Dear Parents and Carers
Welcome back to third term which is our winter term and aren’t we seeing the season in its full glory with our massive dump of snow on Friday. I do hope families weren’t inconvenience too badly by the severe weather event on Friday. The school became non-operational because of road safety concerns. Buses across the local area did not run including our student transport buses and it was too dangerous for staff to drive. There were power outages also in many areas. Thank goodness this is a rare event and I sincerely hope you were all snug and safe at home.

Linda on Leave
I am taking leave this term over August and the beginning of September. Georgina (Georgie) Hamilton will be relieving principal in my absence. Any queries or concerns can be directed to either your classroom teacher or Georgie.

Working Bee in the Holidays
As you can see from the photos we held a working bee in the school holidays to help clean up the Sensory garden. Tangara staff, staff from the Learning and Engagement team and friends from the local community all helped to weed and clip around the garden. We hope to do this every couple of months so if you are available and able please get in touch with me.

Art with Nicola
You can also see over the page students from Ocean class completing their Matisse inspired paintings with Nicola our Artist in Residence.

Staff Development Day - 13th July
The Staff Development day held on Monday 13th July has had very positive feedback from the staff.

One of our improvement targets is centred on reading and writing and three of our teachers presented workshops to everyone on specific resource making, writing strategies and augmenting reading books. Well done Laura, Sarah and Kendrah. We also caught up on some of the detail of several new Department of Education reforms including the new principal and teacher classification structures that will impact all teachers from 2018, namely all teachers will have to be licensed through BOSTES. When I last counted there have been 52 new reforms and or policy introduced into schools over the last 2-3 years.

School Report feedback
Thank you for your positive feedback on our student reports. We usually receive a handful of responses but you beat the record the year by more than double. Thank you.

Chaplaincy Program update
As you are aware Jim Good is our 2015 Chaplain. After consulting with teachers Jim has set up a timetable of activities across the school working with teachers to implement student individual programs. Everyone is finding this invaluable.

Best wishes
Linda McLaughlin
Principal
Working Bee!
Art with Nicola

Matisse has been Ocean class’s inspirational artist this term.
Looking After Yourself

While Looking After Others

4 stand-alone sessions suitable for all types of carers - Come to one or come to all -

Thursday 30/7/15  “Are we on the Emotional Roller Coaster?”
- The effects of stress on our bodies.  DVD – Adrenal health.

Wednesday 26/8/15  “Will the real ME please stand up”
- How to be assertive and still care.  DVD - Digestion

Wednesday 7/10/15  “I didn’t ask for this....”
- Managing change.  DVD  Detox the right way.

Wednesday 28/10/15  ‘Managing the team”
- Communication is the name of the game.  Families, parents, siblings.  Community support.

Time:  11.00am to 2.30pm

Venue: Community Church Spring Street, Moss Vale (Old bowling club)

Presented by: Suzy Molyneux

Please bring your lunch, but morning tea will be provided. Come on an adventure and discover how we can enjoy better health, learn new skills and have fun together in a supportive atmosphere.

RSVP essential for each session -

For more information and to RSVP please contact Moss Vale SNAPS:

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