Respectful, Safe and Responsible Learners

15 May 2015

Athletics Carnival 2015

Students Making A Difference

Year 7
Carlie Ragg, Poppy Costello, Phoebe Kelly, Allie Kracht, Beth Cochran, Amelia Brook

Year 10
Maddie Costello, Gabby Ragg, Tilly Hoare, Caitlyn Dunn

For their help with preparing Mothers’ Day bouquets in the Ag plot
Principal’s Report

Athletics Carnival
Last Friday our school held its annual athletics carnival. The event was in doubt for much of the preceding week due to the weather that we have been having but thankfully the weather on Friday (albeit slightly windy) was spot on for a day of competition.

The athletics carnival was held in the wonderful positive spirit that is Moss Vale High School with students turning up in team colours and really getting behind their houses for the day.

What was great about the day was the participation by all the students and the willingness to get in and have a go at the different events. Just a wonderful fantastic spirit! Congratulations to all those students who won events and who will be off to the zone carnivals in a week or so – we are looking forward to further success!

I would also like to acknowledge the team work, organisation and effort put in by all the staff who made the day such a wonderful success and another great highlight for the year! Thank you to one and all!

Important School Documents
I would like to encourage all our parent community to log on to our school website at www.mossvale-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/ when you get the opportunity and have a look at some very important school documents.

On our website now you will find our new school plan for 2015 – 2017 and you will also find our Annual School Report for 2014. These are two very important documents which not only showcase how our school has developed, but also highlight the school’s plan over the next three years.
Our school plan is built around three strategic directions:
- Our Positive self – Being our best!
- Innovative and relevant teaching and learning – Our community is passionate about learning
- Strong partnerships – Unlimited horizons

Please contact me at school should you have any comments you would like to make in regards to our school plan.

Our Next P & C
Our P & C is a wonderful way to learn more about what is happening in our great school and a wonderful way to get involved in the education of your child. Our next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 May at the new starting time of 6:30pm in the staff common room.

I would like to actively encourage everyone to attend so we can collectively help to continue to make our great school even better I hope to see you there!

Visiting Parents
One thing that I have enjoyed over the course of the last few weeks and in the coming couple of weeks has been the opportunity to showcase our school to parents of students who are in Year 6 and who attend our local partner primary schools. There is great co-operation across the Moss Vale Community of Schools which is supporting the wonderful work that we are doing in all the schools.

The opportunity to showcase the school for parents, give them an opportunity to see the school in action, meet key people and ask important questions. Our year 6 students who will be in Year 7 next year will have many opportunities to get involved in the school over the course of the year, and so by the time they start here full time, they will know it well. These tours provide a great opportunity to build up great relationships with our new parents.

If there are any parents of students in year 6 who would like to come and visit the school, please contact the school and arrange a time.

Let me wish everyone all the best for a great week!

Peter Macbeth
Principal
Deputy Principal’s Report

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
This week we held the NAPLAN tests over three days for all students in Years 7 and 9. The students sat for tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. I cannot speak highly enough of our students and the manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the three days in the examination hall. The students entered the hall in an orderly and respectful manner, and worked conscientiously throughout each test. I am extremely proud of Year 7 and 9 students for their behaviour, cooperation and efforts.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to all staff involved in the supervision of the NAPLAN tests, and to Ms Josie Davidson for her outstanding administration of the tests each day.

Aerosol Deodorants- Banned Item!
Most schools across Australia have banned the use of aerosol deodorants as many people with asthma find that these types of products can be triggers for their asthma, causing symptoms that make it harder for them to breathe which can lead to potentially life threatening circumstances. Aerosol deodorants have been banned at Moss Vale High School for over ten years as we uphold the highest standards of safety for our students and staff. All students know that this item is banned as they are regularly reminded at assemblies and the student handbook clearly indicates all items that are banned at our school.

Please support us in our efforts to ensure the safety of all people in our school community by making sure that your child brings a roll on deodorant if required at school.

Put the spray away

Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS)
We continue to run our very successful PBS lessons that explicitly teach our core values and expectations of safe, respectful and responsible behaviour. Last week students engaged in an activity based on the theme of ‘being our best’ using a variety of sports people and their achievements as stimulus material. I have included excerpts from the task for parents so that they are aware of the influence that PVS has on our school culture.

Staff,
Please use this lesson outline to assist in the delivery of this week’s PBS lesson. The focus of this lesson is for students to demonstrate and apply their understanding of the PBS values and “Being your best”. Students will create a draft mural drawing using the inspirational stimulus provided. Students can work individually or in small groups. Please feel free to modify the delivery of the lesson to suit your particular Roll Call’s learning needs.

The best six mural designs will be used as murals on the inside walls of the basketball courts.

Thank you for your support and assistance in the delivery of this lesson.

1. Show the PBS PowerPoint and discuss (approx. 10-15 minutes).

You can view the stimulus on the PowerPoint presentation found in:

T:\PBS\PBS LESSON- YOUTUBE CLIPS\Lesson 3 , Term 2 2015

Discuss the images, quotes and YouTube clips that reflect the notion of being your best self and why it is important to be your best self. Each slide has a picture or YouTube clip to watch to engage the students and prompt discussion. Please discuss each sports star and how they are being their best.

EXAMPLE:
Identify the person/people in the clip.
In what ways do they demonstrate ‘being their best’?
Have they had any struggles or obstacles to overcome? Have they had to show resilience? How has this helped them to succeed?
Don Bradman: Often referred to as "The Don", was an Australian cricketer, widely acknowledged as the greatest Test batsman of all time. Bradman's career Test batting average of 99.94 is often cited as the greatest achievement by any sportsman in any major sport. The story that the young Bradman practised alone with a cricket stump and a golf ball is part of Australian folklore. Bradman's meteoric rise from bush cricket to the Australian Test team took just over two years. Before his 22nd birthday, he had set many records for top scoring, some of which still stand, and became Australia's sporting idol at the height of the Great Depression. A shining beacon of strength for Australian cricket and a nation, Sir Don is one of Australia's greatest icons and will always be remembered as a gentleman and a legend.

Evonne Goolagong Cawley, is an Australian former World No. 1 female tennis player. She was one of the world's leading players in the 1970s and early 1980s, when she won fourteen Grand Slam titles: seven in singles (4 Australian Open, two Wimbledon and one French Open), six in women's doubles, and one in mixed doubles. She is the third of eight children from an Australian Aboriginal family. Her parents, Kenny Goolagong and Melinda, are members of the Wiradjuri people. She was born in Griffith, New South Wales, and grew up in the small country town of Barellan. Although Aboriginal people faced widespread discrimination in rural Australia at this time, Goolagong was able to play tennis in Barellan from childhood thanks to a kindly resident, Bill Kurtzman, who saw her peering through the fence at the local courts and encouraged her to come in and play.

**Merit Awards**

Congratulations to the growing number of students who have received awards in our merit system this term:

**Red Awards - Year 7**
Rebekah Mabberly, Tom Hescott, Nathanael Jeffree, Jhearan Boonrod, Bailey Holohan, Ryan Emmerick, Jared Lane, Clayton Deleeuw, Amelia Brook, Karlee Tiyce, Grace Tobler, Casey Weal, Marisa Giles, Ella-Rose Burke, Jordan Johansen, Ewan Dimmock, Bill Butt, Hayden Mant, Annabel Collison, Tyson Lynch, Abbie-Louise Hart, Lachlan Smith, Emily Sheather

**Green Awards - Year 7**
Amy Webb, Leanne Du, Caitlin Miller, Justin Webster-Broadhead, Ben Brodie

**Green Awards - Year 12**
Cody Rowland, Cody Stein-Powers

Patricia Holmes
Deputy Principal
Huge Response to PBS Lesson

Positive Behaviour for Success has had another exciting and busy fortnight. Most exciting was the wonderful PBS lesson which took place in Roll Call on Thursday 7th May. Students experienced a range of media showing athletes being their best. Clips, images and descriptions of the athletes’ achievements were shared during the extended roll call period. After discussing the PBS values displayed in these stories, students had the opportunity to design a mural which inspires viewers to be their best. The winning design will be installed in the basketball outdoor learning area (BOLA).

Students Alix Harper and Rhyanna Summers share their experiences:

Q: How did you find the lesson?
RS: It was really good because of hearing the peoples stories. It was inspiring. It made me want to get up and do something!
AH: It was really interesting finding out about athletes who’ ve done inspiring things.

Winners to be announced soon!

“The PBS lesson was inspiring. It made me want to get up and do something!”

- Rhyanna Summers

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What PBS means to me
Jemma: It means safe, respectful and responsible, like for behaviour. Hands off so you don’t hurt anyone—stuff like that. There are the signs around the school, and teachers say it to you 24/7! Vivos are good too—they make good classes even better. Don’t be a tool. Go to school!

“PBS means always try your best.”

- Richelle Louth

Richelle: PBS means always try your best, even if you don’t think you can do it that well. And “shake it off” - like, shake off your sad emotions.

I like that you can buy Favourites chocolates from the Vivo shop too!

News from the Vivo Team
The Vivo display case is looking fantastic! It has moved to a new and improved display cabinet outside the Admin Office and is really pretty schmick. Talk to Ms. Wells about redeeming your purchases.

Make sure you keep logging in!
The Vivo shop is always changing and being updated, so keep logging in to check it out. If you have forgotten your password, talk to Ms. Naujok about resetting it.

Suggest ideas for the Vivo Shop
The PBS letterbox is up and running in the entryway to the school near the Admin Office. This is designed to be an easy and effective way to make suggestions about PBS and Vivo. Have you thought of the BEST IDEA IN THE HISTORY OF IDEAS for Vivo Shop? Write it on a slip of paper and post it in the PBS letterbox!

Remember, we can place high price items in the Vivo Shop, but lower priced items are more accessible and more likely to make it in.
Fun and games

Previous excursions to Macarthur Square have been great fun. Movies with popcorn followed by a bit of shopping and free time. It’s a wonderful way to unwind at the end of a busy semester.

Merit Excursion Coming Up!

The Semester One Merit Excursion is coming up soon. Students and teachers will travel to Macarthur Square and enjoy some free time for shopping, as well as a movie with popcorn.

The excursion occurs by invitation and is only open to those students who have achieved the minimum level of Vivos set by the excursion organisers, so keep collecting those Vivos!

Merit Award Recipients

It has been a wonderful fortnight for Moss Vale High, with many more students achieving new levels in the Merit system. The Assembly this Thursday will be a real celebration of these impressive young people.

Year 7s are shining!

Year 7 is showing wonderful progress in the PBS Merit System, with more reaching goals of Red and Green awards each week.

Congratulations, Year 7. Keep it up!
Love Bites Year 10

Love Bites is a joint Initiative of several NSW Agencies aimed at raising the awareness of and effecting changing attitudes towards, Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse.

Trained Facilitators, including Domestic and Sexual Abuse Counsellors, two local Police Officers and Case Workers presented an informative and eye opening lesson at MVHS earlier this month to assist senior students in understanding the issue and what they can do about changing the statistics.

The seminar included factual statistics, video presentations, scenario challenges and poster design to enable students to process the information they were given. It was pleasing to see so many students taking the lesson seriously with their intelligent and thoughtful questions and answers throughout the interactive presentation.

Love Bites Quotes from Year 10 Students

"Love Bites was such an eye opener for me. There are so many women, men and children that are affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse that people need to wake up and speak up about these issues so we can lower the number of people who are physically, mentally, emotionally and socially scarred and trying to survive"

"I found Love Bites really helpful as the people presenting gave us information about domestic violence and sexual assault. The information will definitely help us if we get into one of the situations presented during Love Bites in the future."

"I think Love Bites is a good information class it supplies you with all the information about domestic violence and sexual violence. It talks about how to get help and how to help other people who are been abused."

"I liked the Love Bites because it taught me a lot about abuse and how to deal with it if I or a friend ever get put in that kind of position."

"I thought Love Bites was great I learnt so much about domestic violence and sexual abuse. It was a real eye opener for me."

"Love Bites was presented in a fun and positive environment despite being on a very grave topic. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and feel I have valid and reliable information that I can take with me for the rest of my life."

"Love Bites was a very informative and eye opening experience."

Sharlene Killian
Welfare Coordinator

Donna Jensen
School Chaplain
English Experiences

Each week, students and teachers add to the colourful display that is our Bamir Language Gallery. Sometimes there is a common concept across all classes such as the recent ANZAC diamante poems. At other times, students create bunting that is relevant to their learning for a specific unit of work. Students also reflect on their learning, in terms of specific literacy outcomes or different processes of drafting and writing. When in the A block corridors, remember to take the time to read the excellent examples of language on display. You might like to look at examples online on our regularly updated blog at http://www.bamirlanguagegallery.wordpress.com

Reminding all students, parents and caregivers that the English Faculty is currently organising excursions for students in Year 7 and Year 12. Year 7 will be attending a daytime performance of Matilda at the Lyric Theatre, while HSC students will be attending lectures on their prescribed texts for Paper 2: Modules. Please check the closing dates for payments and return notes as soon as possible.

Kerri-Jane Burke
Head Teacher English

Let Literacy Light Your World
Debating

On Friday May 1, our Senior Debating Team travelled to Bowral High School to face off against their team. The topic of the debate was “Australia should become a republic,” with Moss Vale taking the negative side for the debate. Although it was close, with both sides presenting strong cases, Moss Vale unfortunately lost.

The students all had prepared well, and have shown a high degree of skill in their manner of debating. With only one round left vs Smiths Hill High, the team is keen to get into it, looking to enjoy their last debate of the round. This will also be the last time Allie Sims, Brooke Sheather and India Walbridge represent our school in debating.

It is sure to be another nail-biter that will go down to the wire!

Shuffleboard Tournament
Moss Vale High School Vs HarbisonCare

Each fortnight a team from Moss Vale High School defends their Shuffleboard Championship title against a team from HarbisonCare.

Both teams take the competition very seriously as spectators cheer and jeer at the plays.

It’s quite a skilled game and too much power can send the puck flying off the edge of the table!

So far this year the Moss Vale High School team has been undefeated. Mrs Jensen thinks the residents are just being kind to the school boys!

Thanks to Hugh, Sean, Alex, Sacha, Reece, Ethan and Richard for great sportsmanship and friendliness.

Mrs Jensen

Game On:

Audrey and Ethan

Vs

Iris and Sascha
Moss Vale High School
Spectacular CAPA Concerts

By Amy Webb 7S

Moss Vale High School holds CAPA Concerts each year to raise money for the school and to let students show their creative talent.

Lots of work is put into the concerts. Students practise for hours on end and Mrs Johnston and other CAPA teachers put in so much of their time to help make it perfect. The backstage crew control the lights, fog machines, projector, sound and many other things.

Each CAPA Concert two students are chosen to be MCs. They are usually a boy and a girl. They get notes, to become familiar with the words. Mrs Johnston gets a professional speaker, Sandra, to teach the MCs to pronounce the words properly and learn how to present themselves while speaking on stage.

Students’ artwork is displayed on the program and also around the hall. There are acts that include dance, drama, choirs, bands, ensembles and solo performers.

Every concert there are special guests that are invited to attend the concerts by the principal, Peter Macbeth.

A tradition that started in 2012 is the staff band. They rehearse a couple of days in advance and then perform to conclude the concert. It makes it go out with a bang! The staff band is a huge hit because it has vocals and a band, with only teachers singing and playing.

Zoe Bosevski from 7S said, “it was great to be in the CAPA Concert and go on the stage to perform in front of my parents.”

Overall CAPA Concerts are a great hit with students and parents and it is a great way of raising money for the school and giving students real
More work from 7S budding journalists.

MVHS CAPA
Volume 8 issue 2
Written by Anissa Bedaoui

CAPA Opportunities

There are many opportunities in the CAPA faculty, such as joining the choir, band, drama, dance or after school art class. CAPA opens up golden choices for the students at MVHS. The year of 2015 presents an excursion that all CAPA students may go to.

The 2015 excursion includes going to New York. As this is only open to CAPA students, you get a free activity week at the end of the year.

In assemblies, the choir will sing the national anthem in front of the whole school, guided by the wonderful Mrs. Johnston, referred to as Mrs. J. The Diamond Dance Ensemble, lead by Ms. Cordingly (who is also the Year 7 Year Adviser) may present a dance routine that they have been practicing.

The band may often play a few songs in assemblies or we might get a play from the drama department which is lead by the funny Mr. Drummond.

The students often help the teachers when thinking up a new dance, song or scene to do.

Some of the choir students on tour.

Band with Mr. Bibijia sometimes play at local shows.

Admire Our Choir, It Inspires!

In choir they are multiple ranges of singing groups such as:
* Normal choir
* Roll call choir
* Junior choir
* Senior choir

In normal choir, you don’t need to audition, making it the largest choir group. The students in normal choir practice each Wednesday at lunch time with Mrs. J.

Roll call choir people or ‘The Vocal Rollers’, go to roll call in the C6 room and get their names marked off there in the mornings.

All of the choir groups practice different songs, therefore, the more singing groups you are in, the more song you need to remember.
Open Boys Soccer

On Tuesday 5 May, the senior boys’ team from Moss Vale High School travelled to David Woods playing field in East Bowral to face Bowral High School. The Moss Vale boys were fresh off a victory against Mulwaree High School and ready to do the same to their rivals.

The game started with high intensity from Moss Vale as they had a number of shots and possession within the first 5 minutes. The reward came in the 8th minute as a corner came in and was met by the head/knee of Lachlan Crook from close range. The tide changed over the next 10 minutes as Bowral enjoyed a good share of possession and found themselves at 1-1 in the 15th minute after a tap in from very close range. It wasn’t to be 1-1 for very long when a through ball was tapped past the Bowral defence to the feet of Jason Delamont. The Bowral keeper rushed out to deny him, although Delamont powered a shot high over the sliding keeper and into the back of the net. It was almost 3 for Moss Vale when the clearance of the Bowral keeper came to the feet of Delamont who shot from outside the 18 yard box only to have his shot denied by a header off the goal line by a defender. This sparked Bowral to fight back and in the 19th minute made it 2-2 as Moss Vale goalkeeper Jacob Clarke came rushing out to a ball that held up in the grass and was chipped from the 18 yard box and in off the post. The remaining minutes in the half were even in the middle of the park and both teams were fairly happy going into the break at 2-2.

The fast paced affair was continued in the second half when Tom Ewen’s back pass to Mark Rolles went astray and as the Bowral player streaked towards goal and made his way into the 18 yard box he was brought to ground by Rolles who was lucky to remain on the field for his last man challenge. There was nothing Clarke could do about the penalty as it was blasted into the top left corner. This was the first time in both games that Moss Vale had fallen behind and it was unsure whether they would be able to fight back. Coach Vandenbergh made a number of substitutes in the final quarter in an attempt to get back in the game but his attempts fell short as the full time whistle went with Bowral winning 3-2. The Moss Vale boys worked hard and never gave up through the evenly fought contest. They were disadvantaged with a number of injuries and the wind contributing to a few missed opportunities.

By Josh Knox

Open Girls Soccer

On Thursday 7 May the Open Girls’ Soccer team participated in the second round of the knockout competition. We played at Crookwell versus the Crookwell High girls’ soccer team. It was a chilly day but a very exciting one.

It was a close game but well-played. Our first goal came in the first half, an impressive goal being scored by Gabby Middleton, who had a shot outside the eighteen yard box, which dipped over the goalies reach into the back of the net. However Crookwell had a near miss being saved by Dominique Palmer later in the game, the ball being passed through our goalie heading towards the goal line, but, Dom shot past the Crookwell player and knocked it out of their reach. The Mossy team was strong from the back (including our goalie Ellie Handley, who made some excellent saves from the shots at goal) to the forwards throughout the whole game, thanks to the wise words of wisdom from Mr Vandenbergh.

We are now all excited for the next round being a home game at Mossey vs either Queanbeyan or Yass High School.

By Natasha and Olivia Wann
G’day athletes, what a sweaty start we have had to the term. Tuesday sport is in full swing, the x-country team is gearing up to take on the might of the region and we had an athletics carnival that rivalled the Sydney Olympics!

As always we have a massive amount of talented student athletes spreading their skills across the region and state and for this newsletter we’re going to have a look at big Josh Conquest’s involvement in the South Coast basketball side and their attempt to win the state final. Below is a recount from Josh himself.

We won all our pool games, with the only defeat in the Final against Newcastle Hunter. Because we ran second we were awarded the silver medal.
I (Josh) was in the starting 5. I feel I played well in defence and I’m used to defending the much taller and older players. The south coast side was one of the smallest teams in height at the carnival. three players from my team where picked in the NSW state side.

Check out the game scores below and the pictures of the big man in action.
Results :  
POOL games :  
Def North West Sydney 63-52; Def South West Sydney 274-45; Def. Sydney East 59-42; Def. North Coast 63-37; Def Sydney North. 49-42 SEMI - def Sydney South West 1 63-51 FINAL - lost to Hunter Newcastle. 53-46.

Congratulations to all the competitors at our school’s athletics carnival. It was a cracking day and the team to head to the regional carnival will be released in coming days.

Tuesday school sport is running well for Years 9, 10 and 11. Again we have a range of different sports activities that are taking place and the students are having a great time. Please make sure you check in with your sport teachers about the running of your activities and make sure to get your bus money in.

Moss Vale High School needs your help! We are part of the A-Mart Allsports community kick back program. For every dollar spent at Amart, in Mittagong, the school will receive 5% of money spent, kicked back to the school. That might not sound like much but if everybody nominates our school as their kick back recipient then we will build a big fund for us to spend on improving the school. See the next page for more info!

Mr. DB’s fun, fit, fact: The tongue is the strongest muscle in the body.

That’s all the highlights from the sports reel this term and remember good things come to those who sweat.

Mr Adam Dubois
PDHPE Teacher and Sports Organiser
Moss Vale High Newsletter

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SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th Century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July 2015 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one term, one semester or two semesters from France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Denmark. They will attend a local High School, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive health insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. To enquire about becoming a volunteer host 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.

MOSS VALE HIGH SCHOOL

CAPA CONCERT

Thursday May 28 2015
6.30-8.30pm in the Hall

Featuring

Music, Dance, Drama Performances and Art Displays

Doors open at 6:00pm
Tickets will be sold at the door
Student $3 Adult $5 Family $15
Sadly sometimes relationships break down and the court makes orders that change the contact parents can have with their children or the role they play in making decisions about their children’s education. These can be Family Court Orders or Apprehended Violence Orders.

If this happens it is important that you provide the school with a copy of any court orders that could impact on your child’s education.

In the absence of any notification to the contrary, the school will assume that both parents continue to retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and should be involved in making any decisions regarding their children’s education.

This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, please advise the school immediately and provide a copy of any court orders that may be obtained. These orders will be stored securely and only accessed by staff who need to see them in order to plan for your children’s learning and support and related issues.

Maureen Sinclair
Administrative Manager

The Illawarra South East “Purple Shirt” Performing Ensemble

is coming to Moss Vale High
Monday 1 June (Week 7) periods 5 & 6

for all Year 7 and 8 students
and Years 9-11 students who do Music, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, Visual Design & Photography as an elective

Pay your money to the front office
by 9am Monday 1 June
$4 each or $6 per family
**Next P & C meeting** will be held in the Staff Common Room A Block, Week 5 Term 2 Tuesday May 19 @ 6.30pm

Drum Kit Lessons Available Mondays at school
All styles.

Contact Michael Griffiths
0429 391 957

**2016 CAPA EXCURSION to NEW YORK & LOS ANGELES**

Parent Information Evening with Grace McLean from Academy Travel for all Music, Dance, Drama & Art students who have returned an “Expression of Interest” form

**Wednesday 20 May 5.30pm in the School Library**

See Mrs Johnston for more information

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Moss Vale High Newsletter Issue 2 Term 2 2015
“Because School is Your First and Most Important Job”

“But I don’t get paid,” you might respond. Well, not in money. But in fact you are being given an education which is worth thousands of dollars every year. You are learning how to show up on time every day, in the same way you will need to in your working life (if you want to keep your job!).

You are learning how to think. How to solve complex problems and read complex texts. How to form an opinion and justify it in a valid way. How to resolve disputes constructively. How to make and keep friends. You are learning the skills that will help you to navigate your future with success.

School Increases Your Future Success

Attending school regularly is one of the main signs that you will finish your HSC. Not achieving your HSC or equivalent post-school study/training (e.g. TAFE, apprenticeship or traineeship) means you will:

⇒ Make less money – on average, one million dollars less than a high school graduate over your lifetime.
⇒ Have more difficulty with relationships, civic participation and community links.
⇒ Make worse life choices, leading to higher rates of unemployment, criminal activity and poor health.

Basically, you are more likely to be happy, healthy and rich if you come to school!

“It’ll Only Get Harder the More You Stay Away

It can be tempting to stay home if you’re having a rough time at school – maybe fighting with a friend, or being hassled about overdue work. But every day you stay home is 5 More Hours of Work you will need to catch up on. And a whole day of news and jokes and chats with friends which you won’t understand when you get back.
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.