Student Achievement

Year 7 student Annie Tobler is a quiet achiever. Not many students would know that she competed in two Australian National Championships during April in Perth and that she was featured in the Southern Highlands news in May.

Winning eleven medals, she has made her mark in the world of shooting. In the Australian National Rifle Metallic Silhouette Championship, she won three gold and two silver, and gold for the overall Under 15 Junior in the Five Gun Event.

In the Australian National Cowboy Level Action Silhouette Championship, she won two gold and two bronze, and gold for the overall Under 15 Junior in the Three Gun Event.

We think this is just amazing and commend Annie for her efforts and impressive results.

Term 3 2014 - Monday 14 July - staff return
Tuesday 15 July - All students return

Students Making A Difference

Year 7

Grace Buckley for outstanding citizenship and always doing their personal best
Joel Hinchcliffe
Principal’s Report

Day of Respect and Recognition
I want to congratulate our whole school community for coming together on Friday, 6 June, little over a week ago and celebrating the journey that we, as a school, have undertaken throughout the course of the last twelve months. The day was a celebration of the amazing award winning work that we have done as a school community with our PBS initiative and the inclusion of Aboriginal community in the development of our special PBS signs which celebrate our connection to the Gundungarra people and help us develop a rich understanding of our local Aboriginal culture and history.

The day was also a celebration of the journey we have undertaken as part of our school’s involvement in the improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership and the focus we have had in the school around reading and comprehension. A major component of this has been our focus on all of us enjoying the story of Anh Do and The Happiest Refugee. We have all taken a wonderful journey to engage in reading the book and focus on just how important reading is and the benefits that a wonderful education has on all our lives.

It was wonderful to celebrate the day with so many special guests including Dr Michelle Bruniges, the Secretary for the Department of Education and Communities, Cindy Berwick, the state AECG President, Deirdre Mackay our P & C President, Wendy Lotter our local AECG President as well as we had our some of our Aboriginal Elders attend and participate in this special day. It was great to have Aunty Sharon, Aunty Merle and Aunty Elanor help celebrate the journey and the achievements of our school. We also had Tony and Marie from the Bowral Bookshop from whom we bought 700 copies of The Happiest Refugee – thank you for your support. I want to thank all our special guests, too many to name – thank you for coming and sharing in our celebrations!

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate our whole school community for this special day but in particular I would like to acknowledge, Janeen Pepping, Adelle Morris, Yianni Vasilakis, Josie Davidson, Sharlene Killian, Megan Norris, Linda Johnston and all the wonderful students who made this day incredibly special and a real highlight in the history of Moss Vale High School.

We are on a VERY exciting journey and I am excited about what the future holds!

Term 2 . . .
As this is the bumper newsletter that you will receive with a copy of your child’s report, it gives us as a school community the time to reflect back on the first half of what has been a very busy year. Importantly for students it’s an opportunity to carefully analyse their reports with their parents and enjoy the achievements that you have reached in the first part of the year. It is also a wonderful opportunity to reflect back on areas that may need work in the second half of the year so that the we can continue to improve our learning and what we achieve here at school.

Our school will hold its annual parent teacher interviews in the first part of next term. Please look out for information to come.

I want to urge ALL parents to come along to our parent interviews but I also want all our parents to contact their child’s teacher at ANY stage should they have any questions in regards to their progress at school. It is important that the partnership between home and school continues to strengthen and so please get in touch with your child’s teacher - we are there to help you!

Attendance
It is critical that each and every one of our students is at school every day of the week – full attendance is so important if students are to improve their learning. Our school will continue to work hard and focus on supporting all students and their families so that they can take advantage of all the amazing opportunities that are available to them at Moss Vale High School. Please make sure you contact the school should you have any questions.

Enjoy . . .
I hope and trust that everyone enjoys the final days of the term, and has a safe and relaxing school holiday break. Let’s all look forward to enjoying the second half of the year at Moss Vale High School!

Best Wishes,

Peter Macbeth
Principal
Deputy Principal’s Report

Inspirational Quotes—Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS)

We ran a series of roll call lessons a couple of weeks ago which focused on the importance of education on an individual’s life. As part of the roll call task, students were asked to create an inspirational quote of their own regarding education and the best quotes were to be chosen to be part of a PBS mural in the passive area. I would like to congratulate the following students for their winning quotes which will now be part of our PBS mural:

Cheyenne Martin, Year 9: “Education is like a staircase, you just need to learn to step it up!”
Hannah Whatman, Year 9: “Education can lead you to the many branches in the tree of life.”
Cameron Marmont and Matthew Lynch, Year 8: “Education is like a map; without it we are lost.”

Well done and thank you to these talented students! I would also like to thank Mrs Louise Mumford, Mrs Tracy Johnston and their Year 9 Visual Design classes for their work on designing the mural and begin the painting process early in Term 3.

Vivos and Merit Reward System

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated across the different faculties for working ‘Above and Beyond’ expectations: Megan Handley and Rachel Reed in TAS, Kiara Martin, Jessica Downs in Visual Arts, Grace Buckley and Samantha Drayton in Science, Samantha Drayton and Regina Jenkins in HSIE, Joel Hinchcliffe and Lauren Fahey in English. These students have all been awarded 50 Vivos for their exceptional efforts in the classroom.

The top TWO Vivo earners in each year group are: Year 7 - Joel Hinchcliffe and Jemima Huggett, Year 8 - Rebecca Heyhorn and Stuart Brunton, Year 9 - Luke Webb and Olivia Yearsley, Year 10 - Samantha Drayton and Charlotte Fitzgerald, Year 11 - Lauren Fahey and Tyla Astley, Year 12 - Melanie Aitken and Rhiannon Young. These students are achieving outstanding outcomes across a range of subjects and in extra-curricular activities. We are very proud of these young people and their contributions to our school community.

Distinguished Service Award

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Mr Peter Macbeth for being presented with the very prestigious Distinguished Service Award from the NSW Secondary Principals’ Council. Mr Macbeth received the award for his outstanding service for the Aboriginal Education Reference Group. Well done, Mr Macbeth.

Outstanding Creative Writing

Mrs Miller’s Year 8 English class were asked to write an additional chapter for the class novel, Pirvana, and Rebecca Heyhorn, Year 8, produced an excellent chapter extending on the themes and characters of the novel.

Please enjoy reading Rebecca’s work.

I travelled to Afghanistan and back again in a mere three weeks, watching action take place before my own eyes with twisting plots and unexpected events! Well, not exactly. I read the novel Parvana by Deborah Ellis which follows the story of a young girl who is forced to take responsibility for her family when her father is taken to prison. Dressing up as a boy, selling items and reading letters to make a living for her mother, her brother, two sisters, a family friend and her granddaughter. We were asked to write an extra chapter to add to the story or change its direction. I chose to replace chapter nine, to add another climatic and evocative scene to the story. Before this chapter begins, Parvana has just seen the mysterious ‘window lady’ for the first time but was knocked over by a tea boy before she can distinguish any features. This tea boy just happens to be a girl from Parvana’s class! The story reconnects the written work of Deborah Ellis. HAPPY READING!!!!

“Shauzia? What are you doing?” Parvana muttered.
“I could ask you the same question! Look I cannot talk right now, I have to get back to the tea shop but I will meet you back here at nine o’clock sharp and explain everything.” Shauzia swiftly turned to run away but just as quickly rebounded to face Parvana again. It was only then that Parvana could see the weariness and fatigue in her eyes.

She looks a lot older, Parvana thought, and thinner.
“My name is Shafiq, nice to meet you,” holding out her hand. Parvana was startled; she stared blankly into Shauzia’s face full of anticipation.
“Oh, Kaseem nice to meet you”. Parvana and Shauzia, or Shafiq and Kaseem, stared deep into each other’s eyes. Thinking. Wondering how they got where they are. A month ago they were running around a school yard and now they
are impersonating boys trying to scrape a living for their families. An anchor wrapped itself on Parvana’s heart and sank to the deepest depths in a tide full of memories. With a subtle smile, Shauzia had disappeared into the mass of bodies in the market.

As Parvana began collecting her belongings, she gazed up at the blackened window. It was slightly ajar. She squinted her eyes and raised her hand to block the burning sun. She could have sworn she saw a lady shut it earlier. Maybe she was imagining things again. The sun was blistering and Parvana’s skin was burnt and irritated, a sunset covering her body. She hadn’t had a drink in a while. That’s it, Parvana thought, I’m just a bit dehydrated.

Parvana continued to gather her things when she heard a high pitched, muffled scream. She darted her head around the market, but no-one looked concerned. Her gaze automatically rose to the blackened window. Nothing. She was about to pull herself away when a large, masculine hand forcefully pulled the window shut. A million thoughts flashed through Parvana’s mind like comets through a night sky. What if the ‘window lady’ is in trouble? What if that man saw me” why was there a scream? Should I help? It’s none of my business but what if she’s in danger?

Whether it was curiosity or plain stupidity that filtered Parvana’s actions, she gathered her belongings, ghastly crossed the street and entered the building of the blackened window.

An instant shiver went down Parvana’s spine. Her body froze. Tensed. She was paralyzed with fear. Her heart pounded in her chest like a ticking bomb about to explode. A case of fragile steps lay in front of her. The ground littered in debris. A stale, rotting smell wafted in the air. What am I doing, Parvana thought. I am walking into a lion’s den! Parvana closed her eyes and took a long, calm breath. Exhaled. Placed her hand softly on the old, rusted railings but jerked it away as if she just touched a burning stove. Her Father’s words echoed in her head, ‘Never rely on the railing’. As she reached to top of the stairs, she heard deep, intimidating voices angrily shouting from behind the door.

Parvana began to fathom all options but there was only one that was not completely impossible. Burst through the door, startle the captors and run from the building, hopefully attracting the men to follow her, leaving enough time for the woman to escape. Parvana closed her hand around the knob. It was cold. A cold that spread through her entire body. A bead of sweat trickled down her forehead. She felt like her knees were going to crumble beneath her at any second. She stood her ground and prepared herself to barge through the door.

Before she had the chance the door burst open. Parvana plastered herself to the wall daring not to move. She held her breath as two Talibs strolled from the room and down the stairs, oblivious to Parvana’s presence. Parvana remained still until she was completely sure there were no more Talibs exiting the room. She peeled herself from the wall and peered at the door. The men had forgotten to close it as they left.

Parvana slowly entered the room. Her stomach unsettled and churning. A young lady, who Parvana thought looked not much older than Nooria, was tied to a chair, the top half of her burqa carelessly thrown and ripped on the floor. Parvana rushed to her aid, first untying the rope and examining her sensitive and raw wounds. The woman exclaimed, “What are you doing here, little boy? You need to leave. Now!”

“I am not leaving you to die under the hand of those disgusting men, now quick put on the rest of your burqa and come with me.”

Parvana and the lady quickly descended the stairs and joined the crowded street. “Stay close to me and act normal, I shall take you to my house.”

Mrs Weera was inside preparing lunch; she casually turned around from the stove looking quite shocked. “Oh, it’s you Kaseem, you’re home early and who’s you friend?”

The lady slowly removed her burqa, not taking an eye off Mrs Weera. “Aanar?” “Tela?”

Mrs Weera’s face was a bundle of surprise, happiness and pain. She ran from the stove and threw her arms around Tela, embracing her granddaughter as if she hadn’t seen her in years.

“Parvana!”
Mrs Weera finally managed to say, choking through her tears.
"This is my granddaughter."

Parvana’s mouth was a desert, she tried to lick her lips but moisture failed to conjure. A tingling sensation riddled her body, her breathing became short and sharp. Exhale. Inhale. She lingered on that last breath. All this time, Mrs Weera’s granddaughter was trapped, encaged like an animal. The probability that she had even been tortured and starved was extremely high and all she did was stand there and accept her gifts, like an incompetent infant.

Parvana lunged herself onto Tela. Exhale.
"I am so sorry."
"For what my dear girl, you saved me from those awful men."
Parvana lifted her chin and stared into her eyes. Almost falling into the depths of their blue. There was a warmth emitting from them, calming Parvana.
"You are my Malali."
Those four words gave Parvana the strength to stand, but she refused to think of her Father. The time had gone. In the past. The end. Done.

"Well, why don’t we have some lunch and catch up, I believe that is long overdue."
Parvana led Tela to the blanket where she and her family shared their meals. Her face turned redder and redder the further they endeavoured into the house. Her hands shaking uncontrollably. Was this humble home enough for the refuge of Tela? Was this what she expected when she was rescued?

Parvana’s stomach groaned, like an awakening giant. It pulled her away from the clouds and storms of her thoughts. Parvana, Tela and Mrs Weera took their seats. Mrs Weera offered to say a quick prayer before they began and no-one disagreed. I could do with some blessings now, Parvana thought. Mrs Weera thanked the Gods for bringing Tela home and prayed to keep her safe in the future. There was a long drawn out silence that made Parvana life her chin to see what was happening. Mrs Weera’s eyes were locked onto Parvana, like a lion stalking its prey.

"Would you like to say anything, Parvana?"
Memories of her father flooded Parvana’s mind. A tsunami bringing any skyscraper of happiness to its knees. An icy cold hand wrapped itself around Parvana’s body, extracting any ability to speak. Parvana gently shook her head.

After Mrs Weera closed the prayer, Parvana couldn’t stand to be confined in such a miniscule place and asked if she could be excused.
"But dear, you haven’t eaten a thing!"
"I’ll take some with me, thank you."
"No, thank you," Tela exclaimed, “I will never forget what you have done for me and my family."

Parvana gave Tela a soft, sweet, subtle smile and left the house, a single tear rolling down her face.

She had just set foot outside when a forceful hand grabbed the scruff of her clothes and pushed her up against a wall. The foul breath of a Talib wafter in her face. His rifle the only thing between him and Parvana.

“Have you seen this woman?” the man aggressively shouted. Specks of spit leaving his mouth like fireworks.
He held up a distinctive photo of a much happier, healthier, Tela. Parvana’s palms sweated and her heart pounded in chest. Her vision had become blurry and the world was silent. A rigidness entangled her body, refusing to let go.

“No,” Parvana unconvincingly said. Her voice was shaken and hoarse.
The Talib gave her a piercing stare, looking not at her but through her.
“You see her you come straight to us, understand?”
“Yes sir.”
Parvana was thrown to the ground like a ragdoll. A searing pain shot up her leg, but she had to get to Shauzia. She clumsily stood up, with the assistance of the wall, and shuffled a few inches. Every time she placed weight on it, a knife stabbed itself into her thigh. A crimson flow leaked from her leg but no-one could care less. Not even Parvana. Inhale. Exhale.

The Talib gave her a piercing stare, looking not at her but through her.
“You see her you come straight to us, understand?”
“Yes sir.”

She persisted. She longed for the company of another girl her age. The thought of Shauzia was the force that pushed Parvana forward into the labyrinth of the market place. Inhale. Exhale.

GLOSSARY - Anaar - means Grandmother in Pashtu
Moss Vale High School

Day of Respect and Recognition

With education we can do anything, be anyone, and achieve all there is to achieve. Year 8 student

Moss Vale High School held a Respect and Recognition Day on Friday 6 June 2014. The event recognised the significance and success of three important and interlinked programs within the school: Positive Behaviour for Success, the Aboriginal Community Art Project and the Kick Off with Reading initiative which is part of the school’s Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership (ILNPP) initiative.

Among the guests were Dr Michele Bruniges, Secretary of Education and Communities, Cindy Berwick, President NSW Aboriginal, Education Consultative Group (AECG), Aboriginal Elders including Aunty Eleanor McIlwain and local parent and community members. Guests were shown some of the school’s new resources that highlight Indigenous education including artwork.

(It was) a great day and something which reflects the very positive spirit that exists in our school and reminds us why we do the job that we do – because we believe in our students and we can really create positive change. Principal

A whole-school assembly recognised and celebrated the work by students and staff in the programs. Moss Vale High won the 2014 School Community Partnership Award at the NSW Public Schools’ Nanga Mai Awards ceremony.

A class of Year 8 students demonstrated how to make paper boats. The boats included special messages written by students and staff, after the whole school community had read the book The Happiest Refugee by Ahn Do, the focus of the Kick Off with Reading program as part of the school’s ILNPP initiative.
The Happiest Refugee underpinned the values of the day of respect and recognition as depicted in the student quotes below:

(The book) made me think about how hard it must be to fit into a new country, language, culture and school. It highlights the importance of understanding and accepting. Year 8 student.

(The book) made me reconsider my opinions on refugees ... it made me realise how hard it actually is for a refugee. Year 8 student.

The purpose of the Kick Off with Reading program was to revitalise the role of literature and to encourage students and the community to read for pleasure.

I discovered that reading gives us that one thing that the internet cannot, that is, real thoughts, feeling, events and upfront views. Year 8 student.

The best thing about “Kick Off with Reading” was that everyone got to read the same book and you could talk about it together.” Year 7 student.

Year 8 students worked together to construct a map of the world during a six week unit of study. Each student contributed a square. In some of the squares you will find boats with either one person or a number of people. The boats were added to show that there are many refugees seeking asylum each day.

Guan Wei was a significant influence on this project. His mural, “The Journey to Australia”, which is displayed in the foyer of the Museum of Contemporary Art, explores not only the history of Australia but also the journey of refugees who are risking their lives to reach a magical and strange land.
THANK YOU

We recently received a thank you letter from NSW Health acknowledging the funds raised in memory of Aphrodite Whipps.

The funds have been used for the purchase of medical equipment in the intensive care unit of St George/Sutherland Hospital.

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Claim the Date

Parent / Teacher Evening

Wednesday, 23 July 2014
(Term 3, Week 2)
4 - 6 pm

Information regarding online booking will be given to students first day Term 3, Tuesday, 15 July 2014

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Work Opportunities for Women

Are you looking to re-enter the workforce and need computing skills?
Are you looking for long lasting opportunities?

Course 10697 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training for Women is proposed to be delivered at TAFE NOW - Nambour Institute, Moss Vale Campus in Semester 2, 2014.

Some of the subjects included in the course are Computer Skills, The Changing Role of Women, Personal Effectiveness, Interpersonal & Communication Skills, Job Seeking Skills

The course will run on Thursdays and Fridays during school hours for one semester and will commence on Thursday 17 July 2014.

This course is exempt from the TAFE NSW Fee

Enrol in course 10697 online now at www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au or your local campus

For further information please contact Pine Beck, Outreach Co-ordinator on 4623 1913 or The Customer Service Centre 469500 111

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National Science Week 16 - 24 August 2014

The Tom Farrell Institute for the Environment Presents...

The EV Prize consists of schools teams designing and building an electric bike and competing in a race at Cameron Park Kart Raceway. Competition between high schools is fierce. Check out some of the footage here http://youtu.be/yQaE6yQKvWk

Our website for further information is www.hunternvfestival.net
English Experiences

At a recent whole school assembly, some very talented Preliminary Advanced English students shared their contemporary versions of a famous Shakespeare sonnet. Please enjoy these poems, as we did.

Ms J Davidson

A true love story

Your face is that gross its causes a fire in my eyes.
There is nothing right about you, from the way you look to how you sing.
But my heart dies for you, though nothing else would, not even flies
My heart must be blind, you’re uglier than the thing.

I never want to be alone with your mutant face
Your oozing pimple juice will stain my shirt and reputation.
Every time I see you I want to spray your pathetic face with mace
But you’re the only one my heart desires within this nation.

I hate it when you want me
And I hate it when you don’t
I love it when you love thee
If I could be with anyone I won’t

I hate you
But I’ll mate you

Mitch Clarson, Year 11

I hate your face, all its features combined
It’s uneven and gross and much too long.
The way you smirk falls far below sublime
And yet about it, I could write a song.
That stupid voice of yours is too damn high
It makes my ears scream and begin to ring.
The thought of your skin makes me want to cry
And yet to you I continue to cling.

Why do you stay buried under my skin?
Like an itch you persist, making me hope.
Doing this to me must be a mortal sin
Can’t your eyes see that I cannot cope?

So I’ll forever laugh and push and shove
But know, my dear, it’s you I’ll always love.

Kiara Martin, Year 11

Debating

On Thursday, 5 June, a team of four debaters from Moss Vale High School travelled to Karabar High in Queanbeyan for two debates.

The students debated on the topics, Alcohol advertising should be banned, and, The voting age in Australia should be lowered. Although our team argued well in both debates, they unfortunately lost out to both Karabar teams. Mark Rolles, India Wallbridge, Sebastian Wealands and Allie Sims all spoke well and gave their best effort. The team took the loss in a positive light and saw it as a learning opportunity to further develop their debating and public speaking skills. The team should be proud of how they performed and behaved on the day, and were exemplary ambassadors for our school.

Mr Brown
English Teacher and Debating Coordinator.

Our first topic for debate was written around the subject of media, with the topic: We should ban all alcohol related advertisements in Australia. Whilst we lost, this was our first “baby steps” debate together where useful experience was gained. None of us had debated together before (or for a few years) and those first few hours writing our speeches and presenting our argument allowed the four of us to show our combined understanding of Australia’s media.

Our next debate revolved around politics and our topic: We should lower the compulsory voting age. Many points were argued during this debate creating a very competitive edge and it became evident that we had more of a ‘handle’ on the structure of a debate. Unfortunately, we lost this debate as well but we were told by the adjudicator that we played a more influential role in his final decision.

On the day, we went into both debates with the hope of gaining experience in debating and most of all, together as a team. We all have plans to come back and debate again in the Senior Debating Competition and hopefully argue well enough to attend the next round. Congratulations to Karabar on making it to the next round and good luck!

India Wallbridge

May reading inform your world
Our Term 2 CAPA Concert

There are many opportunities to shine at Moss Vale High and our end of term CAPA Concert is just one example. Our CAPA students are consistently raising the bar and we continue to be amazed by their dedication, exuberance, passion and talent. Each concert is student driven, with pupils involved in every aspect of the show. We are proud of what they have achieved in Music, Dance, Drama and Art and think they are excellent ambassadors for our school.

A highlight of the show continues to be the Staff Band Finale. Newbies Mrs Johnston, Mr Miller, Mrs Pepping, Ms Shannon and Mr Vandenbergh joined forces with regulars Mr Bilbija, Mr Macbeth, Miss Norris, Mr Paviour and Miss Sandland to present their upbeat rendition of *Waterloo* by ABBA. We look forward to what they come up with next!

Thank you to all our performers and contributors to the concert; we love your work and appreciate all you do for our school. Special thanks must also go to our CAPA staff who work tirelessly to bring it all together: Tegan Bilbija (Music), Lauren Cordingley (Dance), Fiona Shannon (Drama) and Louise Mumford and Tracy Johnston (Art).

Our Concert in Term 3 will be held over two nights in conjunction with our Moss Vale Community of Schools. Moss Vale High will join forces with Avoca, Bundanoon, Burrawang, Exeter, Moss Vale, Penrose, Robertson, Sutton Forest, Tallong and Wingello Public to present two concerts of outstanding regional talent. So put the 4th and 5th August aside in your diaries and be prepared to be entertained!

*Linda Johnston*  
*Head Teacher CAPA*
In Term 2, Week 4, we held our school athletics carnival. What a day! The weather was fantastic and student involvement was at an all time high. It was full steam ahead with all events running without a glitch. Most students dressed up in house colours demonstrating the high level of morale throughout the school. The day ended with the teachers vs students relays. A comedy of errors saw the teachers stumble their way through. Once again there were some excellent achievements throughout the day.

Age champions for school athletics carnival were as follows.

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Term 1 and 2 were also busy for our sporting teams. We have had boys Cricket, junior and senior, girls opens Cricket, Basketball boys and girls, open boys and girls Touch, girls and boys junior and senior Soccer and girls and boys senior Hockey. All teams have represented Moss Vale High School to the highest of standards. The open girls Soccer team were recently beaten by a strong Warilla team in the third round. The girls fought hard and did themselves proud. The open girls Cricket team is still going strong, they will be going through to round four later in the year. Our open boys Hockey team is once again dominating other schools and are progressing to round three. We wish our remaining teams all the best for their next rounds.

At Moss Vale High we have a number of students who are continuing to achieve pleasing results in their chosen sports. In hockey we have Max Hanrahan and Jack Donovan (pictured right) competing at the CHS State Carnival and Chloe Middleton has recently competed in the CHS State and All Schools carnivals. Lleyton Wallace also competed in the Southern Rugby League tournament in Toronto.

At the opens boys and girls Touch Football Zone carnival (pictured below), three students were selected for the South Coast trials. Chloe Middleton was selected from there into the South Coast team.
At the recent regional cross country, 19 students travelled to Camberwarra. We had several students placed in the top ten, they will now go on to compete in the state title. They are: Mia Lavers, Rhiannon Holmes, Max Hanrahan, Olivia Wann, Samantha Drayton and Kody Tozer. Well done and good luck!

Year 12 playing ten pin bowling as part of their Individual sports module.
Visual Design

Year 9 & 10

Students were asked to design either a skateboard, t-shirt or bag that would appeal to their own age group. Students had the opportunity to explore a number of art making techniques including screen-printing, stencilling, fabric dying, drawing and painting.

Far Left: Jacob Hansen with his skateboard.

Left: Aidan Ellis with his screen printed t-shirt.

Left: Caitlyn Dunn’s skateboard

Below: Josh Huggett’s skateboard.
Year 7 Visual Arts

While students were read the Aboriginal story, *The First Sunrise*, they were asked to visualize images from the story and make some small drawings in their visual arts diary.

From these drawings students made a mixed media artwork, combining paint, relief print, collage and drawing.

*Images:*

*Left, Ethan Sharp*

*Left below, Jemima Huggett*

*Below, Jemma Coulter*

*Above, Jessica Williams*

*Left, Oisin Bozanic*

*Right, Blake Liebmann*


New South Wales, all children from six years of age are legally required to attend school or be registered for home schooling. After they complete Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age, students then have the following options. They may also be in:

- full-time further education and training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship);
- full-time, paid employment of an average of 25 hours per week;
- a combination of both of the above.

Children are expected to attend all school activities, on time. Regular attendance helps your child:

- develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- make and keep friendships.

Did you know: missing just 8 days a term adds up to an entire year over Years 7-12! This is the first in a series of newsletter updates looking at attendance and its related issues.

What if my child has to be away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may be required to:

- send a note to the school, or contact the school via electronic means such as SMS text message, fax or email, or
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

Small number of absences may be accepted by the principal. For example, if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.
**ACTIVITY WEEK**

On the opening days of the deposit collection, two hundred and sixty students have been placed for Activity Week in 2014.

**The following activities are now full.**
PS Adventure, Trout Fishing, Ultimate Sydney Experience, Walking on Water, Survivor and Art Experience.

Thank you to all students and parents who made the process of selection quick and easy. It is not too late to be placed in an activity for students who are yet to choose. In fact, Activity Week is compulsory for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 so students should have made a selection or are now in the process of making a selection.

At the time of writing, places were still available in Snorkelling (20 places taken/35 places available), Go for Gold (24/26), Jamberoo,River,Rock(13/20), Surfing (25/34), Home and Away (45/57), Special City Experience (6/12) and Scuba Diving (2/6). There were still plenty of spaces available for Girls Week, Southern Highlands Fun, Lantastic, Digital Storytelling and Moss Vale High School school environment.

Due to insufficient numbers Kangaroo Valley Canoe Camping will unfortunately not run for 2014.

Students can pay at the office at any time, although if they are selecting for the first time, they will need a preference sheet. These can be downloaded from the school’s website, collected from the office or from myself.

Some students have being paying for their activities in full while others have opted to pay via instalments. The next instalment is due for payment on Thursday, 17 July (Week 1, Term 3) and Friday, 18 July. If you are paying by instalment the following payments represent 25% of the total cost, rounded to $5 or $10. This is shown in the table below.

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<td>Jamberoo, River, Rock</td>
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** You may make payments at any time. Payments may be greater than those listed above.

The first activity week meetings will be held in early Term 3.

Thanks to all for your support of Activity Week at Moss Vale High School for 2014.

Mr Nash
*Activity Week Coordinator*
Moss Vale High Newsletter

Issue 4 Term 2 2014

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE!

Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July 2014, and you’ll be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia. They will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family.

Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

School Resumes for Term 3

Staff - Monday 14 July

All Students - Tuesday 15 July

The Southern Highlands Challenge

Trail Running Event
Sunday, August 31
Wingello State Forest
1 km, 6 km, half marathon and 50 km
There is an event for everyone in the family and food, drink and family activities for runners and spectators.

Medals for finishers and a prize for the school that has the most entrants per enrolment.

Visit: www.southernhighlandschallenge.com or For more information contact SHC local liaison Linda Christison lkcdigitalmedia@gmail.com

Accept the Challenge!
Moss Vale High School prides itself on the relationships that have been built with the wider community. Recently, Year 10 and Year 11 workplace students spent the week doing work experience. The generosity of local businesses and community members alike, has enabled these students the opportunities to explore and experience their chosen careers.

This leads us to a particular local businessman who has been instrumental in attempting to change the lives of Moss Vale High students. Kim has over 20 years of building experience and his business is continuing to expand. Over the past three years Kim Middleton of K M Industries, has opened his doors to dozens of students.

This story began three years ago when he mentioned that he was looking for an apprentice and wanted to give back to the community and in particular Moss Vale High School students. Over a course of several weeks Kim trialled several students until he found the perfect candidate, James Temporali, Moss Vale High School Year 12, 2011. James was successful in gaining a carpentry apprenticeship. He has continued to work and learn valuable skills from his new boss.

Since that time KMI Industries has had a flood of work experience and VET students. Some of his recent work experience students were James O'Connor Year 11, Ben Makin Year 11, Katie Marks Year 11, Bradly Schofield Year 11, Joshua Heyhorn Year 11 and Alex Allen Year 10 and they were all in the space of just two weeks.

Kim continues to accept work experience students, as he feels it is important to give back to the community. Allowing these students to do work experience with him gives them valuable insight into the building industry. Below is his most recent building that has been a source of learning for the above students.
HSC SEMINAR - BELONGING

Presented by Larry Grumley

Monday 7th July 2014
2pm-3.30pm

WINGECARRIBE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Presented by Larry Grumley
Henrietta Rose Room
Bendooley Street
Bowral 2576
Phone: 4861 1167

Join Larry Grumley, Senior Teacher and HSC English marker. Larry will discuss the extended response, the writing task and the short answer comprehension.

Book online now @
www.belonginghscseminar.eventbrite.com.au
Moss Vale High SchoolMerit System

VIVO

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

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

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

Silver Award

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

Platinum Award

You get an extra 10 Vivos for telling the Deputy that you have reached Platinum Award which takes you to 960 Vivos
### Moss Vale High Menu

**Canteen Menu**

**Autumn Menu 2014**

**Ph: 48681883**

#### Lunch Order Items

**Preordered before 9am**

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<td>Chicken lettuce &amp; mayo roll</td>
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<td>Chicken Nuggets 5 pcs</td>
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<td>Home made Muffins</td>
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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): ..................
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.