PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A SCHOOL COUNCIL AT MOWBRAY?

- Many NSW Public Schools have School Councils.
- The role of the School Council is to participate in setting policies and goals for their school according to the guidelines of the Department of Education and Communities and the needs of the students and the local community.
- Each council is made up of parents/caregivers, staff, and community members.

There are two vacancies for parent representatives on the Mowbray School Council and nominations are now called to fill those positions.

See the School Council attachment to this Newsletter for information about the Council and the procedure for submitting a nomination.

CLASS PARENTS:
Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to be “Class Parents”. Your assistance is much appreciated.

Class Parents – 2015

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Many thanks also to those parents who have indicated that they are happy to share their special skills to benefit the students of Mowbray. The teachers will certainly be taking up these offers.
SAFETY ISSUES:

- AFTERNOON PICK-UP TIME:
Please be aware that after school pick-up time is 3.10pm. Recently a number of children have been left at school until around 4pm or later and some even told to play on the fixed equipment until their parent comes!

For reasons of safety, children are only allowed on the play equipment after school if they are supervised by their parent. It is not an after school care centre!

If you are held up and cannot get to school by 3.10pm please contact the School Office on 9428 3200 and let us know so that we can find your child and bring them into the office.

- MORNING PLAY AREAS:
As a trial we are allowing the children to use the western end of the oval as a play area to lessen the congestion on the artificial grass space. The oval area will be supervised by a teacher from 8.40am. Thank you for observing these procedures. We feel that they will keep the children safe in our current school environment.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL:
Many thanks to the teachers and parent helpers who helped to make our 2015 Swimming Carnival a successful and enjoyable occasion. Special thanks to Philippa Hartman for her professional organisation of the event.

Our thoughts are with our P&C President, Vanessa Rengger as she recovers from the trauma of the accident in which she slipped and fell, breaking two bones in her leg. Our thoughts are also with her family as they help her through this stressful time.

YEAR 6: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HIGH SCHOOL:
Even if you are not intending to send your child to a State School please return these forms to your class teacher with the appropriate sections filled in. I realise they do not have to be back till mid-March, but early returns mean that we can begin processing the information.

ANNA BLAKENEY
PRINCIPAL
Compliments from the Willoughby Council Road Safety Project Officer on our response as a school community to the traffic and safety issues caused by the Building Works!

Hi Anna

Thanks for your time yesterday afternoon. It was pleasing to see that, even though the access to the school has changed this term, both the students and parents are continuing to do the right thing as they leave the school. It was especially heartening to see the number of parents who were holding the hands of younger children as they were crossing Hatfield St. The recommendation is that we hold hands with children when crossing the road until they are at least 8 years old. It was also pleasing to see that so many parents were parking safely and legally and driving with care on Hatfield St.

My main concern from what I saw was the vehicles that had been parked in the carpark near the preschool and were leaving. These vehicles often failed to give way to pedestrians on the footpath at the top of the driveway. Whilst it is always best for pedestrians and especially children to stop and check at driveways, drivers need to be aware that pedestrians have right of way on the footpath. This applies to all driveway crossings not just this one.

No doubt you will be pleased to hear that the designs for the new pedestrian crossings are progressing. The plans are at final design stage now and should be sent off for approval shortly. I would be hopeful that the installation would be completed before the beginning of term 2 but cannot promise anything. Well done to everyone for managing the changes to the school’s access so well, especially as we await the installation of the new pedestrian crossings.

Regards,

Fiona

Fiona Frost - Road Safety Project Officer
WILLOUGHBY CITY COUNCIL
PO Box 57 Chatswood NSW 2057
P +61 2 9777 7723
E fiona.frost@willoughby.nsw.gov.au
Calendar – Dates to Remember…….

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CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who will receive awards at the Assembly next Tuesday.

Gold Awards

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FROM THE OFFICE…….

Term Accounts - Term accounts were sent home last week. If you have not received a copy there are spare copies available in the foyer of the office or let me know and I can email one home. Thank you to all the families that have paid so promptly. Please ensure that they are paid by the due date.

Office Procedures. During the building work the door to the admin building may be closed. This is to reduce the noise levels coming from the building site. The office is still open so please come in. Office Hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm. If you need to contact the office please do so during these hours.

Stewart House Bags are to be returned to school by Friday 6th March.

SUE LEECE
ADMIN MANAGER
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We would just like to say a big thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to help at the Swimming Carnival on Monday. These events could not be run for our students without your support. It was a big job being our first year at a bigger and better location, as well as making use of new equipment, but everyone handled it with aplomb.

Looking forward to seeing you all next year!

Philippa Hartman  
Sports Co-Ordinator  
Stage 2 Relieving Assistant Principal
We currently have **no stock** of Size 6 Sports Polos. They are a special order and we won't get more stock until the end of term.

Long sleeve Sports Polos will arrive either late this term or early Term 2.

We will let you know when both items are available.

*Your Uniform Shop Volunteers*
Join the Chess Club in 2015!

Come and play in your school chess club during Tuesday lunchtimes in Terms 1 and 2! Term 1 classes begin in Week 5 on **Tuesday 24th February from 12:50pm – 1:50pm**.

Students will be guided through the fascinating world of chess rules and strategies by fantastic tutors from the Sydney Academy of Chess. With sufficient numbers, children will be divided into K-2 and 3-6 groups. Beginners are welcome; however kindergarten children sometimes find the group a little overwhelming in Term 1 if they have never played chess before. It helps if they already have some knowledge of how pieces move.

Children are asked to take their lunch and go to **Mr Speck’s** room at the start of lunch eating time (12:50pm). Please remind your child each Tuesday morning. We will have 6 sessions this term and 4 sessions next term. At that time, if there is enough interest, we will arrange for continuation of the program.

The cost of tuition for 10 weeks is $60 per child or $100 for two children from the one family. Please complete the payment slip below and return to the office or your class teacher by **Friday 20th February**.

Kind regards,

Jason Speck

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**Return to the office by Friday 20th February 2015**

I enclose payment for my child/ children to receive chess tutoring

Parent contact email address:_______________________________________

Child's Name ___________________________________________ Class ______

Child's Name ___________________________________________ Class ______

A cheque payment (payable to Mowbray Public School) of $______ ($60 per child) is included
SUSTAINABILITY AT MOWBRAY

FRIDAYS: Parent Garden Group – Toddlers welcome!
A great way to support Sustainability at our school!

When: Fridays, 2:15pm
Where and Who: Meet up with Karen and Tracy in the garden between KB and KC each Friday
What: Please bring gloves and gardening shoes!
Why: We love the environment! Maintain student outdoor learning spaces: Vegetable garden (Early Stage 1 and Stage 1), Bushtucker Garden (Stage 2) and the Superb Fairy Wren Memorial Garden.

A big thank you to Karen Shapiro-Lee who whipper snippered around the Bushtucker Garden to ensure access for our students!!! Great effort!

Thanking you all for your support!!!

Clean Up Australia Day is this Week: At School and on the Weekend!

Mowbray students will be helping clean up the school grounds this Friday, 27th February as part of the Clean Up Schools day. Families are also invited down to the Lane Cove River this Sunday, 1st March, to help with the national Clean Up Australia Day campaign.

Meet from 11am on the Lane Cove River just down from Avro Road (off Avian Cres). Clean up is along the river and low tide is around 1pm, so we will be cleaning up from 11am. Gloves, tongs and gumboots are recommended for getting rubbish out from amongst the mangroves.

For more information see: http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/CBA+Lane+Cove+River
Friday 6th March 2015
5pm to 7pm
Mowbray Public School Grounds

Come along for a casual gathering to get to know other Mowbray families. A great way for our new parents and old, to meet and mingle with each other while the children play.

BYO food, beverages and a picnic rug. Ice blocks, fruit poppers and popcorn will be available for purchase and there will be a cricket game for all to join in and have some fun!

Bring along your family and friends to start off the 2015 school year together!
Grandparent’s Day & Harmony Day Book Fair 2015

Thursday 19th March is a special day for all parents, grandparents & friends of children in K-6 to visit the school. To make this a memorable occasion visitors may like to buy a book from the book fair to donate to the library.

Our teacher librarian, Mrs Dana Duveck-Steele, will organise a selection of books that will help enhance the collection available at Mowbray for your children and other school members to borrow and enjoy.

A presentation label similar to that shown will be attached to the books donated and your child(ren) will have the first chance to borrow them. All contributions are tax deductible.

So please come along and help to add to the wonderful book collection that Mowbray Public School library offers.

Book Fair 2015 – Helpers required!

I am in need of a few helpers to set up (starting from 8:30am), run the book fair during the morning and pack up on Thursday 19th March. If you are able to help even for ½ an hour please contact me (details below). All that is required is help to display the books and in writing receipts for the donations, taking payments and providing change. I will provide the receipt books and a float.

Any offers of help gratefully received, it really helps to reduce the time to process the donations if we have several extra hands-on-deck.

Kind regards, Sheyne Ladmore (Library fund co-ordinator)
0402841815 (m), or sheyne@crayons.com.au
or if preferred send note via office FAO Imogen Ladmore in S/6K with details as per below.

Name:________________________________________ mobile/contact no:________________________
Email:________________________________________________________

Yes, I can help and would prefer to help with (Please circle preferred job)
* Setup
* Receipt Writing (a few will be needed here!)
* Packing up
SUSHI Lunch for HARMONY DAY!

THURSDAY 19th MARCH

You can order:

Cooked Tuna (with Cucumber)
Teriyaki Chicken (with lettuce)
Teriyaki Beef (with lettuce)
Avocado

ROLLS ARE $3.00 each

Please fill out the attached order form, enclose the correct money securely in an envelope and give to your class teacher. Sushi will be delivered to the classrooms.

Orders need to be in by Monday 16th MARCH to ensure you get your Sushi on Thursday.

NO ORDERS AFTER MONDAY 16TH MARCH 3:30PM

Name: ________________________________
Class ___________________________
I wish to order the following:
Teriyaki Chicken ____________       Avocado __________
Cooked Tuna ___________              Teriyaki Beef _______
Amount Enclosed $ ____________    CASH ONLY PLEASE
Welcome to our new Training Band and Concert Band for 2015! Rehearsals are back in full swing, with our Conductor Mr Mitchell Staines again leading both bands this year.

It is shaping up to be a fantastic year for Mowbray band with many new Training Band members joining and our exciting Music Tour for Concert Band coming up in Term 4. We are also looking at some fantastic new performance opportunities for both Training Band and Concert Band throughout the year.

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser – Sunday 8th March
Concert Band & Camerata Strings will hold a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser for Music Tour at Chatswood Bunnings on Sunday 8th March. We would love the school community to support us – so please come along on the day and grab a sausage sandwich!

Kickstart – Saturday 21st March – 1.45pm – 5.30pm
Kickstart is a wonderful afternoon designed to give the band children a head start into music for 2015. The children have small group tutorials and combined rehearsals. Both Training Band and Concert Band will perform for parents at the end of the day – this will be the debut performance for Training Band, so don't miss it!

MUSIC TOUR — Bathurst & Orange
15th – 18th October 2015
In Term 4 Concert Band and Camerata Strings will go on tour to Bathurst and Orange for four days. It is an exciting time and a fantastic opportunity for the children who gain invaluable performance experience, take part in expert workshops and of course have a lot of fun! It is a memorable experience for the children - stay tuned for more information and details coming soon.

Calling New Committee Members
Our Band program is run by a group of enthusiastic parents and we always welcome new members. Would you like to get more involved? The Band Committee needs you!! If you think you can get involved in a small or big way, whether it is assisting with events, fundraising or instruments - please let us know.

MOWBRAY BAND COMMITTEE
mowbrayband@gmail.com
Please join us for

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 11 March 2015
5.00 – 7.30 pm
School Hall

Principal: Ms Elizabeth Diprose
Phone: 9958 4141
Fax: 9967 2174

Extension Class Placement Test for Year 7, 2016

Year 6 students will have an opportunity to sit a placement test for our Year 7 extension class for selected students.

Saturday 14th March 2015
9.15 – 11.30 am
School Hall

Please ring the school for further information and to book a test place.

Principal: Ms Elizabeth Diprose
Phone: 9958 4141
Fax: 9967 2174
Chatswood Cubs and Scouts

Joining cubs or scouts is a great opportunity for children to experience adventures in the great outdoors. As well as trying lots of great activities like camping, orienteering and kayaking, learning first aid and bushcraft, cubs and scouts develop the values of self reliance and helping others. All of this whilst having fun, making new friends and getting dirty!

Chatswood cubs and scouts are based right on your doorstep and are looking for boys and girls to join their pack. They are lucky enough to have their own hall, tucked away in the bush on Kooba Ave, Chatswood, where both groups meet every week during term time. Children are invited to try out cubs or scouts for a few weeks for free.

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<td><strong>Where?</strong> Scout Hall, Blue Gum Park, off Kooba Ave, Chatswood</td>
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To register your interest or for more information please contact: Andrew Wilson on 0413 623 135
Learn **Music** on the keyboard at

**Mowbray Public School**

*Enrol now for Term 1*

Awesome songs!  Musical games!  Cool music knowledge!

♫ Convenient at-school venue ♫

♫ Small group - 45 min weekly lesson ♫

♫ Competitive rate - $27 per session ♫

(GST incl. Please do not forward payment to the school office.)

♫ Instrument not required initially ♫

♫ Music material provided ♫

♫ Limited vacancy! ♫

Smart Kids **LOVE** Music!

*Please call 9411 3122 to enrol*
RUN FOREST RUN
FORESTVILLE FUN RUN & FAIR

RUNNERS, JOGGERS & WALKERS
COME JOIN IN FORESTVILLE’S
OWN LOCAL FUN RUN!

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

AFTER THE RUN
STAY FOR THE FAIR!
FOOD - ACTIVITIES - STALLS

SUNDAY MARCH 22
2015

2KM 5KM 10KM

KIDS
COMPETE TO HELP YOUR
SCHOOL BRING HOME THE
PRIMARY SCHOOL TROPHY!

GREAT PRIZES

FREE EVENT T-SHIRT
WITH EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION
runforestrun.com.au

PROUDLY SUPPORTING
FORESTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL
MACQUARIE ADHD
Parent Support Group
Supporting parents of children & teens with ADHD, learning difficulties, and co-existing conditions.

Speaker Evening

WHEN: Thursday March 5th, 2015
TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

SPEAKER: David Evian, Behavioural Optometrist (Certified)
O.D. (USA), Dip Optom FOA(S.A.) F.A.C.B.O.
David’s own learning difficulties have given him a particular interest in children’s vision and how this affects learning and attention difficulties.

TOPIC: “Processing Visual Information”
Integrating visual skills to co-ordinate and reproduce information accurately between the visual and auditory processing systems are vital for effective learning. Processing skills are required for focus, concentration, reading and writing and comprehension.
Lots of time allowed for questions.

Come along and hear a professional speaker, and meet other parents over supper.

Donation at the door: $5.00.

VENUE: Dunmore Lang College, (adj. Macq. University)
130-134 Herring Road, North Ryde, NSW 2113
(Waterloo Rd is nearest cross street…near Macq Uni railway station).
Both street and off-road parking.

**Please RSVP by Monday 2nd March**
(by phone or email below for supper catering)

All welcome – parents, teachers and professionals

ADHD Centre Helpline
Ph: 02 9889 5977 / 0416 111 036
Email: parentsupport@neldapsg.org