PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

WELCOME TO TERM 2.

Hopefully the rain will ease soon and give the contractors an opportunity to complete the drainage works designed to keep our access path dry!

A break in the weather will also enable Willoughby Council to put the finishing touches to the pedestrian crossing on Hatfield Street. Completion of the arrangements for the safe crossing of Mowbray Road (pedestrian refuge, moving of bus stop/shelter approval for a Crossing Supervisor) may take a little longer. Your patience and care in this situation is much appreciated.

ANZAC CEREMONY: Friday, 24th April. Members of the Mowbray School Community are most welcome to join us at the school’s Anzac Ceremony commemorating the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. The ceremony will be led by the SRC Executive and will include performances by our Concert Band and Stage 3 Choir. Our special guest, representing the North Ryde RSL will be Mr Max Richardson who will present the books generously donated by the Club to our school library.

The ceremony, to be held in school hall, will commence at 9.30am

BOUNCE BACK!
This year Mowbray P.S. will be reintroducing the Bounce Back! Program.

WHAT IS THE BOUNCE BACK! PROGRAM?
Bounce Back! Is a preventative, whole-school social and emotional learning curriculum program that has been developed to support schools and teachers in their efforts to promote positive mental health and wellbeing in their students and, in particular, to enable them to act resiliently when faced with challenges and adversity. The program focuses on classroom strategies and activities that teach students the positive social and emotional skills that can best be described as “life skills.”

The first unit of Bounce Back! (which will be taught this term in all classes) is entitled CORE VALUES. It focuses on values such as:

Being: honest, fair, responsible, kind, co-operative, friendly, and respectful and accepting differences in other people.

MOTHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST – FRIDAY 8 MAY
More information on the program and suggestions on how you can help your child develop and live by positive values will be included in the next Newsletter.

**On our school website:**
Go to our school website: [www.mowbrayps.org.au](http://www.mowbrayps.org.au/) to read copies of both the 2014 Annual School Report and 2015-17 School Plan

**THE SCHOOL LUNCHBOX:**
Did you happen to notice the article in the Sydney Morning Herald last week stating that “Popular lunchbox drinks contain more sugar than Coke”?

The findings of an analysis carried out by the Obesity Policy Coalition warn that many lunch-box sized poppers have the equivalent of five or more teaspoons of sugar in them with one as high as 7.7 teaspoons – 30.6 grams in 250ml of drink. Makes water a really healthy alternative!

**COMING UP EARLY THIS TERM:**
- Invitation to apply for Year 5 entry to an Opportunity Class (OC) in 2016. An email will be sent to parents of all Year 4 students regarding the applications which open on-line on 27th April and close on 15th May.
- **Music Camp** for all children in the Band and Strings programs will run from the afternoon of Friday, 1st May to Sunday, 3rd May.
- **Mothers' Day Breakfast** will be held on Friday, 8th May – more information soon.
- **NAPLAN** tests for Years 3 and 5 will be conducted in Week 4 between 12th and 14th May.
- **Assembly in Week 2** (28th April) will be presented by 2T.

**ANNA BLAKENEY**
**PRINCIPAL**
Calendar – Dates to Remember…….

**Term 2**

**Week 1**
- Friday 24  ANZAC Day Ceremony 9.30am

**Week 2**
- Tuesday 28  K-6 Assembly 2.15pm
- Friday 1  PSSA Sport Starts
- Friday 1 May – Sunday 3 May  Music Camp

**Week 3**
- Wednesday 6  Zone Cross Country
- School Council
- Friday 8 May  Mothers’ Day Breakfast

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students who will receive awards at Assembly next Tuesday at 2.15pm.

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**FROM THE OFFICE……..**

Welcome back to term 2. No doubt it will be another busy term.

**Term Accounts** will be sent out next week. There are still some outstanding accounts from Term 1 and these need to be finalised immediately.

If paying by direct deposit please ensure that you give the student’s name and brief description of the payment is given. Eg. Mary Smith – Term 2

**Book Club** brochures have been sent home this week. Orders must be received at the office by Thursday 30th April. Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted.

**SUE LEECE**

**ADMIN MANAGER**
INSTAGRAM COMES TO MOWBRAY

Just to remind you that Mowbray Public School has got its own Instagram account and we would love you to be a follower. If you do not have Instagram it is easy to upload from the App store and it’s free.

Then all you have to do is -

1) Search for Mowbray Public School and request to be a follower.

2) Since our site is private, you will need to email your username to the school and who your children are in the school in order for us to verify that you are a parent of the school.

3) Once that is done you will be accepted as a ‘follower’ and you can keep up to date with photos capturing Mowbray moments.

We look forward to having as many of you as possible ‘following’ our site.

Anne Hodgson
Learning Support Co-Ordinator

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

1. The new Winter Sports Polo has arrived!

2. More stock of the short sleeve Sports Polo has also arrived

Both items are now available to order online or purchase in the shop.

The uniform shop will be open next Wednesday and every Friday morning to purchase items.

KATHERINE STEWART
UNIFORM SHOP CO-ORDINATOR
ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OR DIALECT (EAL/D)

Learning English is essential for success at school and for further education, training and employment for students who speak a language other than English as their first language.

At Mowbray P.S. we aim to develop EAL/D students’ English language competence across the curriculum, so that they can fully participate in all areas of school life.

EAL/D student support is provided in primary schools, high schools and Intensive English Centres (IECs). Specialist teachers deliver EAL/D education in a variety of ways to meet the diverse needs of EAL/D students at different stages of learning English. This includes intensive and post-intensive English language support for both newly arrived and continuing EAL/D students from Kindergarten to Year 12.

The organisation of support for EAL/D students at Mowbray P.S. varies from year to year depending on the number of students, their current levels of English and the year and class placements of those students. In order to ensure effective EAL/D student support the EAL/D teacher and class teachers’ work collaboratively, sharing responsibility for planning, programming and teaching. The delivery of these programs may include direct EAL/D teaching where a group of students are withdrawn from their class or a joint/team teaching model where the EAL/D teacher works with small groups within the classroom.

Along with planning and teaching EAL/D programs my role is to assist parents and carers to engage with the school and to ensure effective two way communication between families and school. This could include providing translated DEC documents or interpreters for parent teacher interviews. If there is any way I can assist Mowbray P.S. families please contact me at school from Monday to Wednesday or email debra.cunningham1@det.nsw.edu.au

Best wishes for Term 2

Debra Cunningham
EAL/D Teacher
STRINGS NEWS

Lane Cove Gardens and Grandparents’ Day
Camerata Strings had a busy week with performances last week - performing at the school's Grandparents Day, and also at Lane Cove Gardens Retirement Village. They rose to the challenge brilliantly performing the pieces *Samurai* and *Secret Agent 44* and both performances receiving enthusiastic applause from the audience. At Lane Cove Gardens Retirement Village the residents were treated to the two ensemble pieces as well as a selection of solos from enthusiastic students.

New Camerata Parent Coordinator
A huge thank you to Jo Pretty, who has agreed to take on the role of Camerata Parent Coordinator this year. Michaeli will be handing over to Jo in the coming weeks ready for her to take on the role from Term 2.

Music Camp – Friday 1 May to Sunday 3 May
Music camp is practically moments away! This is compulsory for all strings students and will provide a great start to ensemble work for our beginner strings. It will begin on Friday 1 May in the afternoon and culminate on Sunday afternoon with performances from our Band and Strings students. Children will not be staying over night at the school.

Parents, please stay tuned for more information. And please note, all music families will all be required to help at some stage during the camp.
**Important Dates**

- Friday 1st May – Sunday 3rd May – Music Camp (Band and Strings)
- Tuesday 4 August – Festival of Instrumental Music (Selected Camerata Students)
- MUSIC TOUR -- 15th October –18th October (Concert Band and Camerata)

**Anna Sheppard**  
Strings Parent Coordinator

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**FREE OPEN TRIAL FUN LANGUAGE CLASSES!**  
**Tuesday 28 April and Wednesday 29 April**

Bonjour – Ni hao!

There are **FREE OPEN French and Mandarin Classes** for new students running on **Tuesday 28 April and Wednesday 29 April** at Mowbray Public School. This is a great opportunity for your child to give one of the classes a try before deciding to enrol for the term.

We have limited spots available for Term 2. It’s quick and easy to reserve a place at the FREE Open Trial Classes. Simply contact us on **(02) 8005 1237** or email **enquiries@thelanguagecompany.com.au**.

Alternatively, visit us at **www.thelanguagecompany.com.au** to book your spot online.

The classes are held at the school each week and are taught by **experienced teachers** who are **fluent or native speakers** of the language:

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Activities in our **classes are fun!** A new theme is followed each term and your child learns through **drama, crafts and many lively games** and songs. Our expert teachers provide the best environment for children to develop their **self-confidence and enjoyment** in their chosen language.

Your child’s participation in bilingual learning programs will also develop their overall **literacy skills** and a positive learning attitude.

**Merci – Xie xie!**
MOWBRAY PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

BUSH DANCE

SATURDAY 30TH MAY 3:30-7 PM

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.

Together is better
COMpletely free!

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Elizabeth Chernishov, Go4Fun parent

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