Off to the Nationals

Congratulations to Amirah Harvey who came 7th overall in the Show Hunter Hack & Sienna Harvey who came 9th, at the recent State Interschool Equestrian competition. With over 50 in each of the three classes, it was a fierce competition.

In the Dressage, Sienna gained a 3rd in the Elementary (which was outstanding) and a 7th in the Novice. She would have won this but her horse had a ‘moment’ so it was a little heart breaking but there is always a lesson tucked away somewhere and this one was resilience.

Still a brilliant result, all things considered.

Although the girls have qualified for Nationals, the girls now have to apply for the State team.

We wish them well!
Principal’s Report

Last week was a very difficult week for us all at Moss Vale High School as we lost one of our much loved teachers, Ms Gabrielle Seary. I want to devote most of my contribution to our schools newsletter to Ms Seary and the amazing contribution she made to our school.

I am so proud of all the students, staff and community who last week selflessly looked after each other and showed everyone that we are part of a wonderful school community. The care and support that was on display was just uplifting.

Below is the text of my Principal’s address at the very special school assembly we had on Monday 27 July to remember and acknowledge Ms Seary and the wonderful and positive difference she made to us all.

Principal’s Address

It is a real pleasure and a real honour today to have the opportunity to address you all as we come together to remember and pay tribute to one very special person – Ms Gabby Seary.

It is very special that today we have with us members of Ms Seary’s family and it is also wonderful to have Mr Zsigmond here with us today so we get the opportunity to celebrate the incredibly positive impact of a much loved teacher.

Ms Seary was a very special person in so many ways, a highly valued and loved member of staff and an outstanding English teacher for over 10 years at our school.

Ms Seary was admired and well respected by her students, for being inspirational and encouraged students to achieve their best. She believed in her students and what they could achieve.

Ms Seary did this through her advocacy for each individual student.

Ms Seary had a love of poetry, quality literature and of lyrical writing. She had the capacity to be part of the story that she read and to engage and students through her passionate commitment to reading.

We have all been deeply saddened by the passing of Ms Seary last week. Our hearts, our prayers and our thoughts go out to Ms Seary’s family and friends during this most difficult of times.

I also want to acknowledge all the amazing students and the incredible staff of Moss Vale High School for their compassion, their support and the way that we have all looked after each other over the course of the last week.

I am so proud of you all for the way you have conducted yourselves in such a selfless way by looking after one another and remembering what a special person Ms Seary was. You are all very special – thank you.

With the power of a positive spirit I encourage us all to celebrate Ms Seary and the inspiration she provided us, the belief she put in us and the success and achievement she wanted for us all.

I am certain that we will never forget the positive influence Ms Seary had on us all and so with that in mind let’s make sure we achieve our best and let’s make sure we continue to believe in each other.

Thank you.

Other news . . .

Trial HSC: I want to wish all our Year 12 students every success as they commence their trial HSC exams this week. I hope their efforts are reflected in their exam results.

Education Week: This week is education week and so I would like to wish everyone all the best for a great week. I am very much looking forward to our concerts on Tuesday and Wednesday night – they will be a great showcase of what we stand for right across our community of schools.

Remember if you have any questions or we can help you at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at school.

All the best for a great week ahead!

Peter Macbeth
Principal
Deputy Principal’s Report

Vale Ms Gabrielle Seary

As a school community, we gathered on Monday July 27, to remember, honour and farewell our much beloved Ms Gabrielle Seary. The outpouring of written tributes, from our students, was overwhelming. Students remembered and honoured a vibrant, caring, inspirational and loving teacher through their poems and written reflections. I would like to acknowledge and thank all of the students who contributed to the memorial wall of writing for Ms Seary, and I would like to share two of these tributes written by Harriet Snaith of Year 11 and Cameron Webb of Year 9.

Miss Gabrielle Seary

You were the brightest light in every room. With the brightest smile and the brightest laugh, Your beauty shone from the inside out radiating your positivity and zest for life.

Now there is a hole that cannot be filled. There is a flame that will never burn as bright. But you have left behind an ignited spark that will never be extinguished.

You never failed to inspire me, encourage me or support me and I never got the chance to thank you. You made a lasting impact on everyone’s lives. You certainly touched mine and I am forever grateful to you my teacher, my inspiration, my friend.

I will never forget you. I will never stop missing you.

By Harriet Snaith Year 11

I would also like to make special mention of the exceptional song composed for Ms Seary by Brooke Sheather and Charlotte Fitzgerald which they sang beautifully at Monday’s special assembly. Thank you to Luke Webb, Harriet Snaith, Ellie Toblin and Emma Handley who were all instrumental in assisting me with the organisation of this memorial assembly.

Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS)

On Thursday of this week our PBS lesson will be focused on SAFE BEHAVIOUR by reinforcing the emergency procedures for evacuation and lockdown/lockout through a roll call game. It is very important that our students know exactly what to do in the event of an emergency and we realise that students retain information more effectively when they enjoy the learning activity. I would like to thank Ms Felicity Curtis, Mr Rob Berman and Mr Alex Miller for putting this excellent board game together to ensure that our students are well versed in safety procedures.
The Merit System and Vivos

Congratulations to our recent merit recipients who will receive their awards at the next assembly on Thursday, August 13:

**Red Awards** (150 Vivos)
Sam Channells - Year 7, Kyal Buckley - Year 7, Zac Anthon - Year 7

**Green Award** (300 Vivos)
Cayla Rowland - Year 7, Jared Lane - Year 7, Riley Matthews - Year 7, Megan Schweers - Year 7, Lachlan Smith - Year 7, Arya Sigdel - Year 7, Kyle McGuire - Year 7

**Bronze Award** (600 Vivos)
Lachlan Hayes - Year 8, Ben Brodie - Year 7, Bryce Coppins - Year 7, Justin Webster-Broadhead – Year 7, Angelique Hart - Year 7

**Silver Award** (1000 Vivos) Gabrielle Middleton - Year 11

**Trial HSC Exams**

I have issued all Year 12 students with their timetable for the HSC Trial examinations which will take place from Monday, August 3 through to Friday, August 7. Students will only be required at school for their timetabled exams but should ensure that they arrive at school at least 15 minutes before the scheduled exam. On the back sheet of the timetable, students have a detailed outline of the expectations and requirements associated with these exams which are all in line with the Board of Studies. I would like to remind students that they should attend the exams in correct school uniform and ensure that mobile phones are not brought into the exam hall, or they need to be placed at the front of the hall in a secure box.

I wish all Year 12 students well with their study and performance throughout the exam period.

Mrs P Holmes
Deputy Principal

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The Thomas Kelly Youth Foundation is holding a Gala Dinner on

**Wednesday 16 September at the Star Event Centre in Pyrmont.**

**Guest of honour is the Hon. Mike Baird** - Premier of NSW, along with the keynote speaker - NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione.

The event commences at 6.30pm with David Campbell, master of ceremonies - (co-host of Channel 9 “Mornings Show”).

The evening is all about raising funds and awareness to realise the Foundation’s vision of ensuring that “all of our children get home safely” and making our streets safer. The auctioneer for the evening will be Ray Hadley AM, an advocate of the Foundation from the beginning.

Sony Music will also ensure a night of fantastic musical entertainment.

Our Bamir Language Gallery

Congratulations! Our Bamir Language Gallery has now been documenting the literacy achievements and joy of words for more than 52 weeks. This means we have met our initial goal of creating bunting each week, or bombing landmarks on our country during school holidays.

In celebration of this milestone, the Blog has been given a new look. The home page now features large thumbnails to more effectively provide a ‘quick view’. The focus of each post remains a gallery of images to capture work samples of poetry, narratives, and visual representations of language activities.

The fantastic display of hands for NAIDOC Week is the first post to showcase the new aims of the Bamir Language Gallery. Suggested by Ms Bateman and supported by many English classes, each hand portrays symbols of important aspects of our families and lives. The hands represented the 2015 NAIDOC Week theme ‘We All Stand on Sacred Ground’ as well as the Gundungurra Dreaming story of Mirragan and Gurangatch.

Visit the site to view our achievements and see how our work entertained tourists in London, as well as decorated the National Museum of Australia. https://bamirlanguagegallery.wordpress.com/

The BLG now enters its second year and we encourage staff and students to become curators of the gallery space. We invite suggestions for future displays in the gallery – please email or speak with the English staff.

Above is a list of the details on the blog.
G'day athletes, welcome back to another school term and welcome back to the sporting arena. We have had so much success this year and it's been an absolute pleasure to be reporting. I can't believe there are two terms left to go, with so much action to come!

Over the past few weeks, some of our Moss Vale High School all stars have had amazing success in a wide variety of sports. First off, I would like to congratulate Megan Schweers of Year 7 who recently attended the winter country swimming championships (brrrrr) and swam in the 50 and 100 metre freestyle, achieving a PB in both events. She's a future superfish and we can't wait to see her smashing records all the way through high school and beyond.

There's no such thing as horsing around when it comes to the Harvey sisters! They were all business as both of them attended the state equestrian titles last month. Straight out of the barriers and drawn wide on a heavy seven, the girls stood up for our school and brought it home by a furlong with Sienna Harvey qualifying for the NATIONALS! I'll be sure to keep you up to date with the track form in the next issue of inside racing.

Very big congratulations to our cross country legends who attended the state cross country carnival at Eastern Creek this month. Max Hanrahan, Olivia Wann, Natasha Wann, Sophie Bourke, Sam Drayton and Liam Hinchcliffe ran hard and strong and delivered some outstanding results! A special mention to Liam Hinchcliffe who finished 3rd in the under 12’s, defying physics as his little legs surely can't go that fast!

The Rugby League lads have trucked it up and are through to the West Leagues Cup quarter finals. Should the under 13’s and 15’s win their next games they will head to a central venue to clash for a spot in the finals.

Rugby Union has made an impact at the school and Mr. Dubois couldn't be happier. The game they play in the heavens is building at Moss Vale High School and we have been lucky enough to have the NSW rugby union visit us for a discovery day. We have a variety of 7’s tournaments that the men AND ladies of our proud school will battle it out in the months to come.

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!

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

Mr. DB’s fun, fit, fact: Freediver Dave Mullins set a world record for the longest underwater swim, after swimming 244 metres underwater on one breath in a suburban Wellington pool.

Mr Adam Dubois
PDHPE Teacher and Sports Coordinator
ACTIVITY WEEK NEWS

On the opening days of the deposit collection, 350 students have been placed for Activity Week in 2015. The following activities are now full. PS Adventure, Trout Fishing, Ultimate Sydney Experience, Home and Away, Surfing and Survivor. 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(18 places taken/35 places available), Art experience(9/15), Bushwalking(11/12), Discover the Highlights of Canberra(10/15), Go for Gold(21/30), Jamberoo, River, Rock(17/20), Lantastic(14/30), Skate and Destroy(7/10), Southern Highlands Fun(8/30), Tasmania(42/45) and Welcome to Broadway(14/30). Due to insufficient numbers, Festival of Food and Highlands Golf will unfortunately not run for 2015.

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 been paying for their activities in full while others have opted to pay via instalments. The next instalment is due for payment on Thursday 20 August (Week 6, Term 3) and Friday 21st August. 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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** You may make payments at any time. Payments may be greater than those listed above.**

When paying, all students receive a receipt stating the amount they have paid thus far for their activity and what they owe including school fees. The first activity week meetings will be held on Friday 7th August. Students that haven’t selected an activity must attend school during Activity Week. School curriculum work tasks will be given under staff supervision to these students. Thanks to all for your continuing support of Activity Week at Moss Vale High for 2015.

Mr Nash
Activity week coordinator
Message from School Administrative Manager

To ensure school records are correctly maintained, parents and caregivers can help by following these processes:

- Include student’s full name on excursion notes, absence notes and any other correspondence
- If paying by direct deposit, include student’s full name and purpose of payment – a preferred payment method is to use the $ Make a Payment option from the website where these full details are made available to our school
- Notifying the Front Office of any change to your address, telephone numbers, email address or emergency contacts
- Giving students a note to present to the Front Office as soon as they arrive at school in the mornings if they need to leave school early
- Ensuring permission notes and payments are received at school by the due date

Maureen Sinclair
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

Australian Federation of Graduate Women – Bundanoon Branch

The Bundanoon Branch of the Australian Federation of Graduate Women (AFGW) is planning an event this November to celebrate the Sesquicentenary of Education in Bundanoon.

AFGW membership is open to all women with tertiary qualifications, however formal tertiary qualifications are not essential as Associate Membership is available.

AFGW Bundanoon Branch wish to acknowledge the achievements of women who are past local students, many of whom have made outstanding contributions to society. Past women students are invited to attend this function which will be a Saturday luncheon or dinner.

Names and contact details of those interested could be forwarded to Judy Andrews, AFGW Bundanoon Branch, e: judyolivia1@gmail.com. For further details AFGW (NSDW) http://afgwnsw.org.au/ and AFGW Bundanoon Branch https://www.facebook.com/pages/AFGW-Bundanoon-Branch/559160240880745
PBS Merit Rewards Day to Macarthur Square

On Thursday 25 June 2015, 90 students earned the right travel to Macarthur Square for a movie, sugary drinks and popcorn and of course, a little retail therapy.

Mrs Wells, Mrs Austin, Ms Cripps and Mr Vandenbergh thoroughly enjoyed spending the day with such a delightful bunch of young people who have earned a merit level of Red in Year 7 or Green in Years 8 and above.

Congratulations to all the students who displayed the PBS values of the school; safe, responsible and respectful behaviour. They are great ambassadors for the school and all the great work being done to ensure that PBS values help students succeed both in school and the wider world.

The movie was Pixar’s latest hit, Inside Out - which is a clever animated film about a young girl and her emotions which the audience gets to see from the inside out. Lots of laughs and touching moments.

See student comments below:

On Thursday 25 June, the 90 students who had received a red award of higher travelled to Macarthur Square for a movie and shopping experience that went from 10am to 1:50pm. The students watched a new Disney film called Inside Out that featured the feelings and emotions inside your head and how they operate. The students were then given the opportunity to shop/walk around Macarthur Square and take in the sights (also to eat food).

**Claire Middleton**

I thought it was a fun experience and that the movie was amazingly awesome, funny and sat.

**Zoe Drayton**

I thought the movie was a combination of sad, funny and strange. But it was a great film!!! The shopping part was awesome because we just got to roam around the centre and do whatever we wanted.

I thought the movie was a good choice for a school excursion but I have to say the shopping was the most fun, even up to the bit where we were stuck on the middle level and had to go out the fire door!

**Amirah Harvey**

We can all say that the Macarthur merit reward excursion was a great success and a wonderful experience.

At a recent Wingecarribee Shire Council Traffic Committee meeting, Council adopted the following recommendation:

**THAT an accessible parking space be marked on the northern side of Narellan Road outside Moss Vale High School just east of the second gate from Young Road.**
Nepal Earthquake Appeal Response

Dear Ms Holmes, Staff and Students

Thank you for your generous gift of $1,200.00 to the Nepal Earthquake Appeal. We really appreciate the efforts of the PBS team in raising these funds! Please pass on our appreciation to all who have been involved in this fundraiser.

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake which rocked Nepal on Anzac Day was its worst disaster in 80 years. To date, more than 8,000 people have died, with thousands of others injured, up to one million displaced, and an estimated six million affected in some way.

Shelter has been one of the most urgent needs, as many people are sleeping rough on the streets while their homes are rebuilt. Others are afraid that their house could still collapse. A second earthquake on 12 May only served to exacerbate the already dire situation.

ADRA is continuing to support thousands of people by distributing tents and shelter kits, tarpaulins and jerry cans for fresh water, but also providing longer-term help for the recovery of livelihoods and food security. Our response continues to grow, and together with your help we are committed to seeing the people of Nepal thrive once again.

Your generous donation is greatly appreciated— and will have a lasting impact on the lives of those who need it most. Thank you.

With kind regards

Mark Webster
Chief Executive Officer

WINGECARRIDEE FAMILY SUPPORT – ACTIVITIES TERM 3, 2015

THE INCREDIBLE YEARS
Parenting Workshops
10.00 - 12.00 noon
TUESDAYS
14 July to 15 September
Free childcare provided for group participants on site with early childhood workers – please ring to book your place.

Moving Forward
Support Group for Separated Parents
10.00 - 12.00 noon
WEDNESDAYS
15th July to 15th September
Are you feeling isolated or overwhelmed by a separation and would like some support? Free childcare provided for group participants on site with early childhood workers – please ring to book your place.

PLAY & CHAT SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP
10.00 - 12.00 noon
THURSDAYS
16 July to 17 September
A playgroup providing help to develop parent’s skills and insight into the role of play in children’s learning and social development. Early Childhood staff available for support and advice about your child’s needs and any parenting or other concerns you may have. Please bring a hut and piece of fruit to share.

COMMUNITY WALKS FOR THE YOUNG & THE YOUNG AT HEART
Start at 10.00 for about 1 hour
Do you want to get motivated, get a sense of being part of the community and increase your fitness at the same time? Are you new to the area and want to meet people?

MONDAY MOSS VALE
With Francis
Next at Leighton Gardens 9.30

TUESDAY BOWRAL
With Birdy
Start in the carpark of Bowral Swimming Pool for the Cherry Tree Walk

THURSDAY MITTAGONG
With Birdy
Start at the corner of Mitta Street and the Old Hume Hwy opposite the Tourist Information Centre.
Moss Vale High Senior Support students gained an understanding of the recycling process at the Wingecarribee Recycling & Recovery Centre, Berrima this term. Students were given an educational guided tour from Council staff to review the recycling process of each product. The students will continue to investigate the impact of a throwaway society and view methods of how to reduce waste and pollution.
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Year 9 Agriculture Wool Unit

This term in my classes the students have shown us just how creative, professional and hardworking they are!

My Year 9 Ag class studied the wool industry as part of their assessment they were offered a choice of two extension activities. The choices allowed the class to work across faculties with teachers in the specific fields of design, art and photography. It was a collaborative effort and included Mrs Mumford, Mrs Pepping and Ms Norris.

As part of the extension work the students were given a choice to design and build a 3-D model of a shearing shed and yards OR enter the State wide – “Wool 4 Skools Competition”.

My expectations were high as they always are, but not this high!

The 3-D designs were absolutely outstanding! The detail, design features; and handy work were superb. One in particular was made to scale (Nikki Vaughn’s). I was so proud of each and every one for their efforts in my class.

In order from left to right:

Bree Harrison,

Brittany Stone,

Amelia Heinrich

Luke Plumridge and Ethan Deleeuw

Kyle Lane’s amazing effort!
The “Wool 4 Skools entries” were far beyond what I expected given this was the school’s first time entering such a competition. The talent of these students was truly fabulous. I was so proud of each and every piece of work. Whether or not they gain a place in the competition is neither here nor there!
For this competition the students had to complete three major parts. They had to design a mood board depicting a winter scene in a selected overseas city. They could choose from New Delhi, New York, Tokyo or Moscow.

The mood board provided the creative ideas and inspiration for the garments. The garments had to be made from 80% merino wool with a total of four pieces. The pieces could include wool accessories – hats, scarves; shoes; boots. The designs then had to be annotated including characteristics of the chosen features; the type of wool used and why it was suitable. The last part was to write a citation – summarizing their thoughts; design process; where their inspirations came from and why they used wool.

All in all an outstanding effort by Year 9 Agriculture.

Ms McNeill
NOTE OF ABSENCE

TO: MOSS VALE HIGH

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: _______________

CHANGE OF ADDRESS / CONTACT DETAILS

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NEW ADDRESS: ............................................................  PO BOX: ..................

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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:

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