MOSS VALE STREET PARADE

For the second year in a row, the Wingecarribee Shire Council has organized a parade down the main street of Moss Vale. Held the weekend of the Moss Vale Show, it is an opportunity for clubs, organisations and schools to be part of an event that celebrates the Moss Vale community. After their success in the 2013 parade, our school Stage band was invited to be part of this event and rocked it out! Performing ACDC and Guns 'n' Roses for an appreciative crowd was an excellent experience for our students and great exposure for our school. The Band even gave a mini concert in the council carpark after the March. Thank you to our band, Mr Bilbija, Mr Paviour and Mr Sims for supporting Moss Vale High School and the wider community. We love your work!
Principal’s Report

Nanga Mai Award – School Community Partnerships
Our school last week was notified of some wonderful news – our school has won a state award in Aboriginal Education called a Naga Mai Award. These awards are state level awards handed out by the NSW Department of Education and recognise excellence in Aboriginal Education.

Our school won the award for the work that we have done for school community partnerships and the work that we have done with the Positive Behaviour for Success Initiatives and Aboriginal Pedagogies. This is a massive achievement for our school and one that we will certainly be celebrating over the course of the next few weeks.

I want to thank all the students, teachers Yianni Vasilakis, Josie Davidson, school staff and especially all the fantastic members of our local Aboriginal community for their commitment, effort and contributions towards this wonderful success. Look forward to the celebrations and the acknowledgment of this amazing success! Congratulations to all involved!

Student Success
Last week was a great week for success for many of our students, who again excelled in so many pursuits.

Last Thursday we held a very special assembly, a rewards assembly where we got to recognise many students for the commitment and effort made over the course of the term to our three core expectations of being safe, respectful and responsible learners. At the assembly I had the pleasure of acknowledging some 150 students who had achieved at various levels of our rewards system. It was a very special assembly.

Not only was it fantastic to recognise the students but it was also wonderful to see so many parents come along and share in the celebrations of student success. It is that community spirit that makes this school so very special. It was also a great opportunity to share the success of our school staff and acknowledge them for their amazing contributions.

Another very important event that is also worth mentioning is the amazing effort that our students made as part of the Red Cross Calling initiative. A number of our students and staff participated in this community event where our students collected money from people all over Moss Vale in order to support the incredibly important and special work of Red Cross. I want to congratulate all the students and staff involved – thank you for taking the time to help someone else.

Partnerships with Schools
Just this week our school played host to a number of staff from Ryde Secondary College, North Sydney Boys High School and Marsden High School in Sydney who came along to look at the outstanding work that we are doing in the school with ALARM – a learning and responding matrix - that we use in many of our classes, especially our senior classes. This visit showcased the work that staff do at this school which is considered to be of the highest quality!

I want to especially acknowledge James McGill for his organisation of the day for our visitors and sharing his expertise. I also wish to thank Yianni Vasilakis, Julian Paviour and Matt Carlyon for their efforts. We sure do have quality staff at this school! A number of our staff will pay a return visit to these schools in the first part of next term where we will look at Gifted and Talented Education and initiatives we may consider implementing here at our school.

P & C Update
Last week our school P & C held its AGM and I want to congratulate all those parents who stood and were duly elected to various positions in our P & C. I want to congratulate Deirdre Mackay (President), Tracey Webb (Vice President), Annemarie Makepeace (Secretary), Debbie Reed (Treasurer) and Roz Sparks (Canteen Committee) for your commitment to our students and our school.

The P & C is an incredibly important aspect of our school and we look forward to their continual support during the year towards a important initiatives and programs in the school.

I would again like to encourage as many parents as possible to consider getting involved in the P & C. I want you to be an active part of your child and their education whilst they are at Moss Vale High School.

Peter Macbeth
Principal
Deputy Principal’s Report

Positive Behaviour for Success
I would like to remind all parents that we are holding an information evening on Thursday, April 3rd, in our school library at 6pm. The evening will allow you to learn more about our Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS) program and our Merit System which also includes Vivo, the online rewards initiative. Our aim is to inform parents on the background to the PBS program, how it works at Moss Vale High School and the impact that PBS has made on our school culture in the past two years. The information evening will be an ideal opportunity to meet with our PBS team and ask any questions you have about the program and our Merit-Reward System.

Please sign the tear off slip at the bottom of the letter, which has been sent home with students, and have your child return it to me by Wednesday, April 2, if you will be attending. This will give us some indication of numbers for the night.

Merit Assembly
I was thrilled to see so many parents attending our school assembly last week where we awarded over 150 students who had achieved at different levels in our Merit System. This assembly was testament to the fact that our PBS program and Merit Reward System is working extremely well.

Congratulations to the following students who received our most prestigious awards of Bronze, Silver and Gold:

Bronze Award recipients:
Kyle Lane (Year 8), Matilda Langford (Year 8), Lauren Hartman (Year 10), Renee Sharman (Year 9), Steven Middleton (Year 11), Nadia Shaw (Year 11), Jack Moore (Year 8), Kyra Casburn (Year 9) and Stuart Brunton (Year 8).

Silver Award recipients:
Rebecca Coulter (Year 9), Samantha Goodacre (Year 9), Charlotte Fitzgerald (Year 10)

Gold Award recipients:
Briana Handley (Year 10), Samantha Goodacre (Year 9), Rebecca Heyhorn (Year 8), Ashley Thatcher (Year 10) and Olivia Yearsley (Year 9).

The assembly also included a short film on ‘Safe Behaviour’ that was created by Mr Cisneros and Mr Vandenbergh in order to reinforce our strong message regarding the ‘hands-off’ rule. I would like to thank Mr Vandenbergh and Mr Cisneros for putting in extra time to create this thought-provoking film.

Respectful and Positive Relationships
Our Positive Behaviour for Success program is all about creating a positive school culture where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. This does not mean that there won’t still be consequences for students who fail to meet the expectations of ‘safe, respectful and responsible behaviour’. Consequences for our actions are all part of life and the learning process, and should be seen as part of the many strategies we employ to support our students in finding their own level of success.

I am proud to be part of Moss Vale High School where, I believe, we have a highly committed, dedicated and compassionate staff who always go well beyond the ‘call of duty’ to support our students. Parents will not always agree with everything we do at Moss Vale High but you can be assured that all of our actions are motivated by our interests in your child’s wellbeing in all areas of life. I am also proud of the fact that our staff generally enjoy positive and respectful relationships with the vast majority of our parents.

While we welcome open and honest communication with parents, and we are always happy to discuss any concerns or complaints. I respectfully request that all parents approach staff in a manner that demonstrates the dignity and respect that all human beings deserve.

Patricia Holmes
Deputy Principal
Moss Vale High School Merit System

VIVO

60 Vivos

Red Award

You get an extra 10 Vivos for telling the Deputy that you have reached a Red Award which takes you to 70 Vivos

160 Vivos

Green Award

You get an extra 10 Vivos for telling the Deputy that you have reached a Green Award which takes you to 170 Vivos

320 Vivos

Bronze Award

You get an extra 10 Vivos for telling the Deputy that you have reached your Bronze Award which takes you to 330 Vivos

480 Vivos

Silver Award

You get an extra 10 Vivos for telling the Deputy that you have reached Silver Award which takes you to 490 Vivos

640 Vivos

Gold Award

You get an extra 10 Vivos for telling the Deputy that you have reached Gold Award which takes you to 650 Vivos

950 Vivos

Platinum Award

You get an extra 10 Vivos for telling the Deputy that you have reached Platinum Award which takes you to 960 Vivos
Reports on 2013's Activity Week

Snowy Mountains Trout Fishing

For Activity Week, I participated in Snowy Mountains Trout Fishing. The weather was perfect and the water wasn’t too cold to swim in. There was only one fish caught for the four days and luckily enough, I caught it. Unfortunately it was undersize and saw another day, as I released it into the shadows.

One afternoon, we went a couple of minutes down the track and across the river to try to catch a few more. Another morning we went 40 minutes to Geehi Dam to go fishing. There were not too many places to fish from there but most managed. In that afternoon we went swimming in a set of rapids called ‘the Spa’. Its current was strong and warm but all the still water was freezing.

We continued downstream and stopped at a set of rapids called ‘the Bridge’. They were near the bridge that we drove over to get there. Overall it was great - the weather, the water and the people were lovely, and catching the only fish was a bonus. I loved it!

*By Sean Young, Year 9*
Wet ‘n’ Wild

Wet and wild activity was so much fun. Canoeing on Monday on the Kangaroo River was fantastic. We were in pairs and made our way back up the river through a number of rapids. At lunch time, we found some ochre rocks and got to paint our faces with it. We canoed back down the rapids, had a swim, and then returned home.

Tuesday we hung out at hangdog. We had heaps of fun extending our rock climbing skills and trying new things. After rock climbing, we had lunch and a bit of shopping at Shellharbour. We all enjoyed an ice-cream before coming home.

Jamberoo Recreation Park was on Wednesday. It was really exciting to go on the Funnel Web. The other rides included Rapid River, the Taipan and the wave pool. Lots of running around and fun had by all of us there.

By Eleanor Handley, Year 8, and Mrs Sims
From the haunted ghost town of Port Arthur, to streets of shop after shop after shop in Melbourne, activity week to Tasmania had a little something for everyone!

After waking up at 4 am to get to the airport my sister and I both thought we would be dead as soon as we got on the plane, but that first day was the beginning of an amazing adventure.

The first highlight of the trip was visiting Australia’s most famous ghost town Port Arthur. There were tears at the dinner table and the calming stop at a nice beach before the night ghost tour. Yes, I will admit, all the before tears came from me, but if it wasn’t for Max O’Dowd jumping out from a bush, I would have been fine after the first tears at the dinner table! I remember freaking out whilst eating dinner and bursting out in tears saying “I’m going to die, Can they hurt you?, I don’t want to go anymore! Let’s just go back to the cabins and sleep!”, however, we were still going. At the end of the night, all of those tears were for nothing! The ghost tour was amazing! The old buildings were magnificent to see, the stories were fascinating, and the tour guide was fun! Awesome first day? I think so!

The next highlight was a terrific night Ice Skating together. There were some people elegantly flying through the rink like Mr Deitz and others, not so much. People came out with bumps and bruises, cuts and stitches, but talking about how much fun they had! Even if people weren’t skating, we were up having a fun time, maybe some dancing, or even sneaky snowball fights with Mr Deitz and Deitzy Jr.

The thing that attracts so many people to this wonderful activity week is just a three word phrase that hooks everyone…..CADBURY CHOCOLATE FACTORY!!!! This was THE highlight of the week for most people, and we all really enjoyed this one! People came out with bags and bags of chocolate, not knowing where to put it on the bus. We went crazy! There was everything, from a ten pack of marvellous creations blocks to a massive 10 kg block of chocolate, AND it was so cheap too!!!! Together everyone bought $800 worth of chocolate or something ridiculous like that! Mr Deitz and his son would be proud to say that they spent the most out of all of us!

One last highlight of the many that were experienced was the awesome, overnight boat trip to Melbourne, on the Spirit of Tasmania. This night was pure chillaxing and fun for 12 hours. People got to hang out in the games room, talk in their rooms, watch television in the lounge or admire the amazing view of the sky from the deck. It was an early wake up the next morning but that didn’t ruin the chilled vibe of it all!

Everyone had a blast! The teachers were amazing so a big thanks to Mrs Finn, Mrs Pepping and Mr Deitz .

This activity week bought people from different year groups together, made everyone happy and helped me realize that I am going to be a tour commentator when I grow up!

By Charlotte Fitzgerald, Year 10.
Year 10 Work Experience

A big thank you to the many students in Year 10 who have returned their Work Experience permission notes, and have arranged contact details for potential Work Experience supervisors.

A reminder: Work Experience is taking place Tuesday, 10 to Friday 13 June 2014. If you have not yet arranged your Work Experience, please do so soon, or come and talk to Mrs Miller in the Careers office as soon as possible.

Many thanks to the Year 11 parents and students who attended the Board of Studies information session on Tuesday, 25 March.

The evening provided excellent information and the opportunity to learn about the Higher School Certificate.

Mrs Pepping
Year Adviser

English Experiences

Through My Window
Year 7 have been exploring how people see their world as part of the introductory unit of work in English. In supporting the reading of Anh Do’s The Happiest Refugee, and in preparation for their first assessment task, 7G have sketched different aspect of Ahn’s world. This has encouraged students to visualise another person’s perspective and identify how language has been used to share those perceptions. Soon, Year 7 will be writing a descriptive piece of at least 100 words during class to demonstrate their use of language in sharing their unique vision of the world. I look forward to reading many fine examples and creating another beautiful display of student work.

Hamlet: Out of Joint
By now, students in Years 10, 11 and 12 English should have received a new permission note and information about the changes for this incursion. It is expected that all senior English students will attend. Due to the reduced audience size, there is an increase in the cost from $12 to $16. Students who have already paid will only need to pay the difference and complete a new permission note. Drama students are also encouraged to see how professional actors perform. Please ask your English teacher or see me if you have not yet received a permission note.

The new date of May 14 conflicts with NAPLAN testing and means that Year 9 will now be travelling to Sydney in August to view a performance of Macbeth.

HSC Half Yearly Exams
All Year 12 English students have, by now, received their exam papers and results. This has been a valuable learning experience for students who have reflected on their preparation and marks. There were many high quality responses which show a continuing strong commitment by several students in both Advanced and Standard courses. Students are encouraged to take advantage of marking feedback to redraft their responses and discuss areas of improvement with class teachers. Remember, a little study often is always better than a big effort at the last minute.

May reading inform your world

Ms KJ Burke
Head Teacher English
It has now become tradition at Moss Vale High to stage a CAPA Concert every term. Held in the Hall, it showcases the amazing talents of our Music, Dance, Drama and Art students. The concert not only features our hardworking performing ensembles, but also a selection of individual creative and performing arts students.

Student artwork is chosen to be displayed at the concert and art students are also involved in the design of concert flyers, tickets and programs.

Our next concert will be held on Wednesday, April 9, from 6.30-8.30pm. Doors open at 6.00pm and tickets can be purchased at the door.

Ticket prices are: Students $3, Adults $5, Families $15 with all proceeds going to the CAPA department. We look forward to seeing you at our Term 1 Concert; we know the students of Moss Vale High School will impress you!

Mrs Johnston
Safety in the Lab

Safety is important
An accident with glass must be cleaned up
Follow instructions carefully
Experiments are dangerous, use correct safety means
The chemicals are not drinkable
Our safety is important so look after yourself

Inside voices and behaviour
No experiments are to be done without supervision
Time is in no hurry, take your time
Hygiene is essential for every young scientist
Everyone can use equipment not just you

Laboratories are places of study
Accidents can be avoided
Unsen burners are tools not toys

By Mitchell Pickup, 7F

Safety goggles
Acids are dangerous
Fire + gas = BOOM!!!
Electricity + water = ZAP!!!
Teacher supervision needed
You need to be careful

I need safety equipment
Never ever drink chemicals
Take care
Hot hurts
Everyone should listen

Listen!!
Drop of acid can be deadly
Take care

By Blake Liebman, 7F

Safety glasses look after my eyes
Acids can be corrosive
Fires are dangerous
Electricity can be shocking
Test tubes are breakable
You better be careful in the lab

In the lab
Never forget about safety in the lab
Terrible accidents can happen when you muck about
Hot broken glass is sharp, you could cut you finger
Everyone should be careful

Laboratories can be unsafe
Accidents can happen when you be silly
Be aware of safety

By Jemma Coulter, 7F

Safety glasses look after my eyes
Acids can be corrosive
Fires are dangerous
Electricity can be shocking
Test tubes are breakable
You better be careful in the lab

I think I need a labcoat
Never forget about safety
Terrible accidents can occur when you least expect them
Hot glass can burn your skin
Eliminate all hazards

Laboratory work should be interesting
Accidents waste time and stop your learning
Be aware of safety issues

By Annie Tobler, 7F
### TO: MOSS VALE HIGH

#### NOTE OF ABSENCE

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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"):

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Parent Name: ______________________________

Parent Signature: ___________________________  Date sent: __________

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS / CONTACT DETAILS

| NAME: ......................................................... Roll Class: ....... Year: ...... |
| NEW ADDRESS: ............................................................ PO BOX: ............ |
| New Phone No's: Home: .............. Work (M): .................. |
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| Email: ............................................................. |
| 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.
Parent Online Payments
Commencing 29 July 2013

What is QuickWeb?

- Secure online payment facility hosted by Westpac
- Accessed from the home page of the school’s website
- $Make a payment “button”

Visa or Mastercard credit or debit cards only accepted

Timing

- The payment must be made before 6pm for the school to receive the funds the next day. i.e. pay before 6pm on Monday, the school will have the funds on Tuesday morning.
- If the payment is after 6pm then there will be a delay of a day in the school receiving the funds i.e. pay after 6pm on Monday, the school will have the funds on Wednesday morning.

Entering payment details

- Student’s name, class or year, date of birth
- Payer’s name, contact phone & email
- Select what you want to pay for by checking relevant box
- Payment description must be accurate
- Payment amount must be completed
- Asterix * indicates a mandatory field
Payment description

› Voluntary Schools Contributions – enter voluntary contribution
› Subject Contributions – enter particular subject eg Maths
› Excursion – enter excursion number (from excursion note) or name of excursion eg Opera House
› Sport – enter number from permission note or name of particular sport eg Softball
› Creative and Performing Arts— enter particulars eg Dance, Drama
› Sales to Students – enter item you are purchasing eg calculator, Waratah magazine
› Other – eg P & C membership, Yr 12 formal or can be used to pay whole amount eg Fees 2013

Note: Permission notes still need to be completed and sent to school

Online payment receipt

› Print and/or Email – you can change the prefilled email address if you wish
› Note the receipt number for your reference, and write this on any permission notes you are sending back to school.
› You do not need to send a copy of your receipt to the school

More than one student to pay for?

Separate payments need to be made for each student to ensure correct identification of student