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# Year 12

*Good Luck  
in your  
Exams*



# NEWSLETTER

## MOSS VALE HIGH SCHOOL DATES

### Term 4

- **Wednesday 11 October 2023 - Year 12 HSC Exams commence**
- **Friday 3 November 2023 - Year 12 HSC Exams end**
- **Tuesday 31 October 2023 - P & C Meeting @ 5.30pm**
- **Tuesday 5 December 2023 - P & C Meeting @ 5.30pm**
- **Thursday 7 December 2023 - Presentation Evening**



### **Term 3 Weeks 1-6**

I enjoyed my time as relieving Director Educational Leadership for the Goulburn Principals' Network in the first part of term three, particularly the opportunity to visit the twenty-one schools within the network and to see the wonderful work that happens every day in our public schools. I would like to thank Mrs Vicki Stokes and Mrs Kathy Powzun for entrusting me with this relieving role and allowing me such a wonderful opportunity to work across this great network of schools. I would also like to thank Mr Matt Carlyon for stepping up into the relieving principal's role and for doing an outstanding job in my absence.

### **Year 12**

We had a wonderful final week of last term to farewell our class of 2023 and to wish them well for the Higher School Certificate and beyond. As I said at the Year 12 assembly and graduation, this was an exceptional cohort of students who always made the most of their opportunities at Moss Vale High School across all areas of school life. It was great to see how much they enjoyed the activities of the final week, and they did their school and families proud at the graduation ceremony and formal.

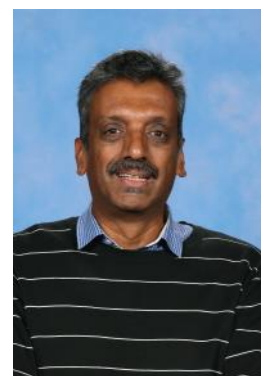
I would like to thank all the teachers who have worked along side Year 12 students to get them to this important point in their high school career. Many thanks also to Ms Katie Cripps who has been the Year Adviser to this amazing cohort. Ms Cripps has been there to guide and support the students at every step of the way, particularly in the challenging times of senior studies.

I hope that Year 12 students can find the best in your memories of Moss Vale High School as they move forward into an exciting new future. I want to congratulate each of them on what they have achieved. I want to acknowledge the contributions that Year 12 students have made to our school, its history and its future. I look forward to catching up with all of them upon the completion of the HS exams.

Good luck, Year 12!

### **Farewell Mr Kumar**

We sadly said goodbye, as a school community, to Mr Dharendra Kumar on the final day of last term. As always, Mrs Kennedy and her vocal students performed a beautiful song to farewell Mr Kumar who has been teaching at Moss Vale High School since 2015. Mr Kumar was lucky enough to gain a transfer to Bomaderry High School, which means that his round trip to work each day will be significantly reduced. I would like to thank Mr Kumar for being such a highly committed teacher who always put his students first. Mr



Kumar is a true gentleman, and he will be sadly missed at Moss Vale High School. Mr Rodney Van Bentum has been appointed to this position and will be starting in week 6 of this term. For the first five weeks, Mr Neil Button will be teaching these classes. Mr Van Bentum is coming over to us from Bowral High School and is a highly experienced and capable teacher.

We wish Mr Kumar all the very best at Bomaderry High School.

### Vale Mr Parro



Mr Anthony Parro (photograph left) was Head Teacher at Moss Vale High School for ten years until his retirement in 2013. Anthony passed away on 20 September after a fairly long battle with cancer. I had the pleasure of working with Anthony Parro for a short period of time and was always impressed by his passion for teaching and love of literature. Anthony was an outstanding teacher who contributed greatly to the culture and community of our school. He will be sadly missed by many of his former colleagues.

### Mobile Phones

I have communicated with parents, carers, students and staff about the NSW Government's introduction of a total ban on mobile phones across all public schools in the state. Not a great deal has changed for Moss Vale High School students as there has been a ban for several years on the use of mobile phones during the school day. The main changes for our students are:

- Mobile phones can only be briefly checked at the end of the school day, once outside the school building. This will still allow students to check for a last-minute message from parents or carers. The phone must go away again after this check. Students cannot be on mobile phones during bus lines.
- If a student has a mobile phone out during the school day, it will still be confiscated. The main change will be that a parent or carer must collect the confiscated mobile phone, it will not be handed back to the student. This is in line with the policy involving any banned item at school.

### Term 4

The final term of year is probably one of the busiest in the entire year. We always have a lot happening in preparation for the following school year. I am particularly looking forward to visiting our feeder primary schools and getting a chance to meet with our incoming Year 7 students for 2024. I continue to be exceptionally proud of our school community and the positive culture that has been developed over the years. I am also looking forward to our usual end of year Activity Week, presentation evening and our rewards excursion to Luna Park.

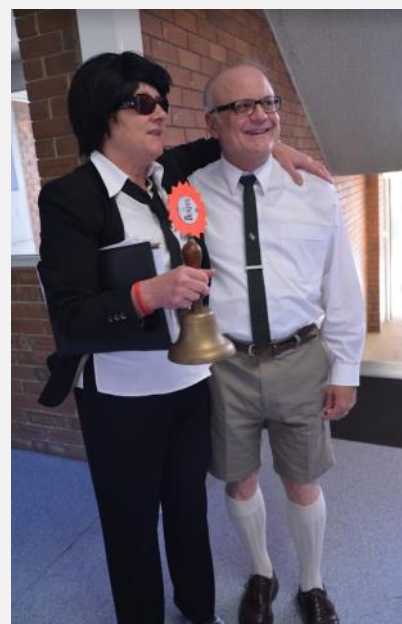
I wish all our students and staff a great term as we move towards the end of year.

*Mrs Patricia Holmes*  
Principal

WELCOME BACK!



*In Memory*  
**Anthony Parro**





### **Thank you**

Term 3 has been and gone in what seemed to be a blink of the eye. A huge thank you to both Luke Vandenberg and Matthew Lee who stepped up to relieve as Deputy Principal while Mr Carlyon was relieving as Principal. Both did a wonderful job working with the senior executive and keeping the school running efficiently.

### **Names on Clothing**

Just a reminder as the weather starts to get warmer to check summer uniform items in readiness for the heat. We are also strongly encouraging parents to make sure their child's name is written on all items of uniform. There is a growing number of items, especially jackets and jumpers being left in the playground and when retrieved by staff have no name on them. Items of uniform that are handed in with names are returned to the student.

### **New Shed**

In good news for the agriculture department, a brand new shed has finally been completed to replace one of the original sheds that was blown down. The custom built shed will house the school tractor and many of the expensive pieces of equipment in the agriculture department. Part of it has also been designed to keep livestock out of the weather on occasions when needed. We would also like to extend a big thank you to our farm assistant Peter Giurin who has been working tirelessly down at the farm, recycling the old parts of the original shed to make shelters for the sheep and clearing out many of the old sheds.

### **Moss Vale High School 60th Birthday**

Term 3 also saw the school turn 60 and there was a week of celebrations enjoyed by the students, staff and community members. A 60's dress up theme kicked off the week and there were some outstanding outfits from many students and staff. The school also welcomed back many former students who participated in school tours to have a look at how things have changed over the years. The entire school combined to create a drone photo and video of the school in the shape of "60" on the oval. A big thanks to Luke Vandenberg and Matt Lee for making this happen. The biggest day was the opening of the time capsule that was buried 20 years ago. The contents were displayed at lunchtime, and it was lovely to see so many students and staff come and view the contents. A massive thank you needs to go out to Dianne Sutherland who worked tirelessly to make the weeks celebrations go off without a hitch.

Term 4 looks to be another great 10 weeks, and we are all looking forward to activity week!



# NEWS FROM THE CAPA VAULT

## A Creative and Performing Arts Update

### News from the CAPA Vault

It has been a very different, but still very busy term for the CAPA department. Our students have had a range of musical performance opportunities and experiences both in and out of school. We did not have a big CAPA concert this term due to the focus on HSC major works in Visual Art and Music.

As you are probably aware, Ms Kennedy has been absent for the majority of Term 3, but we were glad to see her return to work in Week 8. She is very excited to get back into more teaching and singing next Term. A big thank you to Aaron Cooke for filling in this term and bringing his sense of calm and sweet didge skills to many of the junior music classes.

### Regional performance opportunities

This term we had Tyler Bryant, Rory Gardiner, Simon Georgiou, Leo Jones, Sophie Vandervoort, Alice West and Zahra Nasser represent the school on a tour with the Illawarra South East Performing Ensemble (affectionately referred to as the “Purple Shirt” group, where they showcased their vocal and instrumental abilities playing 3 shows a day at 3 different schools.

Oscar Dunn-Luck (percussion), David Gillis (vocals), Zahra Nasser (vocals) and Fin Torpy (flute) all successfully auditioned and performed in the Southern Stars arena spectacular at the WIN Entertainment Centre. Sophie Vandervoort was selected to be a featured vocalist, singing in 7 items throughout the show!

Willow Gifford and Quincy Page attended the State Music camp and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

### Opera House

In Term 2, the Vocal Rollers successfully auditioned to be a featured ensemble in the NSW Arts Unit Choral Festival. In Week 4 this term, they travelled to Sydney and performed “Better Place” by Rachel Platten on the stage of the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall. They were accompanied by one of our peripatetic tutors and parent, Maria Dunn on piano who kindly volunteered her time to support our students. The students were incredible in their professionalism and of course, with Ms Kennedy’s wonderful leadership, sounded absolutely beautiful.

### Excursions

We have had a number of wonderful excursions in CAPA this term.

In Week 6, Ms Pepping and Ms Cripps organised an excursion as a PBS reward for students with outstanding behaviour and attendance, to watch the Southern Stars concert. The students loved being able to see such a wide range of performances and talent from NSW Public School students.

In Week 7 a number of selected Year 9 and 10 elective Music students travelled to Sydney to watch Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at the Lincoln Centre Orchestra perform an amazing jazz concert. It was an inspiring concert, culminating in a Q&A and our students loved this opportunity to see some of the world’s best musicians.

In Week 8 Mr Vandervoort organised an excursion to go and watch “Seussical”, a Dr Seuss musical performed by SHYAC, a local youth arts organisation. 3 of our students were in the show – Lucy Duffy, Quincy Page and Willow Percival. It is great to see our students taking these opportunities to be experience these local cultural events.

In Week 9, a number of Year 11 and 12 Music, Entertainment and Drama students attended the performance of Wicked at the Lyric Theatre in Sydney.

### **Entertainment**

It has been an exciting term in Entertainment. In Term 2, we were extremely fortunate that the P&C agreed to donate funds towards upgrading our audio and lighting equipment. This has been an enormous help in allowing us to continue to put on events and shows in a professional manner, but will also allow us to more easily share the Hall space with others as we can now pack up so much quicker. We are very grateful to the P&C for their generous support.

In Week 4, Mr Canute took the Year 11 Entertainment class to The Metro in Sydney where they had an immersive, hands on experience mixing the audio for a live band and learning about industry lighting.

In Week 6 a number of Year 11 Entertainment students completed their work placement at Southern Stars at the WIN Entertainment Centre. We had students in performer movement (no mean feat with over 3000 student performers), props and ushering.

### **HSC**

Term 3 is always busy in CAPA with major works and performances due for the HSC in Visual Arts and Music.

Ms Mumford has worked very hard to support the Visual Arts class to complete their art works which were submitted in Week 8. There was an impressive range of painting and ceramics and we wish the students all the best for their results.

HSC Music performances and viva voces were completed in Week 9. Ms K and I were very impressed with the high standard, and also the huge improvement that so many of the students have made thanks to their hard work over the past two years.

We are grateful to the talent and commitment of a number of students who accompanied our HSC students in their exams. Thanks to Ruby Bagnell (vocals), Charlotte Blake (vocals), Tyler Bryant (drums), Prue Dunn-Luck (violin), Mia Gardiner (violin), Grace Jones (vocals and guitar), Leo Jones (bass and guitar), Pearl Stravoskoufis (vocals), Riley Wallace (drums) as well as Maria Dunn (cello) and Mr Crombie (sax).

For only the second time ever, this year we are running the Music 2 and Music Extension courses and a special mention to Oscar Dunn-Luck and Fin Torpy for taking on this challenge and demonstrating such maturity and independence to complete these challenging courses with such strong results.

### **School Musical: Legally Blonde 2024**

We are so excited to announce we will be putting on Legally Blonde: The Musical in Term 2, 2024. In Week 8 we held auditions for the lead roles. We had 29 students nominate to audition and we are so excited by the enthusiasm and talent we saw. Parts will be announced soon, and other roles including dance, chorus and the band will be discussed in Term 4.

### **PBS Assembly Performances**

We have continued to showcase the wonderful talents of our students with performances at each PBS Assembly. Items this term have included: Visual Arts Powerpoint (thanks to Mrs Johnston), selected Year 10 students performing their PDHPE “Jive” assessment, David Gillis - “My Way”, Luke Green – “Smooth”, One Note Longer (Ruby Bagnell, Charlotte Blake, David Gillis, Pearl Stravoskoufis, Sophie Vandervoort, Alyssa Waring) – “Don’t Give Up On Me”, Ruby Bagnell –

“Burn” and James Denman, Tyler Bryant and Leo Jones – “The Stumble”.

Congratulations to all our hard-working students on their great performances throughout the term. We are constantly in awe of your talents. Have a safe and relaxing holiday.

*Jeremy Donaldson*  
*Relieving Head Teacher CAPA*







Year 8 Visual Arts students have enjoyed making pet portraits with lino printing during Term 3.



# TAS

We would like to wish Year 12 TAS students all the best for their HSC. We also wish you all the very best for your future and whatever that may hold. You were a fantastic group, and we will miss your antics, stories, and your big smiles.



*Hospitality – always telling Ms Killian you were her ‘favourites’.*



*Industrial Technology Timber – ‘the boys’ as you referred to yourself. Mr Attreed*



*Food Technology – Ms Sandland*



*Construction – Mr Deitz*



*Work Studies – good luck work crew. Ms Youman*

*Textiles – my bunch of creatives. Ms Youman*



# TAS

## Year 12 Major Works





This term, the Student Representative Council has been central to our PBS fundraising efforts for Wear it Purple (raised \$167, which was presented to Reframe Community Links Bowral) and R U Ok? Day. Student leaders visited Home Groups, volunteered their breaks selling merchandise to raise funds, and created posters to promote the events. It was wonderful to see young people making a difference.



Lucas  
Millward



In Week 3, students from our SRC accompanied Ms Rumble and Ms Regan on a wonderful excursion to Sydney, to meet students from the Student Representative Council for Bourke. Former MVHS student Allie Sims is teaching at Bourke High School, and arranged the networking experience which was enriching for all the students involved. The groups worked together in a scavenger hunt in the city and working through an escape room. Students gained insight into the similarities and differences of student leadership in their schools and had great fun as well.

On Tuesday 22 August, students from our SRC represented the school at the Whitlam Youth Roundtable, which was hosted by MP Stephen Jones. On the day, students from local schools proposed and shaped ideas to be implemented in the electorate of Whitlam, which includes Moss Vale High School. Ms Cripps escorted the students on the day, and it was a wonderful chance to interact with the process of government.

Finally, Term 3 sees the process to elect and form our new Student Representative Council, which will serve for the coming year. Unfortunately delayed following a technical hitch, information was shared with students in the final weeks of Term 3, with elections to be held at the start of Term 4. Thanks to the current student representatives for their year of service to the school.

# Positive Behaviour for Success

Term Three has been an exciting time for Moss Vale High School, as we farewell a wonderful Year 12 cohort, and welcome new school leaders. The election process for our incoming captains was as rigorous as ever, and the candidates were an incredible group of young leaders. Speeches about equality, finding your team in life, taking every opportunity, and the power of music, gave the audience food for thought and a difficult choice in the voting! We are excited to welcome Indianna Burgess, Nathan Collison, Isaac Guymer, and Emmerson Rochaix as our student leaders and head of the Student Representative Council for the coming year.

On Friday 25 August, we marked Wear It Purple Day. This day aims to foster inclusive environments for young people who identify as LGBTQIA+. SRC members sold wristbands and stickers, and students were invited to wear a purple accessory as a show of support. The money raised was donated to Community Links in Bowral, which runs ReFrame and offers support programs for all young people in the Highlands, including some targeted to rainbow youth.

Thursday 14 September was R U Ok? Day. Coming as it did on the end of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations and in the midst of Year 12's final weeks, the focus on R U Ok was somewhat overshadowed. However, a celebratory mufti day on the last day of term was a welcome focus for fundraising, which was driven by Year 10 student Lucas Millward.



Our PBS lessons for the term drew from the values and lessons of NAIDOC, focusing on Respect for ourselves, our Elders and for our land. The lesson garnered thoughtful responses from students and built an appreciation for our PBS values as assets for life beyond school. PBS Fortnightly focuses targeted important skills for learning and the Free and Frequent ticket draw continued to be a celebration of positive behaviour with lucky winners enjoying \$5 canteen vouchers each Friday.

The graduation of Year 12 students always provides an invaluable time for reflection, and once again the values of being safe, respectful and responsible is evident in all the young men and women who are now stepping out into the world.

# From our **Admin** Office

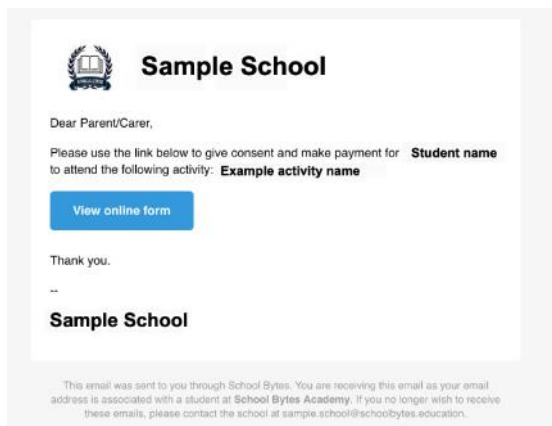


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- **Method 1** - Parent Portal - accessed via this link:<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>
- **Method 2** - Parent App  
App Store - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/school-bytes/id6463097826> Google Play - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>
- **Method 3** - Unique link emailed to you - an example of this is provided below



This link will automatically direct you to the School Bytes application where you can then continue to make a payment or enter the details into your online permission note.


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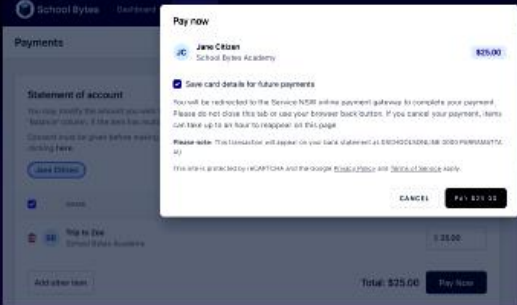
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 School Bytes


## AVAILABLE NOW!


Parents, you can now save your credit card details in Parent Portal for future payments.

**First time making a payment?**  
Simply select the items you wish to pay, then tick 'save card details for future payments' option and click 'pay.'



You will then be redirected to the payment page where you will need to tick the checkbox to authorise ongoing payments.

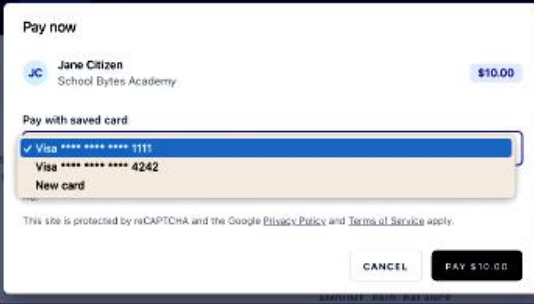


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## Uniform Clothing Pool

Do you have any uniforms that are in good condition and no longer required?  
We have a second-hand uniform clothing pool that would greatly appreciate any donations. Washed items can be given to the administration office. All proceeds from items sold go to our Support Unit.



## School Bytes at Moss Vale High

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MVHS uses the School Bytes application for:

- All communications to parents via email
- All excursions with ability to give permission and payment online
- Tuesday sport selections by students online, with ability to give permission and payment online
- Activity Week selections by students online, with ability to give permission and payment online
- All invoicing for school fees
- Use of credit to pay for part or all fees, excursions or other payments
- Monitoring of student health conditions and regular medication

Parents can use the School Bytes application:

- To give permission and payment for excursions, Tuesday sport and Activity Week
- To pay for school fees or other payments
- To log on to the Parent Portal to view past payments, outstanding payments, excursions and activities their child has been in or is yet to attend. (Note that the School Bytes Parent Portal is different to the Sentral Parent Portal, which is currently used for attendance and wellbeing.)





### ***Important Notices regarding procedures @ Moss Vale High School:***

#### **School Grounds-Inclosed Lands**

Moss Vale High School is covered by the Inclosed Lands Protection Act 1901 (NSW) which is intended to prevent trespassing and unauthorised use of school grounds, ie any schoolgrounds enclosed or surrounded by any fence or wall (including natural features) marking the boundary.

Any person/s on school grounds are required to have pre-organised permission from the school Principal. The school is NOT an area to be used for exercising dogs or other social activities outside school hours.

Parents/caregivers *collecting their students at the end of the school day* should wait outside the school grounds.

#### **Sick Students**

***Changes to our process of dealing with students who present to our administration office feeling unwell:***

- Students will be logged on our Sentral system and assessed.
- Basic first aid treatments will be administered where appropriate.
- If deemed unable to remain in class, parents / caregivers will be contacted to collect their child.
- Students will be waiting in the administration foyer for pick-up.

#### **Early Leavers**

- Students are expected to be at school all day, every day, unless they are seriously ill or have other extenuating circumstances.

If students are required to leave early the following procedure needs to be adhered to:

- Parents to notify the school via a note with your child, a phone call, email or via Sentral portal messages **before 9am**.
- An early leaver slip will be generated at the Administration Office, which will be given to your child.
- Students present the slip to be excused from class at the correct time.

#### **Blazers & Ties**

Students who wish to borrow a school blazer and/or tie, will need to go to the Administration Office in their break times, the day prior to requiring the uniform items. These Items are NOT to be kept by students for extended periods of time.

Any students who have borrowed a school blazer or tie, are expected to return them the following school day, to the Administration Office.

#### **Admin Office Hours**

- 8:30am – 3:30pm

# MOSS VALE HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION for Parents and Caregivers

## School Administration Office Contact & Hours:

Our Administration office phone number is **4868 1717**. Office hours are **8.30am-3.30pm Monday to Friday during school terms.**

School email: [mossvale-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mossvale-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

School Website: [mossvale-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://mossvale-h.schools.nsw.gov.au)

## Facebook Page:

The Moss Vale High School Facebook page is for the school to disseminate information, to inform and positively promote the school, the learning that occurs within and all our staff and students' many amazing achievements within the community.

It is not a forum for community discussion and therefore **we do not encourage comments of posts relating to questions**, concerns or public debate on items. It is not the place to publicly object to the policies or practices of Moss Vale High School, its committees or related organisations. Nor is it a forum for users to advocate their businesses, opinions or philosophical positions. The appropriate avenue is via communication with the Principal of Moss Vale High School; communication via email at ***mossvale-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au*** or by contacting our administration office on 48681717 between the hours of 8.30am-3.30pm Monday to Friday during the terms.

## Uniform Shop:

**Online orders via: <https://daylightsportswear.com/mossvale>**

Our School Uniform shop is open Monday 8am-10am, Tuesday 1pm-4pm and Thursday 8am-10am

## Moss Vale High School P&C:

All welcome to attend our P&C meetings. Our P&C Committee can be ***contacted via email at [pandcmeetings@mvhs-pandc.com](mailto:pandcmeetings@mvhs-pandc.com)***. Meetings are held every Tuesday, 4th and 9th week of the term, commencing at 5.30pm in the Staff Common room.

## Moss Vale High School Canteen:

The Moss Vale High School Canteen ***contact is via phone on 4868 1883 or email: [mvhscanteen@gmail.com](mailto:mvhscanteen@gmail.com)*** Parents and Caregivers may place orders with payment via *flexischools*, please ensure orders are placed before 8.30am on the day.



## TERM 3 SPORT REPORT

### Boys and Girls Hockey Regional Finals

Term 3 kicked off the Boys and Girls Hockey Regional Finals. It was a magnificent sunny day for the South Coast Regional Hockey finals at Unanderra where both our boys and girls qualified this year.

The boys team lost their first game against a very strong Crookwell HS 6-0. Unfortunately, they also went down to Illawarra sports High 3-0 but finished strong with a dominant win against Kiama High 6-0.

Congratulations to our senior players for their last representative hockey game for MVHS. Connor Beveridge, James Smith and Luke Arregui. A big thank you to Tim Coyle and student Georgi Hurford for refereeing throughout the day. It was a busy day for our superstar Georgi who managed both playing and refereeing duties.



## Girls Regional Hockey Finals

The girls hockey played two games against Albion Park and Crookwell. Unfortunately they lost both games with the heart breaker coming against Albion Park who scored in the last 3 seconds to secure victory. It was a mighty performance with half of the team trying hockey for the very first time.

Well done to all of the girls for their efforts with a big shout out to the Year 12s playing their last game of school hockey. Special mention goes to Bridget Connors, Hayley Murray (injured) and Lucy Nash who have enjoyed so much success over the years in school hockey for MVHS, South Coast and NSW. Thank you girls.

A massive thank you to Mrs Cowen and Mr Nash for coaching and transporting the students.



## Next up was the REGIONAL ATHLETICS 2023

Thirty eight of our students travelled to Canberra to compete in the Regional Athletics Carnival.

The weather was cold and wet, which was not pleasant for any athletes to compete in - but our students soldiered on and produced some great results.

Some stand out performances for the day were as follows:

Pearl Stravoskoufis 1st in 13yrs high jump and U 15s triple jump. Ruby Blake 1st in U 15s long jump, Charlotte Withers 1st in U 14s javelin, high jump and 2nd in discus. Lachlan McCullagh 2nd in U 14s high jump. Emma Turner 2nd in 400m, Holly Speechley 1st in U 15s high jump, Emma Turner 2nd in 400m and Neve Wallace 2nd 17s javelin.







### Zone Basketball success.

Our U15 boys and girls teams played in the Southern Tablelands Zone Carnival at Tuggeranong. The girls were undefeated, winning all of their games convincingly. While all girls put some points on the board, top scorers were Lillian and Ayessa.

The boys were the top team in their pool and beat Mulwaree in the semi-final to be placed second in the Zone. Both teams have been successful in securing a position in the South Coast Zone Finals.

Thanks to Mrs Rossi and Mr Williams for training, organising, coaching and transporting our students to the event . Also a huge thanks also to Mr Phil Soon for coaching the boys on the day.



### Girls U 15's Regional Netball!

The U15 Girls Netball Team travelled to the Shoalhaven to play in the South Coast Finals.

The girls were second in their pool on the day and came up against Warilla in the Semi-final. Whilst a little intimidated by their opposition, the girls played a strong game but were unable to get in front.

A big thank you to Mrs Rossi for her coaching and organisation. Thanks also to Mrs Attwood for assisting on the day and parents for support and encouragement during the game .



### U15 BOYS REGIONAL BASKETBALL

On Monday 14 August, the Under 15 boys travelled to the Snakepit in Wollongong for the Regional Basketball Tournament.

The boys took down Eden Marine High School in the first game 34-28, before going down to a tough Bulli squad 40-22 in the second. This meant they needed to win their last game against Kanahooka High School to secure 2nd spot and book a spot in the semi finals. They managed to hold on to win this in a close game, with the final score being 32-26.

In the semi-final the boys played against Illawarra Sports High and raced off to an early lead at quarter time however, were unable to hold on to the end, going down 45-35.

Just like the Matilda's, being placed in the top 4 of the region is an outstanding effort and the boys are to be congratulated on their deep run into the tournament. Outstanding players for the day were Van Soon, Riley Hong and Connor Marr.

Massive thank you Mr Williams for accompanying and coaching our students and to the parents who made the trip down, in particular Mr Phil Soon, for his tactical knowledge and running the bench on the day.



### Triples Lawn Bowls

Congratulations to our 3 Year 12 students, Connor Beveridge, Brody Martin and Brayden Stirton who competed in day 2 of the top 16 in the State Triples Lawn Bowls Tournament, in the Blue Mountains. The boys first match was a close one. Going into the last end the score was 8-8. After a close bowl from Brayden, Brody knocked up Brayden's bowl which gave them the shot to win the end. Final score 9-8.

The boys then went on to win their second game convincingly 14-5.

The boys also competed in a driving competition ( this is where you drive the bowl from one mat to the jack down the other end and try and hit the Jack). Brody placed third in this event and received a CHS Bronze Medal.

An excellent achievement from these boys who always display outstanding sportsmanship and enthusiasm in everything they do.

A special thank you to Mr Beveridge for transporting the boys to and from the event.





### MVHS U15 Girls Basketball

The team were undefeated at the South Coast Regional Finals at Goulburn.

Competing against an unknown Eurobodalla side, the girls had a convincing win. They then played Bulli High and won 25-75. As the girls won their pool, they were then in the finals.

Smiths Hill and Moss Vale played the final. Moss Vale remained composed, resulting in another win to secure first position.

All players contributed to the win and managed to put points on the board with Lillian and Ayessa top scoring. This puts the girls in the top 32 in the State, and they will continue to the next round.

Thank you to Mrs Rossi for coaching and organising the girls.



## Girls Open Softball top 16 in the state

Our Girls Open Softball team competed in day 1 of the top 16 in NSW in Newcastle.

Game one was a tough one - coming up against some strong competition, with one member of the opposing team being a member of the Australian team. The girls played with courage and improved with every innings, but unfortunately went down.

Game 2 was much different as the girls came out full of confidence.

There was great pitching from Charlotte Withers, Keira Hol, Neve Wallace and Gemma King and even a few great catches from Keira Hol and April Rowley who managed to pull off 2 double plays.

Emmerson Rochaix has also been strong, playing backstop. All other members of our team played extremely well in the field and batting.

Day 2 of competition in Newcastle

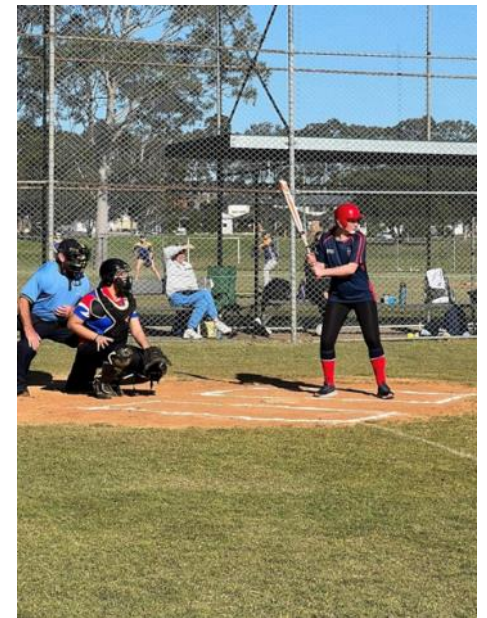
The girls played their final game against Port Hacking High School. Port Hacking were a stronger team, with many girls playing regularly in local and Sydney competitions.

Our girls, who have never played in a competitive softball game before, fought hard in the field, often diving to save runs. They were becoming more confident and stealing bases left right and centre which was great to see. Unfortunately they went down 12-4.

As a result of the girls' efforts at the CHS Softball tournament, Moss Vale placed 10th in the State.

Fantastic effort girls, we are very proud of you.

A massive thank you goes to Mrs Christine Hudd who has helped coach the girls and Ms Middleton for organising, transporting and coaching our girls team.







### State Athletics

Amazing results from the CHS State Athletics Carnival held at Homebush.

Pearl Stravoskoufis of Year 8 came equal 3rd ( 4th on a count back) in the girls U 13s High Jump jumping 1.45m. She also competed in the U15s Triple Jump placing in the top 8 and jumping a PB of 10.06.

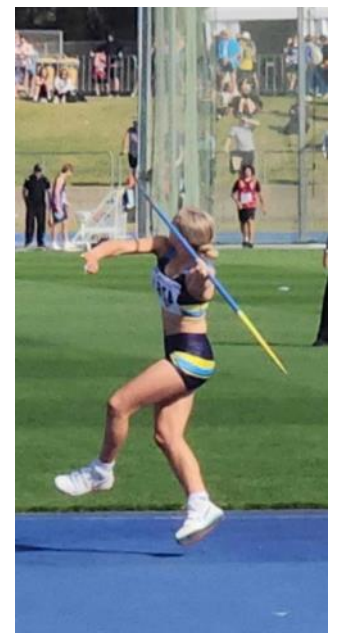
Emily Harlor of Year10 competed in the U 16s hurdles placing 14th and the Javelin where she placed 8th. A great result as Emily was called in a couple of days before the event.

Neve Wallace of Year 12 competed in the 17yrs + Javelin placing in the top 16.

Ruby Blake of Year 8  
Ruby has just placed 4th in U14 girls long jump with a new PB of 5.15m.

Charlotte Withers  
Charlotte also placed 9th in the Discus event.

Fantastic results from all our students.



**Week 9****Under 14s Boys Rugby League**

The U 14s Boys Rugby League team played an exhibition match against Illawarra Sports High School at Community Oval in Moss Vale.

In true Moss Vale High spirit, the team played with pride, tenacity and respect.

Standout performances from Ben Nelson ( 3 tries) Benny Taylor ( 1 try) Naite Buchan and Charlie Boese.

A huge thank you to the NRL Development staff and the Southern Highlands Storm for supporting our players and ensuring the day was run safely and professionally.

A big thank you also goes to Mr Keft for coaching the boys.



## Individual Sports....

There has been a number of students competing in individual events throughout term 3, either school based or outer school club events.

We would like to acknowledge the following students on their achievements this term.

**Justin Murray - Year 9**

U16's NSW All -Schools Hockey Championships!

Congratulations to Justin Murray (photographed right) who competed in the U 16's All Schools Hockey Championships in Adelaide.

NSW team made the final against QLD, unfortunately, going down 2-1.

From this tournament Justin has now been selected in U16's Australia All Schools Boys Merit Team. Justin was one of only four boys from the NSW team selected.

What a fantastic achievement.





### **Lucy Nash - Year 12**

Lucy Nash represented NSW Combined High Schools at hockey in Newcastle. The team played NSW Catholic schools beating them 10 nil. NSW CHS then played NSW Independent schools winning 16-0. NSW CHS were totally dominant in all facets of the game playing some sublime hockey and scoring some brilliant goals. For her outstanding hockey, Lucy was then selected in the NSW All Schools Hockey team for the second year in a row. Congratulations Lucy.

### **Jack Bowie - Year 8**

Congratulations to Jack Bowie of Year 8. Jack recently travelled to Melbourne to compete in the Australian Jiu-Jitsu Championships. Jack was competing in the 14-16s age group and under 65kg. Jack won his first 2 fights then lost the Grand Final by decision. Jack, received a Silver Medal and is now ranked 2nd in Australia. Another fantastic achievement.



### **David Meynin - Year 11**

Congratulations to Year 11 student David Meynin who has recently won a swag of gold medals and the title of best Under 18 Jiu Jitsu athlete in Australia in his divisions.

Pictured with his medals, the two medals with the yellow band are National Australian championship first place gold medals. One of these is for the +89.3kg, 16 to 17 year olds division in Gi. The other one is +86kg 16 to 17 age No Gi. The other two gold medals are ACTBJJ state championship first place medals in the same divisions. Well done David !

**Flag Bearers at the Women’s World Cup game France v Jamaica at Allianz Stadium.**

Huge congratulations to the 10 young members of Moss Vale Football Club and Moss Vale High School - who represented their club with pride as official flag bearers at the Women’s World Cup game France v Jamaica at Allianz Stadium. MVFC players were selected via Football Australia’s Game Changer Program. Great recognition for the club and a wonderful once in a lifetime opportunity to be involved in the amazing Women’s World Cup.



**Snow Boarding Championships**

Congratulations to Emily Harlor (Year 10), Riley Harlor (Year 9) and Benji Lee-Billinghurst (Year 9) who competed at the ACT and Regional NSW Interschools Snow Sports Championships in Perisher.

This is the first time in many years that our students have competed in this event. Emily, Riley and Benji were up against some fierce competitors from schools that regularly attend the snow fields, but held their own and placed well in the field.

A great experience for our students with hope of returning next year. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Harlor for attending and managing the students.



**Riley Harlor**

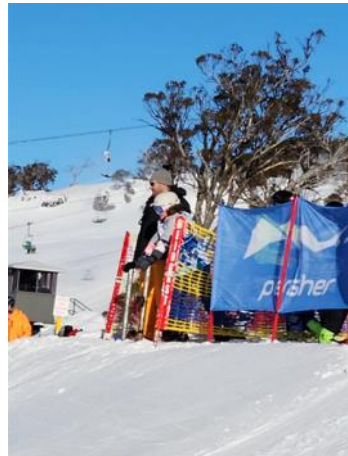


**Emily Harlor**



**Benji Lee - Billinghurst**





### ***SD League Selection—Moss Vale Basketball***

Congratulations to Year 9 student, Connor Marr, who has been selected to participate in the Basketball NSW D - League competition.



## **BASKETBALL NSW**

# **Magic**



### ***Aiden Bray - Referee Rugby League***

Aiden Bray Year 10 has been recently involved in refereeing Group 6 Ladies and Junior Rugby League Grand Finals. He referred Under 11s as a Bronze Ref. Girls U14s League Tag, Ladies League tag silver and gold where he was Touch Judge.

Well done Aiden!

As a another busy term comes to an end I would like to thank all our students for their hard work and commitment to our sporting program here at Moss Vale High.

I would also like to thank all the teachers who give up their time to coach, organise and transport student to their events.

*Debby Middleton  
Sports Organiser*



## Term 3

# Spotlight on HSIE

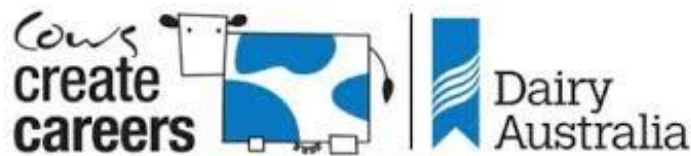
### Year 9 Australians at War Incursion

During Term 3, Year 9 students spent an afternoon with Shane from WWI Living History. Year 9 are currently studying Australians at War in History, and Shane's presentation provided students with the opportunity to handle some genuine artefacts, and gain insight into the experiences of those on the frontline. Shane was fantastic and our students were outstanding as always.





# Agriculture



Year 9 Agriculture students have just completed the Cows Create Careers project, which involves learning about the dairy industry, in a very hands-on way. The students formed teams to complete 5 industry-based assessments, along with caring for two three-week old calves.

We are very fortunate to have the Sherborne family support our participation in this project. The Sherborne's kindly lent us two of their Holstein dairy calves, that the students promptly named Felicity and Veronica, which then very quickly changed to Phill and Norman, after they were informed they were both male.

When the calves arrived, Jane Sherborne taught the students how to care for the calves and demonstrated skills such as animal husbandry, feeding and weighing. Jane and Grant, also spent time with the class, sharing information about their farming practices and the dairy industry in general.

Rearing the calves at school, also provided an opportunity for other agriculture classes to be involved with feeding and caring for the calves, during their lessons, over the 3 week period.

Special thanks goes to, Sam Gambrill, Phillip Havers, Sydney Woods, Grace Hayes, Eva Cece, Lily Van Bentum and Amber Young for assisting with feeding the calves on the weekends. Hailey Bradley, Ashleigh Burroughs, Lachlan Mc Neilage, Sam Gambrill and Riley Hong also deserve recognition for their assistance with the calves while they were here.

*Megan Reeves  
Agriculture and Science Teacher*



# YEAR 12 2023 FUN DAY





# YEAR 12 2023 GRADUATION



# Support Unit

## 'Support Unit Sydney Excursion'

On the 7 September 2023, almost all of the Support Unit (myself included) went on an excursion to Sydney. We had to be at school by 8:20am, so that we wouldn't get back to school too late, which didn't really prevent it from happening. When we got to school, we grouped up in room A7. Once everyone had arrived, we walked out of A block to get on a bus. The bus wasn't loud at first, but by the end of the day it was ear hurting.

The bus was good however, not only did we get to sit with whoever we wanted to, but we also got to watch movies. On the drive to Sydney, we watched Shrek (which I believe everyone enjoyed). We had a great bus driver, he had to deal with the noise from us, and tried all he could to get us back as early and safely as possible.

The time in Sydney was quite enjoyable, it was a nice warm day filled with fun, excitement, and learning. Everyone was acting better than at school, which makes me wonder why they aren't like that all the time. When we got to Sydney, we walked for a short while. Once we had got to where we needed to go, we sat and ate recess. After we finished our recess, we walked to the harbour, or at least I think that's where we went, not the best with directions.

We scanned our Opal cards (which were required to go on the trip) and went on a ferry. We rode on the ferry to every single stop, with everyone getting a turn to stand at the front. The ferry trip was very enjoyable, I only wish there were more stops so that we could ride it longer.

Once we left the ferry, we walked to the Sydney Opera House, where we had our lunch. We then got a group photo. We walked around the Opera House so we could fill our waiting time for the tour. While we were coming around, we saw a seal laying on a step, and you just know that everyone would do what humans always do, gather around the creature, staring and yelling at it, just waiting for something to happen. We stood there for a while, before leaving for the tour.

We put on headsets; I believe so that our guide would not have to yell. We watched a video on the Opera House's history, and learned how trigonometry was used to give the Opera House it's iconic shape. We saw a set for an upcoming play, which I swear is the lounge room of my Pop's house.

We spent a little time in the gardens, can't remember what it was called (*Botanic*). We were allowed to buy a snack or drink from the shop there. When we got on the bus, all was well and good, until traffic started to slow down because of an accident on the road. At that point everyone was starting to panic a little, but like the mature children we are, we watched movies for hours till we arrived at school. At a certain point, everyone's medication would've started to wear off, but everyone was behaving very well.

At the end of the day, it was a fun school outing, even if not all went according to plan.

*Brody Shepherd Year 9 MVHS Support Unit Student*





**'Support Unit Sydney Excursion'**



NSW Department of Education

# Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

