9 February 2012

Congratulations Brittany McCrea
Australia Day Young Person of the Year

Students Making a Difference

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The Year 12 students and House Leaders for their involvement and enthusiasm at the Swimming Carnival
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome to the 2012 school year and I hope that you took the opportunity to have great fun with your family over the Christmas break. Our students have returned beautifully attired in full uniform and ready to take on their studies with vigour.

I would firstly like to congratulate our 2011 Australia Day Young Person winner, Brittany McCrea. Moss Vale High submitted her award to Council based on the extraordinary number of hours Brittany has donated to others. Brittany’s volunteering in many areas reveal her as a selfless, kind and mature young woman who shows the best Gen Y has to offer. Brittany has now been invited to speak at the local International Women’s day breakfast on 8 March. Congratulations also to Will Christie who was also nominated, again for many selfless hours of community volunteering. These two worthy young people, like so many of our wonderful students, make us very proud to be teachers.

The Moss Vale Community of Schools, which was launched officially twelve months ago (although it has been an entity for some 20 years) applied for, submitted and gained a significant amount of funds to support us in the area of Middle School (Years 5-8). These funds, which we gained by proving our exemplary nature as a “COS”, will primarily go to improving teacher knowledge and understanding about what happens in primary and high schools. This will allow staff to make reciprocal visits and learn more deeply about the transition of students and the deep learning that occurs in the vital years 5-8. I will be publishing in later newsletters, small pieces of information about this learning throughout the year.

Last week Mr Matt Carlyon organised an exciting experience for our Year 8 and Special Education students. Whilst training in the Southern Highlands the first grade Wests Tigers visited the school to speak about goal setting, healthy eating habits and lifestyles. Thanks to Mr Carlyon, who is, for 2012, the relieving PDHPE head teacher.

We are also very pleased to announce that four of our very talented young Year 9 students entered a competition through the Cows Create Careers program and won the Australian prize for the advert they composed on Probiotec Palastart Milk Replacer. They created a catchy caption “Palastart - Builds Up Your Calves”, which accompanied a photo of well-muscled human calves. The Probiotec Nutrition Company will be using this advertisement in the Australian Dairy Farmer magazine. Thanks to Ms Finlayson who oversaw the project. Yet again this is reflective of not just the intelligence and creativity, but the tenacity of our students at Moss Vale High. Well done Mark Rolles, Mitchell Clarson, Jess Bramble-Cluff and Jason Delamont.

Moss Vale High now has a new look website for the school. If you visit the site (www.mossvale-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) you will see that it is far more comprehensive, with a great deal of easily accessible information and quality photos. We live in an increasingly electronic age and it is important for us to keep up with the changes in the e-world which we use everyday. On this website we will have the school calendar, and just as the newsletter is now emailed to parents, so the calendar will also move away from a paper copy. Consequently it is essential that your email address is correct at the school, and if it changes it is imperative that you let us know quickly. If you have suggestions for what you would like to see on the site please feel free to ring and let us know.

I hope that you and your children have a wonderful term.

Suzi Williams
Principal
Moss Vale High School is particularly proud of the 2011 Year 12 class. HSC results are about people, and we are thrilled with the number of proud and happy young adults who visited us in the last week of the year with their news. The ATAR results are sent from the University to the students’ home, not to the schools. Some of their achievements are as follows: **Samara Corthorn** could not visit school, but sent her amazing story from her hospital bed. Despite many medical challenges, and surgery immediately after her HSC exams, **Samara** was the proud recipient of four Band 5 results, and a Band 6 in Music, which means she is in the top group of the state in Music. **Samara** has entry into a Bachelor of Music at Newcastle University which she plans to follow with a Masters of Teaching. **Samara** said she “could not have done it without her teachers”.

Like many others from her year group, School Captain **Belinda Reed** found holiday work, and came from Harper Collins factory to share her future plans with her teachers. **Belinda** will use her excellent writing skills in a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Media at Wollongong University where she has unconditional early entry, following her great results in her Trial exams.

**Josh Walker** visited and said he is immensely happy with his results, especially the Band 6 in Music. He said this was a reflection of the enthusiasm of his whole class, and his teacher, Linda Johnston. Linda is a very proud teacher, with so many Band 5 and 6 students in this cohort. “Every so often you have a group that is very special”, said Linda.

**Kelly Zhong** is an outstanding example of success in our multicultural state schools. Kelly arrived in Australia at the age of 7 with no English, and this week learned that she had the highest ATAR result, as well as the highest HSC mark in Advanced English at her school. She is looking forward to University in Sydney next year, having been offered a UNSW Scholarship. Because **Kelly** had so much catching up to do when young, she became very self reliant and disciplined. With the help of teachers she feels she has come a long way. She will be studying a double degree - Bachelor of Commerce and Information Processes. **Kelly** was the well deserved recipient of the Dux award for the class of 2011.

**Michaela Wann** is “over the moon” with her results. Her ATAR allows her into a Bachelor of Education, PDHPE at Wollongong University. She and **Kelly** agree that it was hard work, having a good routine, exercise and determination that got them through.

**Jess Bromfield** also gained entry to Wollongong University for Bachelor of Education, PDHPE.

Other students who successfully gained University entrance were:  
**Alex Armida** - Commerce/Advertising,  
**Patrick Singer** - Exercise Science/Business Studies,  
**CSU**;  
**Jonathan Boughton** - Arts/International Studies,  
**Jess Evans** - Creative Writing,  
**Max Pointing** - Science,  
**Will Snelgrove** - Engineering (Mining),  
**Gretel Tutt** - Communication and Media Studies,  
**Stephanie McGrade** - Computer Science,  
**Dan Freere** - Music,  
**Josh Walker** - Music, AIM.

**Cliff Caines** proudly let us know that he is officially into the Police Force, a lifelong dream come true. Well done, **Cliff**.

Lots of happy faces, and some heroic stories. We have a year group to be very proud of in our 2011 Senior students.
Moss Vale High Newsletter

Moss Vale Soccer Club Junior Registration Days

Sunday 12th Feb - 11.30am -1pm
Thursday 16th Feb - 3.45pm - 6pm
Saturday 18th Feb - 11.30 - 1pm

AT MOSS VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL COLA

Each junior registered player 8-16yrs of will receive FREE summer membership to Moss Vale Golf Club

Enquiries: Michelle Giellissen on registration@mjsc.org.au or 0427 689 414

Moss Vale Hockey Club

If you are interested in playing hockey, it is a great way to get fit, have fun and make life long friendships. The Moss Vale Hockey Club puts the love of the game and fun above all else.

We are looking for new players of all ages whether you have never played before or are on old hand at it. We are hoping to put in teams for all age groups, Juniors and Seniors, and for the first time in many years a Men’s First Grade team.

We are holding registration days on 11 and 18 February at Leighton Gardens, Moss Vale between 10:30 and 12:00.

Please join us for a very enjoyable year of hockey, all players welcome.

Swimming Carnival 2012

Moss Vale Junior Rugby League Football Club Registration days

Wednesday 15th and 22nd
4pm 6pm
For all ages 6 to 16

Moss Vale Junior Rugby League Football Club

Swimming Carnival 2012

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**NEWS from the DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

Positive Behaviour for Success Program (PBS)
Moss Vale High School is embarking on an outstanding program, referred to as Positive Behaviour for Success, which is already operating in many schools in the Illawarra South East region. The PBS program is a whole school, systematic approach to managing student behaviour. The program will be focused on developing a behaviour support system for every student, embedding strong values and expectations throughout the school community, establishing proactive measures for managing student behaviour and enhancing student achievement.

The two day training for PBS will begin for staff in week 7 of this term. I would like to thank the following teachers for volunteering to be part of our PBS team: Mr Dave Sanders, Ms Josie Davidson, Ms Michelle Virtue, Mrs Janeen Pepping, Ms Helen Campbell, Mr Bill Zsigmond, Mr Robert Berman, Mrs Jenny Wells and Ms Lauren Cordingley. A parent information evening will be held later in the term to ensure all parents have a good understanding of the program and how it will benefit the entire school community.

‘Hands off’ rule
We have a very strict ‘hands off’ rule at Moss Vale High as this is the only way in which we can ensure the safety of all students as they move around school grounds and corridors. Behaviour that may be considered by a student to be a joke or ‘mucking around’ can lead to a serious injury being inflicted upon another person. I would greatly appreciate parental reinforcement of this very important rule and the expectation of safe behaviour at our school.

School Calendar
As Mrs Williams pointed out, we have a wonderful new school website where parents can now access a detailed school calendar with all important events: [www.mossvale-schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mossvale-schools.nsw.edu.au)

Positive behaviour
I would like to commend our students on the very settled and positive start we have had to the 2012 school year. Students are generally wearing the correct school uniform, displaying respectful behaviour and engaging well in the classrooms. I have been particularly impressed with the way in which our older students have gone out of their way to assist the Year 7 students with locating classrooms and other areas around their new school. I look forward to an outstanding year where all students are engaged in their learning and we all work towards a school community where we treat each person with respect and dignity.

Patricia Holmes
Deputy Principal

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**Robertson Hockey Club**

Thinking about what sport to play this winter?

How about Hockey!

Come exercise and have fun with friends.

Robertson Hockey Club have positions available in Under 13’s and Under 15’s playing mid week.

Cheap rego fees, Junior rego fees per player; $50!!

If anyone is interested in playing junior or senior hockey for Robertson please contact Tania Denney on 48852377 or 0414881013 or tdenney@bigpond.net.au

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St. Paul’s Parish Moss Vale - Sacraments in 2012

- Confirmation: Saturday, September 15 at 6pm
- First Reconciliation: Friday, 30 March at 7pm
- First Holy Communion: Sunday, 10 June

If you are member of St Paul’s Parish Moss Vale, we invite you to obtain an information form from the parish office 9am—1pm, Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays; 12—5pm Wednesdays, or download from our website [www.parish.woll.catholic.org.au/home/mvale](http://www.parish.woll.catholic.org.au/home/mvale).

For any other enquiries please phone 4868 1931.
Robertson Burrawang Soccer Club
2012 Registration Days

Thurs 9th Feb 4-6pm
Sun 12th Feb 4-6pm
Thurs 16th Feb 4-6pm
Sat 18th Feb 4-6pm

At Hampden Park, Robertson
(Near Skate Park)

Boys & Girls
Ladies & Men
All Welcome

Enquiries: Robert Handley
0419 243 520

COME TO A DAY OF PREMIER LEAGUE FOOTBALL

SOUTH COAST WOLVES
V
BLACKTOWN SPARTANS

SATURDAY, 24 MARCH
AT FERNDALE RESERVE, BUNDANOON

U13 AND U15 Kick off 9am
U16 at 10.30am
Youth grade at 2.30pm
First grade at 4.30pm

REGISTRATION DATES:
- Sat 11th Feb Mittagong Market Place 10am-1pm
- Thur 16th Feb Eriddle Park Netball Courts 4-5.30pm

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ATTENTION PARENTS - IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MOSS VALE HIGH P&C

On 21st February at 5pm there will be a special P&C meeting where the owner of “Daylight Sportswear” will be presenting to parents, executive and the SRC details of how we will be setting up a uniform shop on the school premises later this year.

At this meeting Michael will detail to us how the uniform shop will operate and the benefits to the school.

As part of this process the school will be embarking on a full uniform evaluation throughout semester one. Whilst this P&C meeting will NOT be the time to discuss changes to uniform, it will be an important meeting to attend if you are interested in being part of the process of renewal from the beginning. The meeting should only take about 1 hour.

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the meeting. Tea, coffee and bikkies will be provided!

Suzanne Williams
Principal Moss Vale High
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Work Opportunities for Women

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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR NEW EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES?
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR NEW DIRECTIONS?

WELL... HAVE WE GOT THE COURSE FOR YOU!

The Certificate 1 in Access to Work and Training for Women is a fee exempt course that will be delivered at TAFE NSW – Illawarra Institute, Moss Vale Campus in Semester 1, 2012.

Some of the exciting subjects to be studied will include Computing, Conflict Resolution, Negotiation, Personal Effectiveness, Interpersonal and Community Skills and Job Seeking Skills.

The course will run Thursdays and Fridays each week for Semester 1, 2012 commencing Thursday 9 February 2012 and will operate within school hours. An initial information session will be held at Moss Vale Campus on Wednesday 7 December 2011 4:00pm to 5:30pm in room E:1.22.

This course works on the principle that today is the first day of the rest of your life.

Don’t delay as places fill quickly!

For further information contact Fran Beck (Outreach Coordinator) 4823 1913 or Ann Chandler (Teacher) 4999 0133.
School Photo Day
Tuesday March 13, 2012

Once again it is time for Photo Day. These photos have become an important event in our school calendar. Individual photos of students are used for their Library Cards, which also can be used in some circumstances as an photo ID and proof of enrolment. For our Year 12 students these individual photos are used for their ID when sitting their Higher School Certificate exams. If for any reason Year 12 students are not present on the day, they will be required to supply a passport size photograph to the Front Office for this purpose.

PHOTO DAY TIPS:

Dress: Clean, tidy and as per school uniform guidelines. (see over)
Children are to wear summer uniform, clean black shoes, no jewellery, and no makeup. If your child has Sport this day, please bring sports uniform to change into after the photo, as per school guidelines.

Hair: Clean, neat and tidy.

Payment: Payment envelopes will be sent home approximately 2 weeks prior to the day. Please complete all details on the envelope and ensure the correct money or payment details are completed. The photographers deal with all money on the day, the school cannot give change or accept money for the photography company. Your child is to return the envelope on the day and hand it to the photographer.

In the past the school had a small number of school ties available, but unfortunately these were not returned therefore this part of our uniform is no longer available for special group photos. All students will be expected to be well presented and dressed in full school uniform on the day, otherwise students may not be able to be included in the photography sessions.

The photography company is Advancedlife photography from Brookvale. Their contact details are on the bottom of the payment envelope.

To enable you to work out your finances prior to receiving the photograph envelope below is listed the costs of packages.
There are 5 different Photograph package options:
Option A: The Ultimate Photobook Pack $40.
Option B: The Regular Photobook Pack $35.
Option C: The Basic Photobook Pack $31.
Option D: Photobook Only $29.
Option E: Group Presentation $25.
Upon receiving payment envelope please see enclosed flyer for further details relating to each package.
**Uniform Requirements**

ALL items should have the Moss Vale High logo

Moss vale High has two uniform providers:

- **Whytes Clothing**
- **NSW Uniforms**

**JUNIOR GIRLS**

- white school polo shirt or white school blouse with logo
- navy blue pleated skirt, navy blue shorts
- plain navy blue slacks (no trackpants)
- white socks with skirt & shorts

**JUNIOR BOYS**

- white school polo or dress shirt with logo
- grey plain school pants (not tracksuits)
- white socks with shorts

**COOL / WET WEATHER**

- plain navy blue jumper
- plain navy blue beanie, scarf
- school blazer
- plain navy blue zipper jacket (sports jacket)
- plain navy fleecy MVH jacket

Senior Year Jersey / Jumpers are not part of junior uniform.

**SENIOR GIRLS (Years 10, 11 & 12)**

- blue blouse
- Senior checked pleated or straight, short or long skirt or navy blue shorts
- plain navy blue slacks (no trackpants)
- white socks with skirt & shorts
- Year Jersey / Jumper

**SENIOR BOYS**

- white school shirt no polo styles
- grey plain school pants or shorts (ie not tracksuit)
- white socks with shorts
- Year Jersey / Jumper

**SPORTS UNIFORM**

A new sports uniform will be introduced in 2011. It will be mandatory for Year 7 and optional for Years 8-11 for 2011. The uniform can be purchased from NSW Uniforms. The uniform consists of:

- Navy blue tracksuit with red piping and logo
- Navy blue shorts
- Red/Navy blue shirt with logo.

Suitable Sports Shoes **must** be worn to avoid injury.

**SHOES**

For Occupational, Health and Safety reasons enclosed leather shoes **MUST** be worn at Moss Vale High. This includes solid leather top and tongue (this is requirement even on mufti days). The school colour for shoes is **black**.

**REQUIREMENTS**

1. **NO LOGOS ON ANY ITEM OF CLOTHING OTHER THAN** Moss Vale High School.
2. Red school tie is required for Formal occasions - Presentations, Debating, School Photographs etc.
3. Plain means **no** logos or stripes.
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TO: MOSS VALE HIGH

NOTE OF ABSENCE

Date: __________________ Address: ________________________________

Roll Class: ___________ Year: ___________

Please excuse the absence of my son/daughter: ________________________________
on (dates) ___________________________________________________________________

Total number of days absent: _______________

The reason for the absence/s (this reason must be specific, not just "he/she was sick"): __________________

________________________________________
Parent Name: ______________________________
Parent Signature: ___________________________ Date sent: ______________

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS / CONTACT DETAILS

NAME: ............................................................... Roll Class: ........ .... Year: ........
NEW ADDRESS: ................................................................. PO BOX .................

New Phone No's: Home:....................... Work (M):.................................
Mobile (M):.......................... Work (F):....................... Mobile (F):...................

DATE YOU CHANGED ADDRESS: ...........................................................................

PARENTS / GUARDIANS NAMES YOU ARE LIVING WITH:
........................................................................................................................................

Do you currently have a bus pass? .................................................................

NOTE: A new bus pass application must be completed when a student has: a change of address, a change of
name, change of school, change of details or comes under joint custody.