so many students using them for the many extracurricular opportunities on offer, the P&C in conjunction with the school have decided that this will now become a regular option for the Moss Vale HS uniform. The blazers come in male/female fit and will cost \$121. The only set back with ordering is that there needs to be a minimum order of 10 blazers. For this reason we are asking that any interested students put their name down at the DP office and pay at the front office by Friday 30 August, allowing us to order ASAP. Orders take 6-8 weeks for delivery.



#### **School Enrolment Changes**

The Department of Education has recently updated the enrolment policy for schools. The revised policy introduces measures for schools with a designated intake area, that are at or nearing capacity, to manage their non-local enrolment applications. These measures are required to ensure that the department can:

- Continue to meet its legislative obligation to provide a student an enrolment place at his or her local school
- Better use existing physical assets and minimise the need for demountable buildings to accommodate non-local enrolments.

So what does this mean for Moss Vale High School? Every school with a designated intake area will have an enrolment cap. The cap is the number of students that can be enrolled based on the school's permanent accommodation and typical class sizes for the school type, taking in consideration the ability of schools to offer a range of curriculum choices for secondary students. Schools that have exceeded their enrolment cap will not enrol non-local students. CURRENTLY, MOSS VALE HIGH IS ABOVE THE SET CAP AND THEREFORE IS NOT ABLE TO TAKE ANY NEW OUT OF AREA ENROLMENTS. This includes siblings of students who are already enrolled at Moss Vale High School.

New enrolments will now have to complete a 100 point residential address check (please see information next page) to prove they are in the Moss Vale HS catchment area.

For further information, please go to the schools website and follow the enrolment links.

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/Residential-address-check.pdf

#### **HSC Trial Exams**

Good luck to all our HSC students who are sitting their exams this week. With only 6 weeks till graduation, time is flying quickly and the "real" HSC exams will be beginning. I would also like to give a special mention to year 12 Work Studies business venture, "The Slice is Right" which raised plenty of money for charity. A very special mention to Natascha Lyons sales pitch over the school PA making it even more successful!

Mr Matthew Carlyon Deputy Principal

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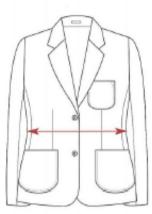
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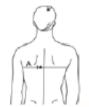
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SHAPED WAIST FIT







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school front office before order



Body Measure - Size Chart for Boys Standard Blazer.

AUSTRALIAN SIZE	4	6	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
TO FIT CHEST (CMS)	61	66	71	73.5	76	78.5	81	83.5	86	88.5	91	
AUSTRALIAN SIZE	17	18	19	20	22	24	26	28	30			
TO FIT CHEST (CMS)	93	97	99.5	102	107	112	117	122	127	∥ PR	ICE:	\$121.00 to be paid to



Body Measure - Size Chart for Girls Standard Blazer.

will be placed. See Mr Carlyon or Mrs Sutherland for ordering your size

Girls Blazers										
AUSTRALIAN SIZE	Y4	Y6	Y8	Y9	Y10	W9	W10	W11	W12	W13
TO FIT CHEST (CMS)	61cm	66cm	71cm	73cm	76cm	79cm	81cm	84cm	86cm	89cm
AUSTRALIAN SIZE	W14	W15	W16	W17	W18	W20	W22	W24	W26	W28
TO FIT CHEST (CMS)	91cm	94cm	97cm	99cm	102cm	107cm	112cm	117cm	122cm	127cm



SCHOOL UNIFORM SPECIALISTS



### Meningococcal Awareness

As we head into late winter and spring, NSW Health are urging everyone to be alert to the symptoms of meningococcal disease.

NSW Health have launched a state wide campaign about identifying the symptoms of meningococcal disease.

Meningococcal disease is caused by a bacterial infection that can lead to serious illness if not recognised and treated in time. While anyone can contract meningococcal disease, infection rates are higher in children aged 0 - 4 years and young people aged 15 - 24 years.



#### Do you know the symptoms of meningococcal disease?

Symptoms of meningococcal disease include:

- \* Sudden onset of fever
- \* Headache
- \* Neck stiffness
- \* Joint pain
- \* Dislike of bright lights
- \* Nausea
- \* Vomiting
- \* Irritability
- \* Rash of red-purple spots or bruises that doesn't disappear when pressure is applied. (A rash does not always appear or it may occur late in the disease).

Some or all of these symptoms may appear and can mimic other common illnesses. Symptoms usually occur suddenly and can get worse quickly, so it's important to seek urgent medical treatment.

Vaccination is the best way to prevent the spread. The NSW School vaccination program provides free vaccination against meningococcal disease for year 10 students in 2019. Students ages 15-16 can access free vaccine from their GP.

#### Act fast and seek medical advice quickly

People infected with meningococcal disease can become extremely unwell very quickly. People who could have meningococcal disease should seek urgent medical advice.

For more information about meningococcal disease and vaccinations, or to obtain information to promote this within your school community, visit <a href="https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/meningococcal">www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/meningococcal</a>.





# **Geography Fieldwork**

Friday 2 August 2019, Year 7 attended their Geography Fieldwork Excursion for the semester and had a great time immersing themselves in the landscapes and landforms of Mount Keira on a glorious and sunny Friday! Everyone was able to practise various fieldwork and explored various ways of interacting with the environment. Students conducted themselves in a very respectable and

mature manner, with the Illawarra Education Centre commenting on the excellent behaviour of the students.

Miss Fox Class Teacher













Southern Stars is well underway with two offsite rehearsals and many lunch times at school. The routines are coming together quite nicely with all students committied to learning so much choreography is such a small time frame. Tickets are on sale for all 4 performances and are quickly selling out. Get in to avoid disappointment!

Miss Fox Teacher







## **Astronomy**

On Monday of week 3 the astronomy group spent the evening taking photographs of Jupiter and Saturn (in between hot chocolate and biscuits). They were fortunate to have a beautiful clear night with stable air, which allowed them to record images of both the planets in detail. The major equatorial bands were easily visible on Jupiter as well as many swirling gas storms and on Saturn the division between the main rings was clear. These images can be seen below and were taken with a planetary colour CCD on an eight inch Cassegrain telescope.

The group is aiming to take further photographs later in the year, including Jupiter with its red spot and the polar ice caps of Mars. Next year, after everyone has become more experienced with photography, they will attempt to take some deep sky images of nebula, galaxies and star clusters.

Alex Miller Teacher



# NEWS FROM THE CAPA VAULT A Creative and Performing Arts Update

#### Performances, Excursions and Achievements So Far This Term New Staff

We are thrilled to announce that Chris Canute, our Drama teacher who has been working in a temporary facility since the start of the year, was selected through an interview process to become the newest permanent member of our CAPA Faculty. Chris has many years of professional experience as a director, actor and writer, which, combined with his teaching experience, can only help to further develop our Drama students' learning and performances.

#### Wingecarribee Vocal Muster Awards Night

The third semi final of the Wingecarribee Vocal Muster Awards was held at Gibraltor Hotel. We had four students selected to perform on the night: Amelia Brook, Javiera Diaz, Olivia Jones and Emily Sheather. Our students performed against vocalists from Chevalier and Oxley and we are very proud of their results: Javiera came first, Olivia came second and Emily tied for third. They now join Taylah Denford and Cassidy Brown in the Grand Final in October.

#### **Sydney Opera House**

Javiera Diaz gave a stunning performance of her own composition, "Dance with You", at the *Banksia* Instrumental Festival Concert at the Sydney Opera House in Week 2. It is the fifth time she has performed at this esteemed venue and we congratulate her on her achievements. She was also featured on the front page on the Southern Highlands News in Week 3.

#### **HSC Music and Drama Trial Performance Nights.**

Our Year 12 Music and Drama students performed their HSC repertoire for visiting examiners in Weeks 1 and 3 respectively. We are so proud of their efforts thus far and wish them all the best in the lead up to their practical HSC exams in August (Drama) and September (Music).

#### Term 3 Stage 6 CAPA Showcase

A selection of our senior Music, Drama and Distance Ed Dance students performed at our Stage 6 CAPA Showcase as part of Education Week. It was another platform for our HSC students to practise their exam repertoire and scripts, and for the first time, we showcased the artwork of our Year 12 Visual Arts students. We are very thankful to Sonja Millis of Arthead for her generous donation of Art Display boards for the evening.

#### Matilda Auditions

Over 90 students expressed an interest to audition for our 2020 School musical, Matilda, and auditions are now in full swing. They are being held across Weeks 3-5 of this term. We are excited about the talent being unearthed, particularly since we opened the audition process to Year 6 students enrolling at Moss Vale High in 2020.

#### **Inspire Bundanoon**

We held a highly successful Inspire Day at Bundanoon, which was attended by 5 schools and 128 primary students. Electives were held in Vocals, Dance, Drama and Art, and the students were able to present what they learnt and created at a concert in the afternoon.

#### Southern Stars

Rehearsals are well under way for our students performing in this year's Southern Stars Extravaganza, Come Alive. Joel Hinchcliffe (featured artist - vocalist), Matthew Johnston (trumpet), Samuel Johnston (alto saxophone) and Heath Robertson (Cello) have been spending their weekends rehearsing in Wollongong. This year Miss Fox entered a group of dancers in the show and they have also been madly learning and practicing their choreography for the show. As in previous years, we also have a number of





VET Entertainment students undertaking their work placement at the event. They have the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of the show, such as sound, lighting, staging, backstage crew, and front-of-house. Come Alive will be held over August 23 and 24, and with over 3000 performers, we are confident that it will be outstanding!

#### Friends of Willo Exhibition

Will Clarke, the founder of Willo Industries, is committed to creating more awareness of inclusion and choice for all people living with intellectual disabilities. He has worked in conjunction with a number of organisations and artists from across the country to paint old cricket bats, and Art students from Years 7-10 joined forces with Robertson Public School to participate in the project. Bats were decorated to be included in the exhibition and silent auction.



#### In Summary

What an amazing cohort of CAPA students we have at Moss Vale High. As always, we love being part of the CAPA family, and love that it is always growing and developing. May we continue to be impressed by our students' achievements as the year progresses!

Mrs Linda Johnston Head Teacher CAPA



## STATEMENT CONFUSION

The statements of account sent out recently have been causing confusion in some cases, particularly regarding Activity Week payments.

Some Activity Week excursions have a Food Component (this is for GST purposes) as part of the total cost.

Where a payment has been made for Activity Week including a Food Component, this is paid off and anything else is paid off the Excursion Fee.

Statements of Account only show outstanding amounts so the Food Component will not appear, only the Excursion Fee.

#### Example:

Activity Week 1 costs \$835 (made up of \$70 Food Component & \$765 Excursion Fee)
Payment of \$280 is made. This is put towards \$70 Food Component & \$210 Excursion Fee, leaving a total balance to pay of \$555.

#### Statement of Account shows:

Description	Amount	Amount Paid	Balance
Excursion Fee for Activity Week 1	\$765	\$210	\$555

Even though a total of \$280 was paid to the Activity Week 1, the \$70 Food Component is not displayed on the statement as it has all been paid.

The balance outstanding will always be correct, reflecting what is left to pay from Activity Week 1.

As always, if you are concerned or just want clarification, please don't hesitate to contact the school. Our staff will be happy to explain your statement and payments.



### Is your child too sick to attend school?

Students should not be attending school if they are ill or severely injured. The school does not have the facilities or staff to care for these students.



If students sustain injuries or become suddenly ill at school, staff will provide first aid only.

If the student is not fit to return to class, parents or caregivers will be contacted to make arrangements to collect their child. Where parents or caregivers cannot be contacted, the emergency contacts will be telephoned. It is important that the school has an up to date list of telephone contacts for parents, caregivers and emergency contacts for all students.

Students should not call or text parents/caregivers themselves but obtain permission from their teacher to see staff at the Front Office who will contact the relevant people.

For serious incidents an ambulance will be called at the school's discretion, particularly if no contact can be made with parents or caregivers.

The school does not have the capacity to care for sick and injured students for lengthy periods and staff are only trained for emergency care.

Cooperation between staff and parents/caregivers will ensure our students are cared for in the best possible way.



## **Police Station Tour**



For the last few weeks, all our Support classes were given a chance to participate in exciting tours of the new Southern Highlands Police Station in Moss Vale. Each class was given an in depth guided tour by a police officer including the acting Chief Inspector! The students were very excited to see the very latest state of the art new police centre, meeting many police officers and touring departments. Highlights included visiting holding cells and gaol cells, inspecting the police gym, learning about equipment police need to carry on them such as batons, handcuffs and OC spray, looking at computer systems and camera systems, inspecting the police cars and wagons, and learning about finger printing, breathalysers and processing of evidence. Students asked many interesting questions and were thrilled to be able to enjoy such an experience. The Support Unit was buzzing with excitement. - Ms Mulcahy - Teacher

















# Poetry in First Languages

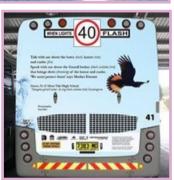
Keep your eyes peeled around the Highlands for the poetry of some of our First Nations students! These artworks feature of the words of Grace Buckley Year 12 and Bailey McNally-Haddock Year 10, these are the result of Kirli Saunders' Poetry in First Languages Workshop held earlier this year. Thanks to Wingecarribee Shire Council for collaborating on this project.

#### Alex Bateman Teacher









# 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:

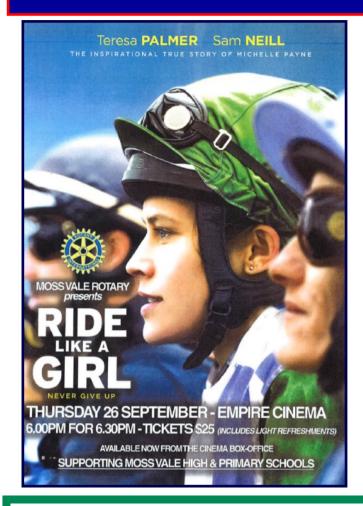


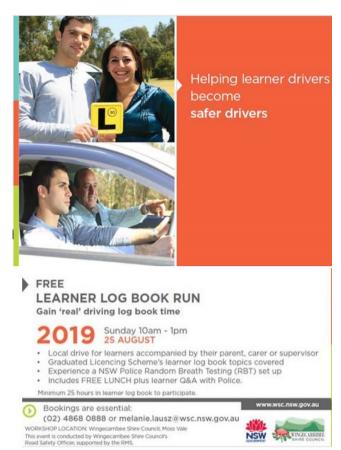
Lauren Cordingley welcomed an adorable little boy, Djaylen.



Phil Brown welcomed an adorable little boy, Amos.

# Community Notices





The Moss Vale Public School P&C Association Is excited to announce that our annual

# **Country Fair**

will be held on

Friday 8 November 2019, from 4 to 7 pm at Moss Vale Public School

We would love you to join us at this wonderful community event.



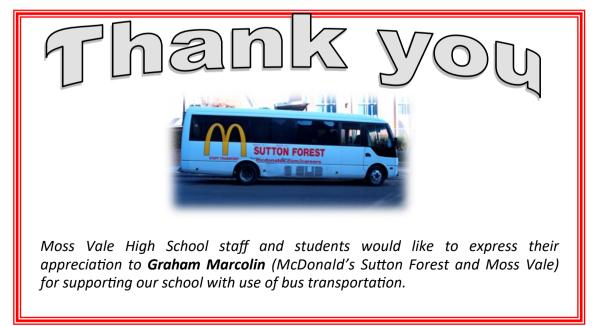
The organising committee is already hard at work making arrangements for all the favourite attractions—rides, side show alley, entertainment, stalls and our popular annual raffle-as well as some exciting new ideas that we think you will love.

For more information, please visit our Facebook page.

# Community Notices







# Thankyou

Moss Vale High School Community sincerely like to express gratitude to the following, for their generous support



Peter Nelson and the Moss Vale Rotary Club for assisting with the purchase of musical instruments





Interested in making a difference locally and globally? Rotary has over 1.2 million ike-minded members worldwide Come and join us.





Graham Marcolin from Moss Vale and Sutton Forest McDonald's for his generous support through technology and ipads

Sonja Millis from Arthead for her assistance to our CAPA events with the loan of art display stands

