Respectful, Safe and Responsible Learners

5 April 2013

Outstanding Year 10 Research Projects

Above : Natasha Burns
Above : Daniel Rolles
Above : Allie Sims

See Deputy Principals Report page 3

Students Making A Difference

Jack Mackay Year 10 for being courteous and helpful
What a Night! – CAPA Concert

Last Tuesday night our school held its first CAPA concert for the term. There were 21 acts that performed on the night covering all types of music, art and drama. The standard of the performances of the students was simply amazing. It made me so proud not only as a Principal but also as a parent to see our wonderful children perform with such great enthusiasm and passion.

It is also important to acknowledge all the wonderful people who made the night possible. Congratulations especially go to the CAPA staff. I am already looking forward to another concert next term which no doubt will be as good as the first one. I would suggest that these concerts are MUST see events for every member of our school community.

Sporting Stars

Last week students at Moss Vale High School again achieved great success. In the past week, Zone rugby league trials were held in which a number of students from Moss Vale High School were successfully selected a position to compete at the next level. The students who will move on to the Regional representative team were James Marmont, Lachlan MacLean, Bryce White, Blake Jeffery, Dylan Russell and James Foyer. Last week our boys’ cricket team, so ably coached by Mr Peter Deitz, played Goulburn. The boys easily won, beating their rivals by fifty three runs. Fantastic success for the boys. Congratulations to the boys cricket team.

Attendance

For improvements in learning outcomes to occur, it is important that each and every student attends school every day. Our school staff last week undertook professional learning with the Home School Liaison Officer on attendance matters and processes used, to help students be at school each and every day.

So far this term, our school attendance is sitting at over 91% which is a fantastic figure. Our aim is to focus as a school community very firmly on attendance as the year progresses so that this very high attendance rate will continue to improve as the year goes on. Keeping our attendance rate at such a high level is the role of each member of the school community and includes all our students, staff and parents. Working together on attendance will result in improved learning outcomes for our students.

‘Positive Behaviour for Success’ Launch

I am looking forward to a special day at school next week when we hold a special assembly to launch our school’s participation in the Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS) initiative. Our school is very proud of our achievements with PBS and the development and reinforcement of our three expectations of safe, responsible and respectful learners. These three expectations apply to all members of our school community and are on display each and every day at school. I look forward to reporting early next term on the success of our assembly and the wonderful achievements we have made as a school with PBS.

Annual School Report

The Moss Vale High School Annual School Report is now available for viewing on the school’s website. I encourage you to log on to www.mossvale-h.schools.nsw.edu.au to view this important report. Please contact me at school should you have any questions regarding this report.

School Holidays

By the time this newsletter is being read, the term will be at an end. There is no doubt we have achieved a lot in term 1. Students and their parents are reminded that school for students, will commence on Wednesday 1 May 2013. There are two staff development days at the start of next term to support the implementation of the new national curriculum which is why students will return on Wednesday 1 May.

I wish everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

Peter Macbeth
Principal
Year 7 Korean
Ms Stephanie Lidgard is doing fantastic work with Year 7 in Language where she is teaching the students about Korean culture and language. I had the pleasure of listening to Zac Keith sing ‘Happy Birthday’ in Korean and Leah Drayton presented me with an outstanding 50th Birthday card for Moss Vale High’s anniversary year, combining English and Korean messages.

Zac Keith Year 7

Well done to Ms Lidgard and her Year 7 students.

Students making us proud
I am always impressed by the capacity of our students to demonstrate their talent, skills, compassion for others and enthusiasm. Firstly, I want to congratulate the CAPA staff and all of our students who performed at the school concert last week. The audience was presented with top class performances in Drama, Music, Dance and Vocal. We also had dozens of our students who volunteered to do Red Cross calling yesterday and raised substantial funds for this very worthy cause. Our students are exceptional in the area of volunteering and I would like to thank Mrs Jemima Finlayson and Mrs Bev McAndrew for their tireless efforts in organising the community volunteering projects for Moss Vale High School. I have also received excellent feedback from our Science teachers about the standard of the Year 10 students’ compulsory research project. Mrs Kemp was particularly impressed by the tasks presented by Mark Rolles, Allie Sims and Natasha Burns. Well done Year 10 and Science staff!

I would like to mention one student in particular who has made me very proud recently through her efforts in peer mediation. Cassie Brunton of Year 12 gave up hours of her personal time to assist me to conduct peer mediation with a group of Year 7 girls who were experiencing some low level conflict within their peer group. Cassie was able to mediate all issues effectively and bring about a positive resolution for all of the girls. Cassie is an exemplary young lady who is an outstanding role model for her younger peers.

Cassie Brunton Year 12

Positive Behaviour for Success Launch
We are officially launching the Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS) program on Thursday, April 11 with an assembly, BBQ, sporting games and a concert. The PBS initiative has made a significant difference to our school culture whereby we have seen a 30% reduction in the suspension rate since initiating the program at the start of 2012. Student uniform has improved dramatically, there has been a 40% reduction in discipline referrals for continued disobedience and 99% of all staff members stated that PBS has greatly contributed to an overall improvement in student behaviour. I would like to thank all members of the school community and the PBS team for supporting this initiative at Moss Vale High School.

Positive Behaviour for Success in our Year 12 students

Mrs Holmes
Deputy Principal
Our school is celebrating 50 Golden Years of Education at Moss Vale High School, at the same time Moss Vale town celebrates 150 years! We invite you to be part of our festivities:

- **Friday, 25 October 2013** Open Day at Moss Vale High School. Historic displays, & tours of the school with present students. Catering will be available.

- **Saturday, 26 October 2013** Open Day continues. Saturday evening: Moss Vale Services Club hosts Reunion Dinner. Tickets on sale May 1. Bookings essential. Contact the school.

- **Sunday, 27 October 2013** Morning Church service in the school Hall & Football game including ex students, and present students on the school Oval. Notable NRL players who were ex students are kindly revisiting their old school.

- Music concert—Moss Vale High School musicians perform with Sydney Male Choir @ Moss Vale Services Club 1-4pm.
  
  (More details closer to the dates)

All members of our school community, past and present, are welcome to join us at any of these events. Further details available from the school contacts listed, & our website mossvale-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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**Employers Wanted – Support Local Students**

In 2013, around 400 local HSC Students will require one-week workplacements in the following industries:

- Automotive
- Business Services
- Construction
- Information Technology
- Hospitality
- Primary Industries

Workplacement is an unpaid practical skills training experience, and is an integral part of the vocational courses in these industries.

Are you an employer, or do you know an employer that may be able to host students for workplacements in these industries? If so, contact Workplace Learning Southern Highlands on 02 4862 5683 or email kristi@swl.org.au to find out more.

Be a part of the bigger picture and join The Bright Future Campaign!
**South Coast Representation**

Congratulations to Sam Donovan in gaining selection to represent the South Coast in Tennis earlier in the year and to Jack Donovan and Rowenn Turvey who gained selection in Hockey to represent the South Coast 21-23 May 2013. Congratulations and good luck!

**Poetry In Action**

‘Poetry in Action’ visited our school on Thursday, 28 of March. There were two shows: ‘Poetry at Play’ for years 7 & 8, and ‘Home Grown Poems’ for years 9 & 10. ‘Poetry in Action’ provided students with the rare opportunity to see poetry brought to life in exciting ways through performance.

Years 7-10 were given the opportunity to see a team of young, dynamic actors perform unique shows designed to connect with and inspire high school students.

Poems were performed as comic scenes, dramatic monologues, character studies, classical recitations and contemporary interpretations, making poetry accessible and easier to study. We hope to see the inspiration from these talented performers reflected in student poetry writing in the coming terms. Watch out for examples of our student poetry writing in this year’s Waratah Magazine!

Mr Anthony Parro
English Head Teacher

**CHS State Championship**

Chloe Middleton of Moss Vale High school is attending a 3 day soccer trail called CHS state championship. She will be going from the 7th to the 9th of May, at Albury. If Chloe performs well she will be elected for the NSW CHS girls. From all of us at Moss Vale High school we say ‘good luck’ Chloe.

**Uniform Shop**

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8.30am–11.30am

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***Advertenties***
Kicking off our 50th Birthday celebrations - March

School Events

Cross Country - April 3
**Show Report**

This year the Year 12 Primary Industries students had their work cut out for them getting cattle and themselves trained for the local shows.

Our cattle program was delayed from last year until March this year, due to the unfortunate stock loss we incurred throughout 2012. As soon as security was reinforced we got the cattle in but this meant a setback of 10 weeks. So it was all hands on deck to prepare cattle and students for the shows.

Yet again hours were spent learning the technique of breaking the cattle in to halter and leading them. However, sometimes the cattle and student combinations are difficult given they are both learning so we called on Warren Miller, the owner of the cattle, to assist us in learning some new techniques. His experience and expertise with handling cattle is, as the students say “awesome”. Warren is a true gentleman and expert in his field.

Our first show was Robertson, on a cold and unfortunately very wet day. These conditions tested the students and cattle all the way. The students’ dedication was exemplary especially given that our Michelle Anderson, Cassie Brunton, Aaron Fahey and Sam Donovan spent the night at the show caring for the cattle.

Next it was Moss Vale Show, which was to our delight sunny and warm. The students gave it their very best against a great deal of superb competition. The skills they have gained in working as a team, learning to halter- break the cattle, feed them (including at weekends), clip, wash and prepare the animals for the show have been invaluable in developing their employability skills all round.

The team included Michelle Anderson, Cassie Brunton, Sam Donovan, Aaron Fahey, Andrew Holm, Tom Lewis, Alison Mackay and Sam Pointing. All these students are to be congratulated on their superb attitude and hard work throughout the program.

Both Alison Mackay and Sam Donovan worked extremely hard with their Poll Hereford heifer, with the aid of Andrew Holm. Cassie Brunton showed exceptional patience and dedication working with her somewhat complicated but beautiful heifer, assisted by Tom Lewis and Sam Pointing. Michelle Anderson and Aaron Fahey worked with their big Charolais heifer and both managed to lead her well. They were assisted by Michael Heyhorn.

A program like this is very time consuming but well worth the effort. Special thanks again to Warren Miller for his donation of not only the cattle but also his time and expertise. Ex-student and Primary Industries student of the region in 2012, Kristen Williams was also invaluable in helping us prepare the cattle in such a short time frame. Finally, special thanks goes to Brooke Roberts who again assisted us in the whole process, giving up again his weekends to show the cattle.

This was a very tiring, time consuming, but most importantly fantastic opportunity for the students of Moss Vale High. Well done to all the team. Let’s hope the next group manages themselves just as well!

From a very proud teacher
*Miss S McNeill*
The last week of 2012 once again marked the dispersal of students and teachers from Moss Vale High School. Students travelled all over Australia for Activity Week. This included zipping on roller coasters up at the Gold Coast to the north, to students on a mad shopping spree in Melbourne to our south. It was once again, a most successful way to finish the year. I would like to thank all teachers who volunteered their time to firstly organise their activity and subsequently run them. In addition, I would also like to compliment all students for their exemplary conduct during the three days.

Among many positives that Activity Week offers, one of the most valuable facets is for students to get to know their teachers outside of the classroom and experience things that they might not ordinarily do or see. This has certainly been reflected in each Activity Week report which has been published in the school newsletters this term. They have given a valuable insight into what happens during the week, one which is very unique in NSW schools. Remember, Activity Week only occurs in a minority of schools in the State.

The timeline for the organisation of Activity Week will see the Activity Week assembly occur in the early weeks of term two. Please note this year, if a student wants to select an activity which is $200 or greater in value, all school fees must be paid before the selection day (late term 2).

We have an exciting line up for 2013 including some fresh, exciting locations and activities.

Activity Week Timeline and important information for Parents and students
For 2013, Activity Week takes place during the 16th, 17th and 18th December. The 19th and 20th are staff development days meaning classes will not run on these two days. Activity Week always occurs in the last week of the term. It sees students participating in a wide range of activities from overnight camps to day to day activities, from expensive in nature to minimal cost. Activity Week is compulsory for all years excluding year 12 who have finished their High School careers. If students choose not to participate in Activity Week, school supervision and alternate program will be provided.

To assist parents in covering the cost of these activities we begin the organisation at the start of Term 2. Students will attend an assembly and be given a brief overview of each activity. In addition, students will receive a booklet outlining all the options with costs. It is most important that students and parents consider the options carefully, as there is a one third non-refundable deposit to be paid in late Term 2. This deposit is like any paid to a travel agent, it is used to pay deposits to companies supplying accommodation, transport or services. Once teachers start paying for their activities in full, other money which is paid by a student also becomes non-refundable.

While the full cost of the activity may be paid immediately, we also have an instalment program so families may pay off the activities of their choice. This year, there are 4 instalments throughout the year, with the final payment due at the end of Term 3. The instalment dates are listed on the front cover of the information booklet, which will be given to students early in term 2.

As we are trying to place all students it is important to realise there are some very popular activities that fill quickly and, without prompt payment of the deposit, students may not secure their first choice. In every year, some activities are filled within 15 minutes of the opening time. It is, therefore, really important for students to list 3 choices in order of preference. If a student misses out on their first preference they are placed in their 2nd, but also placed on a waiting list for their first preference.

It is also important for parents/carers and students to understand that while every effort is made to accommodate student’s wishes, it is not possible for students to change their preferences after the deposit has been paid.
Moss Vale High School is quite unique in offering such an extensive Activity Week program. In the past, surveys have indicated that Activity Week is highly valued by parents, students and teachers, providing students and staff with unique experiences. This program only operates with the good will of the staff of Moss Vale High School, who are prepared to organise and, in the case of overnight activities, give up their own time to enable this program to be offered to students. **Students who can not fulfil their responsibilities at school may be excluded from Activity Week as a large amount of trust is given to students attending overnight activities.** We hope you see the value of this program by supporting it in 2013.

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

Mr Nash  
*Activity Week Co-Ordinator*

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**Teen Ranch**

Every year Moss Vale High School has an Activity Week where students can participate in a range of activities. This was my first activity week and I went to Teen Ranch.

At Teen Ranch we participated in canoeing, giant swing, high ropes and horse riding. We also went shopping at Macarthur Square. In our spare time we either swam in the pool or played sports on the beautiful green grounds. Our meals were great with snacks in between as well.

An exciting part of our stay was when the teachers went on the giant swing. These teachers were Ms O’Brien, Mrs Holmes, Ms Johnston and our school chaplain, Mrs Jensen. They were very brave!

I had a fabulous time at Teen Ranch and would strongly recommend to all students to try Teen Ranch for their activity.

*Luke Webb  Year 7*
Activity Week Reports 2012 - Surfing

Surfing 2012 was again a great trip. This year, we moved our surfing lessons to “The Farm” in Shellharbour in search of the ultimate wave! This was a great move with perfect waves and we have changed our itinerary for 2013 to surf at The Farm every day.

Apart from the surfing, Moss Vale High School students managed to consume 22 pizzas and 35 ice creams at our annual dinner night at Kiama Park. The jumping pillow at the cabins proved to be popular again as did the pool on the really hot days. To finish off the trip, we went Ten Pin bowling at Albion Park. Mr Carlyon again beat Mr Baguley and Mrs Rossi in the teacher’s ten pin competition!

The best thing about surfing is the students who come and try something new and have a great time. It seems that some students love it so much they come to surfing every year. (A number of Year 10 students have come every year since Year 7). So, if you want to learn/improve/master your surfing skills and participate in many activities, whilst consuming large amounts of food, Surfing 2013 is the trip for you!
Surfing at Gerroa 2012

My surfing experience in Gerroa was a fantastic one filled with fun new activities that I had never tried. It was a 3 day ordeal and served as a relaxing, but exciting time. The weather held up well with the sun shining throughout, but the water was frosty cold. However, that was nothing our wetsuits couldn't handle. It was an awesome bonding opportunity and I think I got to know everyone a little better. Many of us were successful when it came to surfing and even Mr Carlyon was showing us up with his moves. The surf instructors gave us lots of help and were happily teasing me about when I fall off; mind you no one came to my rescue. The accommodation was pretty good and the outdoor activities that were there kept us entertained for hours. I had an amazing time overall and would definitely go back this year for another great adventure.

Gabby Middleton

2013 DER-NSW Parent Survey

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We seek your views on the NSW one-to-one laptop program. A formal evaluation of the program is being undertaken by the New South Wales Department of Education and Training in collaboration with the University of Wollongong. It is an effort to determine how the DER-NSW program may impact on learning and teaching education across the state. The evaluation has taken place over 4 years. Please go to the link below and complete the 2013 survey. It won’t take you too long.


To access the link please enter it into the long address bar at the top of the page of your internet browser (not into a search engine such as Google) and press enter or go – this will take you to the survey.

Individuals cannot be identified in the data.


Thank you.

On activity week, we went surfing. It was a great time. Firstly the surf lessons were funny and it was easy to learn. The instructors were friendly and great teachers. We surfed at “The Farm” and it was great weather and surf. Hanging around the cabins was easy and relaxing especially after a full year of school. The best night was taco night, where we had Rollsey’s world famous tacos. We did lots of activities including pizzas and ice cream in the park at Kiama. Before we went home we went bowling. Activity Week Surfing is perfect for people who want to relax, have fun and have a great time in the water and for people want to learn how to surf.

Mark Rolles & Jason Delamont
Activity Week Reports 2012 - Port Stephens Activity

We ventured up there to the unforgettable location of beautiful Port Stephens in Miss Davidsons “Party Bus” as we called it, stopping in at the Shark and Ray Recreation centre. It was here where many faced their fears, taking the leap and sliding into pools filled with sharks and an assortment of harmless stingrays. We left the centre and headed to our accommodation bringing the smell of the Ray centre with us, as a strange sort of memory.

The resort, also known as the “Retreat” provided us with access to the sand dunes which accompanied the pristine Stockton Beach, the pool within meters of the cabins provided us with a place to relax and cool down, when the sun reached its peak.

Some of the great activities included: Dolphin watching, from the decks of a comfortable cruise boat, or from the icy cold boom net which dragged alongside the boat, putting you right in with the dolphins. Also the waterslide which hurled you onto the depths of the ocean!

Sand boarding was more like an excruciating workout for the legs. We climbed up steep sand dunes in order to hurl down on thin boards at high speeds, often coating ourselves in a layer of sand when we reached the bottom.

The best part of all was taking part in an activity week where you had teachers who were laid back, caring and easy to get along with and who all gave up their own time to take you away and provide you with a memorable week.

By Ryan Clarson and Dylan Harkin
GO FOR GOLD

An early, excitement filled Saturday flight for teachers and students alike kicked off Go for Gold 2012, the annual Gold Coast Adventure/Theme Park/Shopping activity.

Day one was filled with an introduction at Tallebudgera Recreation centre where we got to know our surroundings, accommodation and chefs (who we made best friends with on our stay, for obvious reasons). We departed Tallebudgera and continued on our day which was filled with plenty of shopping for students and allowed us to kick back and relax in many of the cafes and movie cinemas around Pacific Fair and also for some catch up Christmas shopping to occur. Upon return to Tallebudgera, we had a pool party and hit the hay ready for the next day of tubes and tunnels at Wet'n Wild Water World.

Wet n Wild is only one of the many theme parks we visit on “Go for Gold.” We visit Movie World and Dreamworld, which were Mr Barros’ and Mr Vandenbergh’s personal favourites The Superman roller coaster and The Buzzsaw can be found here. It is safe to say that these weren’t everybody's cup of tea but boy do they go fast!!!

Plenty of Shopping, Water Slides, Roller coasters and different food enables students to step out of their comfort zone a little and experience some amazing Gold Coast scenery, all during a fully catered, busy 4 days.

I decided to go to the Gold Coast and I had an awesome time, the food and accommodation was great, but what topped off the whole trip for me was the theme parks. Three days of just theme parks with some of the biggest and scariest rides in the country.

By far the best Activity Week I’ve ever done.

Aaron Fahey

I chose to go to the Gold Coast for the 2012 end-of-year Activity Week. We stayed at an awesome rec centre which had a pool, basketball court and gym topped off with a beach out the back.

The weather was so hot that I got burnt of the plane.

The highlight of the trip was the loop-tube thing at Wet and Wild and getting our clothes off on the Superman escape.

Jack Donovan
Activity Week Reports 2012

Girls Week - Melbourne

We had a fantastic time exploring the city’s cultural sites, shopping and restaurant districts, cinemas and beaches.

Amazing graffiti art

Catching trams is fun

A pleasant walk to the Queen Victoria

Yummy spots to eat

St Kilda Beach

Melbourne Gaol

Lots to see at Federation Square

Bridge Road

Bourke St Mall

Chapel Street
SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE TO DRIVERS

In the interest of CHILD SAFETY there is NO EXCUSE for disobeying traffic control signs and Road Rules in the vicinity of a school. Please read and understand the following traffic controls around your school.

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Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a NO STOPPING sign applies.

*(Penalty: $298 plus 2 demerit points each time you stop)*

**NO PARKING**
You are permitted to stop in a NO PARKING zone only while you are engaged in dropping off or picking up passengers. You must not for more than 2 minutes. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

*(Penalty: $165 plus 2 demerit points)*

**BUS ZONE**
You are not permitted to stop in a BUS ZONE unless you are driving a bus.

*(Penalty: $298 plus 2 demerit points)*

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A driver who stops in a parking area for disabled without current disability permit displayed with be fined. *(Penalty: $495)*

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