**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**THURSDAY, 19TH MARCH, 2015**

**A SIGNIFICANT DAY FOR MOWBRAY!**

Last Thursday, three exciting events occurred at Mowbray:

Grandparents of K-2 children were most welcome visitors to Mowbray for “Grandparents Morning for 2015”. They enjoyed a special K-2 Assembly in which all the children performed, contributed over $2,000 worth of books to the school library, helped their grandchildren to make kites for Harmony Day (the second exciting event) and were treated to a delicious morning tea. (Many thanks to Susannah Miller and her team for organising the morning tea.)

The third exciting event was the pouring of the first concrete for the new school – a significant stage in the build! It was quite a co-incidence as our Grandparents Day in 2014 was a symbolic “farewell to the old school” while in 2015 we welcomed the new school together.

These photographs show the concrete pour from the viewpoint of the builders.

**NAPLAN:**

In May, 2015, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. A letter from the Board of Studies with details about the tests will be emailed by the school to parents of children in Years 3 and 5. Please read this letter carefully and do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or myself if you have any questions regarding NAPLAN.
PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS:
We have heard from Willoughby Council that the crossing in Hatfield Street could well be installed before the start of Term 2!

The Mowbray Road arrangement will take longer as it involves moving the bus stop further to the west and building a “pedestrian island” in the middle of the road. While we are waiting for this to be done, please do not encourage your children to cross Mowbray Road at Hatfield Street. I realise it is quite a walk to the pedestrian lights, but they do offer a safe way to cross this busy road. I am sure you will agree that the children’s safety is of the highest priority.

Thank you to our parent drivers who are exercising patience and care during this somewhat difficult time.

Events still to come this term:
- Thursday, 26th March - Rouse Hill Excursion: Year 1
- Friday, 27th March - Rouse Hill Excursion: Year 2
- Saturday, 28th March - Election Day: Vote at Mowbray - visit the Cake Stall and BBQ and have a cup of Tea or Coffee.
- Tuesday, 31st March - K-6 Assembly run by 5B
- Wednesday, 1st April - Cross-Country Carnival at Artarmon Reserve
- Thursday, 2nd April - Last Day of Term 1

Have a relaxing, safe and enjoyable holiday.

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR STUDENTS ON TUESDAY, 21st APRIL

Our ANZAC Ceremony will be on FRIDAY, 24TH APRIL commencing at 9.30am

ANNA BLAKENEY
PRINCIPAL
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 - Thank you to all the families that have paid their term accounts so promptly. There are still a few outstanding accounts which need to be finalised before the end of term.

Payment by Direct Deposit - If paying by direct deposit please ensure that the name of the child and a brief description of payment is included so that the payment can be allocated to the correct child.

SUE LEECE
ADMIN MANAGER
**PLEASE BAKE FOR OUR CAKE STALL**

We have an excellent opportunity to raise funds for our school with a good old **CAKE STALL** at the **NSW State election THIS Saturday 28th March**. Year 3 will be organising and running the cake stall, but we are asking the whole school to contribute some form of home-baked goods for the stall. With the whole school community pitching in it’s possible to raise a couple of thousand dollars from this initiative – usually by lunch time!

Popular sellers are fruit cakes and loaves e.g. date loaf, banana bread/cake, carrot cake etc. As well as selling whole plates of baked goods we will be making up smaller packages of mixed cookies and slices, and selling individual pieces for people to have with a tea or coffee on the day – so we’d love brownies, slices, cookies and cupcakes too. We appreciate many families are very busy and may not have time to bake, however, as we are promoting this stall as selling “home-baked” goods we **cannot accept store-bought goods**.

Due to allergies it is very important to **list all ingredients on the label provided**.

Bags, labels and plates were sent home this week – one bag/plate per family via the eldest child in your family*. Extra bags will be available in the office for those keen bakers who might want to bake a couple of loaves, or a big batch of cookies or slice. There will also be some bigger plates available in the office if you need them for your loaf or cake.  *please contact Eve Straw if your family did not receive a bag/plate pack.

Note that very sticky icings make the treats difficult to bag attractively! 😊 Please consider this when whipping up your goodies.

All baked goods are to be **brought to the RFF room on Friday 27th March – in the morning from 8am, or afternoon no later than 3.30pm**. (The RFF room is the demountable closest to the hall). You can also deliver directly to the stall on Saturday morning however we would need them delivered **no later than 8am**, as this is when the polling booth opens and our customers will start arriving.

For any queries, or if you can help in the lead-up or on the day, please call Eve Straw on 0419 261 919 or email: **eve@davcha.com**

Thank you for your continued support and happy baking!
LIBRARY CHRONICLES
GRANDPARENTS DAY BOOK FAIR 2015

What a wonderful day! Thank-you very much for the hundreds of books you kindly donated back to the library. Hopefully we will have the books (with the special label insert) ready for your children to borrow before the Easter holidays. It was lovely to meet so many new families to the school as well as see all the familiar faces too.

Our amazing parent coordinator of this event is Sheyne Ladmore (parent to Imogen and Elin). The day would not have run as smoothly without her fantastic organisation and management of the volunteers. Sheyne’s calm nature is inspirational! Thank-you very much Sheyne. Thank-you also to all the helpers who volunteered their time. It was lovely to work with all of you!
PREMIER READING CHALLENGE 2015
For 3-6 students who are competing in the challenge, please don’t forget to regularly upload all the books you read in your personal reading log on the PRC website. Don’t forget that the challenge only started at the beginning of March, so only record books you have read since then. Your user name and password is the same as your DEC login.

Library Helpers – THANK – YOU!
Thank-you very much to the fantastic parent helpers this term. We have been very fortunate to have such a great team of enthusiastic volunteers helping shelve or covering new books. A special thank-you to: Jenny Devine (Jake), Sheyne Ladmore (Imogen & Elin), Susan Chambers (Owen), Helen Vanderors (Victoria), Ann Golub (Karina), Pam Sangrattana (Marcus) and Yan Ju Chang (Daniel).

Happy Holiday Reading to all Students AND Parents!

Gina McCann, Dana Duveck-Steele & Sue Psaltis
Your friendly library staff

GRANDPARENTS DAY BOOK FAIR – WHAT A SUCCESS!
Thankyou to everyone who visited the Library on Grandparents Day to show Grandparents & other friends our new temporary premises. Despite the limited space, we had a great day & over 200 books have been contributed to our school’s collection – a fantastic effort!
A special note of thanks to the following parents who kindly donated their time on the day, and setting up the day before:
Yumi Kobayashi, Luana Sandron,
Claire Turner, Jo Pretty,
Yuko Patrick, Michelle Patton,
Mercedes Priddy, Sara Rendo,
Karen Dorsey-Bealby, Jenny Devine,
and other mums who offered assistance if we needed it!
And of course Dana Duveck-Steele & Sue Psaltis, for all their efforts in preparation & on the day.
Each book that has been donated is now in the process of having their labels inserted, & sorted into classes ready for borrowing before the holidays. Happy reading everyone!
Harmony Day / Grandparents Day
Thursday
19th March

Last Thursday K-2 children treated Grandparents and visitors to a performance of songs and music, by the Cammerata strings group in the Assembly Hall.

Following this the children were assisted with their kite making by nimble fingers and a lot of sticky tape.

After a delicious morning tea supplied by the generous K-2 parents the kites were taken for test runs on the oval.

The oval was a sea of orange and the odd tangled kite but mostly very excited children watching their kites take to the sky.

By midday K-2 returned to their classrooms and exhausted Grandparents went home.

The rest of the day included a Sushi lunch and kite flying in the afternoon by 3-6.

Thankyou to all the helpers

Many thanks to Sarah Twining who collected and collated the Sushi lunch orders.

There will be more Photos from the day on the School website.
Come one, come all! The Outback Bushband is back, by popular demand!

Lock away the date for an afternoon of family fun, live music, bush dancing and games for everyone.

Tickets on sale in Term 2.
Congratulations to Georgia Healy (5/6K) for winning 1st place in High Jump at the Little Athletics State Competition.

'Say No to Bullying' Poster Competition

Congratulations to Zara James and Sena Kobayashi. They both received a highly commended certificate for their entry in Interrelate's 2015 'Say No to Bullying' poster competition. The Awards Ceremony was held on Friday 20 March at the Powerhouse Museum.

Over 6000 entries were received from 174 schools across NSW. The purpose of the competition is to bring a focus on bullying awareness to the classroom, playground and home. The Bullying Awareness Program aims to reduce bullying and enhance children's emotional and social wellbeing, by offering strategies in regards to online safety as well as tips for dealing with bullies.
North Shore Zone Swimming Carnival

This year Mowbray was lucky to take 37 students to the North Shore Zone Swimming Carnival at North Sydney Olympic Pool. Congratulations to all students who put in a fantastic effort participating in their races. Students displayed exemplary behaviour and were proud representatives of Mowbray. Thank you to all the parent helpers who contributed to a successful day. A special congratulations to Jack Pollitt (3/4P), Stela Lovrinovic Kaic (3S) and Samuela Keum (4H) who were finalists on the day and went on to represent North Shore Zone at the Regional Swimming Carnival. Well done to all students!

Brigette Morrow & Belinda Bull

MindQuest 2015
Glenwood HS

Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Ave
Glenwood 2768
Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May 9:30am-3:30pm

On Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May 2015, the seventy sixth MindQuest program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with well above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, chemistry and much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students’ evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is $185 (including GST).

Glenwood HS is in the Baulkham Hills area close to the M7 and is easy to get to from most parts of Sydney. 20 mins Beecroft, 35 mins North Sydney, 25 mins Strathfield, 30 mins Richmond, Penrith and Hornsby.

Contact your school for a brochure or call Shelagh 02 4232 2494
Closing Date: Monday 4 May 2015
BAND NEWS

Kickstart 2015 was a great success. The rain held off and the children had a great time. It was an afternoon of individual instrument tutorials and rehearsals culminating in a mini concert for parents.

As always the Training band surprised their parents with their first ensemble performance for the year, always impressive as the children have only had their instruments 6 wks.

The Concert Band had a chance to get to know each other a little more and performed a brand new piece they had learnt during Kickstart. Not to mention the FUN had by all and the delicious afternoon tea supplied by parents, always a highlight of the day for the kids. Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to help.

Election BBQ Fundraiser - Sat 28th March
Concert Band & Camerata Strings will hold another BBQ fundraiser for Music Tour at Mowbray School on Election Day this Saturday 28th March.
We would love your support - so please come and vote locally and grab a sausage sandwich!

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? 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. mowbrayband@gmail.com

MOWBRAY BAND COMMITTEE

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INSTAGRAM HAS ARRIVED AT MOWBRAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

It is going to be a way of recording the changes that occur weekly at the school with the building program as well as what is happening with the day to day activities of our students.

This account is private and not open to the public. If you are a member of the Mowbray school community (parent/carer) and would like to see the postings you will need to request be a follower.

I am asking parents to email their user name and who their children are at the school to me in order to ensure that the requests are legitimate.

There will be only distant images of students or the rear view of students rather than any front on images.

I look forward to seeing as many of the Mowbray community who are instagrammers joining up.

Anne Hodgson – Email  anne.stahel@det.nsw.edu.au
Learning Support Coordinator
Riverside High School Gifted & Talented Year 7 Class 2016

Information Evening

Thursday 26th May 2015
6:00pm – 7:00pm
School Common Room

Prospective parents of students interesting in applying for the Gifted and Talented class in our 2016 Year 7 intake are invited to come along to an information evening to find out more about what makes our extension program, unique and how to apply for the class.

If you have any queries, please contact Anne Vogelnest, our Gifted and Talented Coordinator.

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