Young Citizen of the Year Award

Congratulations to Amelia Brook, Year 8, who received the Wingecarribee ‘Young Citizen of the Year’ Award from Australia Day Ambassador John Waters, pictured here with the Citizen of the Year, Kathie Roche.

See Acting Principal’s report
Former Principal’s Report

Thank you Moss Vale High School!

It is with great appreciation that I send my sincerest thank you to all the students, the staff, parents and community of Moss Vale High School. Moss Vale High School is an outstanding school and I am genuinely grateful for all the incredible professional and personal support that I received in the three years that I had the honour of being the Principal of Moss Vale High School! Thank you!

As you are all well aware, in early January I was offered the opportunity to take up the role of Director Public Schools NSW for the Far West Principals network based out of Broken Hill. This is a wonderful opportunity for myself and as a result my family and I have relocated to this wonderful city in Western NSW.

I now have a role that supports Principals in schools covering many thousands of kilometres all over Western NSW. I am looking forward to the incredible experiences and opportunities that I will have in Western NSW and the opportunity to work at a senior level in the NSW Education system. Exciting times!

From my time as Principal of Moss Vale High School I take away incredible memories of the most amazing, thoughtful and genuine students. The most dedicated, committed and enthusiastic staff and a truly wonderful supportive and involved parent community.

Moss Vale High School is an amazing school that is focussed on each and every student and what they can achieve. Moss Vale High School is a school that is based on a wonderful set of values that support the continued strengthening of the most amazing positive spirit! Moss Vale High School is a school going places in terms of offering an education to its students that is of the highest quality! As a student at Moss Vale High School you can become what you want to become with incredible support!

I want to wish all the students, staff and parents of Moss Vale High School my very best wishes for the future. The future for the school is incredibly positive and so I encourage everyone to continue to get behind the school and look forward to exciting times ahead.

My new role takes me all over NSW but I look forward to working with the staff at Moss Vale High School to hopefully return in the coming term so that I have the opportunity to say thank you and acknowledge you all in person for the support you have given me! Until then, thank you, work hard and believe in the future that you have!

Best Wishes,

Peter Macbeth
Director PSNSW – Far West
NSW Department of Education

The happy group who congratulated Mr Macbeth on his promotion and farewelled him at the Scottish Arms before his move to Broken Hill.
Welcome!
I would like to welcome all of our students, staff and families back to the 2016 school year. In particular, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our Year 7 students, new enrolments and their families. Moss Vale High School is an outstanding school where we make student wellbeing a priority, have high expectations and explicitly teach our core values of safe, respectful and responsible behaviour. We have had a very smooth start to the year and Year 7 gave positive feedback about their ‘Introduction to High School Day’ where they looked at a range of topics such as ‘building resilience’, understanding the high school timetable and our Merit System.

We are lucky enough to have a new teacher who has joined the English Faculty, Ms Rebecca Tweedie, who has come to us with substantial classroom experience from Wade High School. Our Technical Support Officer, Mr Ian Crick, retired at the end of 2015 and Mr Chris Osiadacz has taken this very important position for 2016.

Farewell!
Unfortunately, the school community has said farewell to our Principal, Mr Peter Macbeth, who successfully gained the position of Director of Public Schools, Far West, and will be residing in Broken Hill. Mr Macbeth made a significant contribution to Moss Vale High School throughout his three years as Principal. His energy, passion and commitment to Public Education will be sadly missed but I know that he will do an outstanding job in his new role. On behalf of the Moss Vale High School community, I wish Peter, Emily and their children well in their new journey, and thank Peter for all he has done for our school.

With Peter’s departure, we have made a few changes for Term One until the appointment of the new Principal. I will be Acting Principal this term, Mr Craig O’Brien is the Relieving Deputy Principal and Mrs Jemima Finlayson is the Relieving Head Teacher Science. I want to assure all parents that the school will maintain its high expectations and strong values.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Higher School Certificate 2015
Congratulations to our Year 12 students of 2015 who achieved excellent results in a wide range of subject areas. A full report and analysis of HSC results will be provided in the Annual School Report later in the year. However, I would like to acknowledge the following students who made the merit list for distinguished achievement:

- Mitchell Clarson: Personal Development, Heath and Physical Education
- David Connick: Music 1
- Jennifer Dyer: Ancient History
- Lauren Fahey: Visual Arts
- Hayley Jeffery: Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- Dominic Sabben: Mathematics
- Brooke Sheather: Music 1

Lauren Fahey was also successful in having her major work in Visual Arts chosen for the prestigious Art Express exhibition, and David Connick was also recognized for exemplary work at Encore 2016. Please see Mrs Linda Johnston’s item for full details.

Congratulations to these students and to their very hardworking teachers. We are very proud of our Year 12 class of 2015!

Young Citizen of the Year Award
Moss Vale High School has had yet another student awarded the Young Citizen of the Year in the Wingecarribee Shire. Last year Luke Webb was awarded this outstanding honour, and this year Amelia Brook of Year 8 received the prestigious award. Amelia was nominated for her volunteering, generosity and exceptional leadership qualities.
An enthusiastic member of the Moss Vale Girl Guides Unit, Amelia was recognised for always being first in line to help with fund raising. Recent projects that Amelia has assisted with include the promotion of the Girl Guides movement and conservation of Taronga Zoo. Only last year Amelia was acknowledged for her achievements and contributions to fundraising at a function at Government House attended by the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall.

Congratulations Amelia!

Kick off with Reading

All of our students and staff have been given the very special gift of a book, Wonder by RJ Palacio. This means that everyone in the school community will enjoy reading and sharing ideas from the same book throughout the coming term. We want students to value the wonderful opportunity of reading a great book that expresses important ideas about acceptance, friendship, diversity and kindness. I would like to thank Mrs Adelle Morris, Ms Katie Cripps and Ms Felicity Curtis for their hard work in organising this year’s ‘Kick off with Reading’ program. Linked to Wonder is our PBS (Positive Behaviour for Success) focus for the year on ‘Kindness’ and our school community will take the pledge to ‘always choose kindness’ each day. Enjoy the gift of reading and have a successful 2016!

“When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind’. Dr Wayne Dwyer

Patricia Holmes
Acting Principal

Relieving Deputy Principal’s Report

Welcome back to what will be a very exciting learning year at Moss Vale High School.

I would like to once again welcome our new Year 7 and our large number of new enrolments in other years. Additionally I wish all our students who have been successful in receiving apprenticeships, traineeships and employment over the holidays. This is testament to the preparation they received at MVHS.

I am very proud to be Relieving Deputy Principal at Moss Vale and to be work with Mrs Holmes and our fantastic, professional staff. I was proud of the school as a parent and have seen this wonderful school develop into what I know to be the best secondary school in the Highlands. Parents are fully aware of the impact that Mrs Holmes, the staff and students have made over the past four years in particular, to make this happen.

We are not going to rest on laurels. We will be continuing to further our school so I will highlight some key issues to make sure we keep moving forward.

Teamwork -

- For effective learning, it is essential that all members of the school are working together and supporting a quality learning environment. To feel genuinely part of a team, the key component is to dress according to a common code. We are now at a point where the change over period from the old to the new uniform is finished. It is noted that the uniform is clearly noted in the student handbook. Please note that plain blue sloppy joe’s are NOT part of the uniform. The Uniform Shop has the full range of affordable and appropriate uniforms.

- Parents need to also be aware of the legal requirement for students to wear enclosed leather shoes.

- Leather Shoes must be brought to school on Tuesdays when Year Groups have sport.

Consistency -

Mrs Holmes and I pride ourselves on being consistent and fair to all our students. We have standards we expect of ourselves and for all the members of the school community. Students are given incredible support at this school and we have clear consequences for the very small number of students who do not follow the school principles of RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and SAFE.

Finally the year has already begun with a rush of activity with this week having our “Kick off with Reading” and Swimming Carnival. Next week has Year 7 Computer orientation, Vaccinations on Wednesday and first meeting for this year's Korean Exchange on Wednesday afternoon.

Craig O'Brien
Relieving Deputy Principal
CAPA CONGRATULATIONS!

LAUREN FAHEY – ARTEXPRESS

ARTEXPRESS is an annual exhibition featuring a selection of outstanding student artworks developed for the artmaking component of the Visual Arts HSC exam.

We are very excited to announce that Lauren’s impressive 2015 HSC artwork will be on display with the Art Express exhibition at the Margaret Whitlam Galleries, Western Sydney University from February 5 to May 6.

If you can’t get to Sydney to see Lauren’s paintings, you can see photos of her work on the Arts Unit Facebook page (1st February post).

Lauren is the first student from Moss Vale High School to achieve entry into this prestigious exhibition. She was also awarded the 2015 Moss Vale High School “Excellence in Creative and Performing Arts” Award for her amazing talents in the Visual Arts field.

DAVID CONNICK – ENCORE

David Connick is a man of many talents. His name is listed in the 2015 World Guinness Book of Records Gamer’s Edition, he won the 2015 Viva Moss Vegas Talent Quest, and he will now be recognized for exemplary work at Encore 2016. ENCORE is a program of outstanding performances and compositions by students from the Music HSC exams.

Held annually at the Sydney Opera House, the online program also acknowledges the achievement of Musicology students in an honours list. This program can be downloaded from http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/exhibitions/#encore from Monday 22 February 2016.

David is the fourth student from Moss Vale High to be included on the Honours list for Encore in recent years (past congratulations have gone to Joshua Walker 2011, Dylan Harkin 2013 and Sal Diaz 2013).

We congratulate Lauren and David on their outstanding success (both students achieved 95 in their respective Visual Arts and Music HSC exams) and wish them all the best for their future studies!

It is highly advisable for parents, caregivers and students to download the Moss Vale High School app to keep abreast of all things happening at Moss Vale High School.

Please see the website for download instructions.
Moss Vale High School Uniform

Moss Vale High School is a proud uniform wearing school. This is in accordance with the Department of Education policy and the collaboration of the whole school community, that is, students, parents and families (represented by the P & C) and staff.

Wearing school uniform presents a positive public image to the community of our school. School uniform also fosters a safer school environment by enabling students to be easily identified. All students are expected to wear full school uniform every day.

The uniform (clothing) supplier is Daylight Sportswear Pty Ltd.

Please do not purchase substitute clothing

A uniform shop is located on our school grounds near the Canteen.

Hours of operation are: Tuesday 8.30am - 11.30am and Thursday 1.00pm - 4.00pm during school terms.

FOR ALL STUDENTS: Approved Moss Vale High School Uniform

- Mid blue shirt
- Navy blue woollen jumper with school logo
- Navy blue jacket with school logo (not sport jacket except during sport)
- Winter jacket with logo

**GIRLS**
- 2-pleated tartan skirt (modest length)
- Tartan shorts (no plain blue shirt)
- Plain navy blue slacks (no track pants)
- White socks

**BOYS**
- Plain grey pants or shorts
- (no track pants and no elasticised ankle on pants)
- Grey or white socks

N.B: Straight tartan and plain navy blue skirt is NO longer part of Moss Vale High School uniform for any year group.

Year 10, 11 and 12 Year Jerseys are to be worn for the students’ Year Group only.

SPORTS UNIFORM

Note: Not to be worn during student photo sessions

- Moss Vale High School red / navy blue sports polo shirt
- Moss Vale High School navy blue with red piping shorts
- Moss Vale High School navy blue with red piping track pants
- Moss Vale High School navy blue red piping tracksuit jacket
- Suitable sports shoes or joggers (no Rabens or canvas lace-ups)
- Girls white socks - Boys white or grey socks
SHOES
The Work, Health and Safety requirement of the Department of Education, for all areas of the school, is that students wear fully enclosed firm leather school shoes with a leather tongue.
• This includes solid leather top and tongue (this is requirement even on mufti days).
• The school colour for shoes is black, no coloured trims or logos.
• Leather shoes have to be brought to school on sports days.

The uniform standard reinforces modesty including the use of minimal makeup and jewellery.

JEWELLERY
The wearing of jewellery (including piercing), neck chains and leather cords, bracelets etc is discouraged. If worn, it must be unobtrusive.

For safety reasons, earrings must be either small studs or small sleepers. Large ear jewellery, nose rings and other body studs are unacceptable.

Note, facial piercing of any kind is NOT part of the uniform code.

MAKEUP
Makeup is to be unobtrusive. There is to be no excessive use of bright lipstick, heavy eyeliner, eye shadow, nail polish etc.

HAIR AND ACCESSORIES
For practical reasons and safety, hair is to be worn in a way that meets WH & S requirements.

Headbands and bandanas are not part of the uniform code. If wearing ribbons and scrunchies, these are to be plain navy blue and unobtrusive.

AEROSOL DEODORANTS
Please Note: Students are reminded that aerosol deodorants and perfumes are banned within the school.
MOSS VALE HIGH SCHOOL
P & C MEETINGS

We extend an invitation to all parents/caregivers to come along to our P & C meetings. Our group meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Staff Common Room (entry via Front Office) commencing at 6.30pm.

2016 P&C AGM Notice

We hereby give notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Moss Vale High School Parents and Citizens, will be held on Tuesday, March 15 2016 at 6.30pm in the Staff Common Room

Reminder : Please pay your $2 membership to the school front office enabling you to vote

For your Diary

Moss Vale High School Photo Day
Friday 18 March 2016
More information closer to date
English Experiences

Welcome to another exciting school year!

By now, all junior students should have received information on class structures, homework expectations and a learning map outlining units of work and assessment tasks. The English Faculty Junior Assessment Policy has also been distributed and students have been asked to share this information with their parents and carers. Next week, all workbooks will be checked so that students can receive vivo reward points for discussing this information and collecting signatures to show that discussions have taken place at home.

Preliminary English students are settling into their new courses, and are reminded that movement between classes will occur after the completion of Term 1. This means students will have the best opportunity to achieve specific outcomes and experiment with the most effective study patterns for their particular course. Preliminary English is an opportunity for students to consolidate their knowledge and understanding of important language features and concepts before the HSC course.

HSC students are well into their course and those studying Standard or Advanced English are reminded that attendance at the Study Day on February 26 is expected. This is an opportunity to experience Sydney University for the day by attending one hour lectures on specific texts for the Area of Study: Discovery. Each presenter is an accomplished English teacher and HSC marker and their understanding of exam expectations is invaluable. Permission notes are available from the English staff room.

Please contact the school should you wish to discuss your child’s pattern of study and expectations in 2016.

Kerri-Jane Burke
Head Teacher English
PRIVATE MUSIC TUITION

At Moss Vale High School, we give students the opportunity to undertake private music tuition with experienced tutors.

In 2016, the following instruments will be taught at school (in the C6 or E1 Music rooms):

- Vocals
- Keyboard/Piano
- Guitar
- Drums
- Violin
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet

Depending on the tutor, lessons may be before or after school, or during school time.

Lessons are usually 25 minutes each and cost $25. This money is paid directly to the tutor, and usually on a term or half-term basis.

If you are interested in advancing your child’s skills and maximising his or her potential, please return the bottom portion of this note to Mrs Johnston at your earliest convenience. Lessons should start in Week 3.

You will be contacted directly by the individual tutor undertaking your child’s chosen instrument/s.

Thank you,

Mrs Johnston
CAPA Coordinator

Mrs Holmes
Acting Principal

Please return to Mrs Johnston in the CAPA staffroom

Yes! I am interested my child/guardian ................................................................. of Roll Class ........ having lessons in the following instrument/s:..........................................

I understand they cost $25 for a 25 minute lesson and that this money is usually paid in advance.

Parent Name: ........................................................................................................

Parent Signature: ..................................................................................................

Contact Email: .....................................................................................................

Contact Phone: ....................................................................................................

Moss Vale High School Term 1

CAPA CONCERT

and

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for our 2016 New York CAPA Excursion with Lucky Door prizes

WEDNESDAY MARCH 30

6.30-8.30pm in the Hall

More details to come . . . . .
PAY ONLINE
Click on "$ Make a Payment" in Moss Vale High School website
http://www.mossvale-schools.nsw.edu.au
and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card via the
secure DEC/Westpac payment online site.

This option is now completely compatible with mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets.

PLEASE REMEMBER that permission notes still need to be presented to the Front Office even if paying online.

MOSS VALE SOCCER CLUB
2016 WINTER COMP JUNIOR & SENIOR REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

To complete registration online: Go to the MyFootballClub website: www.myfootballclub.com.au
For those who prefer to register in person, we are also holding player registration sessions.

Junior Registration Sessions
These will be held at the Church Road soccer fields (cnr Church Road & Wembley Roads, Moss Vale) on:
- Tuesday 2nd February 5.00 – 6.00pm
- Saturday 6th February 12.00 - 2.00pm
- Tuesday 9th February 5.00 – 6.00pm

Senior Registration Sessions
Mens and women’s rego/training sessions at the Church Road soccer fields on:
SENIOR MEN/YOUTH - Wednesday nights starting 3 February at 6.30pm
SENIOR WOMEN - Wednesday nights starting 17 February at 6.30pm
For further information go to our website mvsc.org.au or contact Cathie Campbell 0408 802 201
SMALL FARM FIELD DAY
Moss Vale

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th February 2016
Moss Vale Showground
Robertson Road, Moss Vale.

Find out all about the latest news, technology and products to help you manage your farm or related business! Fun for the whole family with loads to see, do and learn!

$5 per adult, Kids under 15 free.
Gates open 10am - 4pm. Free onsite parking
For more information visit smallfarmfieldday.com.au

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There will be loads of activities, demonstrations and presentations throughout the two days including:

- Working dog displays
- Reptile talks and presentations
- Horse handling demonstrations
- Sustainable farming options
- Equine health talks
- Agronomy and soil health presentations
- Old machinery display

Plus a range of food and lunch options

For more information visit smallfarmfieldday.com.au

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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"): __________________________

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Parent Name: __________________________

Parent Signature: ___________________________  Date sent: _______________

CHANGE OF ADDRESS / CONTACT DETAILS

NAME: ..................................................  Roll Class: ............  Year: ........

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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