PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The last week has been a memorable one for the Mowbray School Community.

We acknowledge, with sadness, the passing of one of our cherished Mowbray parents, Robina Swinney. Robina has been active and involved in many aspects of the school (and especially the music programs) for over 10 years and will be greatly missed. Having just had eye surgery, I was not able to attend the ceremony last Friday celebrating Robina’s wonderful life, but have heard many reports of what an uplifting occasion it was. I understand there was amazing support from the Mowbray community, past and present. Our thoughts are with Richard and the children at this difficult time.

MUSIC CAMP:
I have heard many reports that Music Camp was again a great success thanks to the hard work and dedication of all involved, and the fine organisation of Janet Pereira and Luana Sandrone. Thank you to Wendy Lee and Jason Speck for taking on the role of “Teacher in Attendance” at Camp in my absence.

SAFETY MATTERS:
If you have been up to school over the last few days will have noticed that pedestrian crossings have now been installed on both Hatfield Street and Mowbray Road.

We have spoken to the children about how careful they need to be when using the crossings - for example waiting until the traffic has stopped before walking across the road.

The children in Kindergarten to Year 2 have been told that they should not cross, unless they were accompanied by an adult.

We have asked for a Crossing Supervisor to be allocated to the Mowbray Road crossing, but whether this happens depends on the result of an audit of the number of people using the crossing before and after school. I understand that this audit may be carried out before and after school on Thursday this week - 7th May.

If we want a Crossing Supervisor, we need to use the crossing!
**Hatfield Street:** I have noticed that there are still some issues in Hatfield Street at peak times. I am following these up with Chatswood Police and the Willoughby Road Safety Officer. The main issue seems to be that in the section between Mowbray Road and Farran Street, when cars are parked or dropping off children, Hatfield Street becomes a single lane passageway which can make turning off Mowbray Road dangerous or impossible!

My suggestion is that, until a more permanent solution can be arrived at, if you need to turn right off Mowbray Road do so at Mooney Street or Felton Avenue and use the less busy streets for drop-off. The children can then cross safely at the new pedestrian crossing on Hatfield Street.

**COMING SOON:**
I’m sure we’re all looking forward to the Mothers’ Day Breakfast on Friday Morning. Many thanks, in anticipation, to Karen Shapiro-Lee and her team for all their work in preparing for this “traditional” Mowbray event.

Children in Years 3 and 5 will be doing the NAPLAN tests next week. I’m sure they will all be calm and confident and do well.

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

**Term 2**

**Week 3**

Fri 8  Mothers’ Day Breakfast

**Week 4**

Tue 12  K-6 Assembly, 2.15pm, hall

Tue 12-Thue 14  NAPLAN (years 3&5)

**Week 5**

Tue 19  ICAS Technology

Zone Cross Country

Wed 20  School Council

P&C meeting

**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** – Reminders have been sent home this week for the outstanding Term 1 payments. Please pay ASAP.

Term 2 accounts will be sent home this week. Please look out for them and pay by the due date. If paying by cash please send the correct amount and if payment is made by direct deposit please ensure that the student’s name and reason are listed. **Lost Property** is located outside the hall. Please ensure that your child’s items of clothing (eg. Jumpers, hats, jackets) are clearly labelled.

**SUE LEECE**

**ADMIN MANAGER**
Library Chronicles

The 2015 CBCA (Children’s Book Council of Australia) have just announced this year’s shortlisted books. There are various categories within the shortlisted books. These include: Early Childhood Books, Younger Readers, Older Readers, Picture Books (for all ages) as well as the Eve Pownall category for Information books. Students will read the appropriate shortlisted books for their year group and will be responding to the texts in a variety of ways.

Students will be focusing on literature responses using library information skills through a range of multimedia modals. Comparing and analysing the shortlisted books will be encouraged through these activities.

PRC UPDATE

K-2 students have been reading PRC books with their class teachers.

3-6 Students:

For those participating in the challenge this year, don’t forget to use your DEC login to access your PRC reading records. It is great to see so many students using their initiative to regularly update their reading logs. If you are having trouble with logging in or uploading books, please come and see us during lunch times.

Happy Reading😊

Gina McCann, and Dana Duveck-Steele,
LIBRARIAN
Chess Club 2015 – New Season

New entrants are invited to join the Mowbray chess club in a few weeks. Students must at least have knowledge of how all the pieces move. Unfortunately, the group is not large enough to accommodate absolute beginners (with more students, we can hire 2 separate chess tutors).

Chess club runs during Tuesday lunchtimes. The new season will commence **Tuesday 26th May** from 12:50pm – 1:50pm, and continue for 10 weeks, running into Term 3.

Students will be guided through the fascinating world of chess rules and strategies by fantastic tutors from the Sydney Academy of Chess.

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.

The cost of tuition for 10 weeks is $50 per child or $80 for two children from the one family. Please complete the payment slip below and return to the office or your class teacher by **Friday 15th May**.

Kind regards,

Jason Speck

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**Return to the office by Friday 15th May 2015**

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

Parent contact email:__________________________________________

Child’s Name ______________________________________  Class _______

Child’s Name ______________________________________  Class _______

A cheque payment (payable to Mowbray Public School) of $______ ($50 per child) is included
BAND NEWS

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MUSIC CAMP!

Over 100 Mowbray band and strings students braved the rain last weekend to come together for Mowbray’s Music Camp. It was a fantastic weekend with lots of music, lots of fun, finishing with a fantastic concert performance from all our band and strings ensembles.

Highlights included our guest conductor, the fantastic games and of course the finale concert. Congratulations to all the students who took part.

A special thank you on behalf of the band committee to Luana Sandrone and Janet Pereira who were our band representatives working with strings parents in organising this year’s Music Camp, and also our Band Conductor Mitchell Staines for putting together a great program. Also, a big thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped over the weekend, and of course to Jason Speck and Wendy Lee who gave up their weekend to help supervise. Music Camp could not have gone ahead without your help.
Anzac Day Assembly Performance
Concert Band was an integral part of the school’s Anzac Day Assembly on Friday 24th April, performing ‘The New Anzacs’ for our school community and special guests. We were also privileged to hear ‘The Last Post’ from Year 6 trumpeter Lara Brewis. Thank you Lara for your commitment in taking on this important role - you represented the school and the band brilliantly.

Music Extension Opportunities
The Arts Unit of the Department of Education runs various music camps and programs throughout the year which are worth investigating, if you are looking for extension opportunities for your child. Approval must be gained from the School Principal prior to participating in these camps and workshops. You can find more information about these here: http://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/

Upcoming Performances
We have a number of exciting events and performances happening this term. Please mark these on your calendar - there will be more detailed information coming on these soon and we will update these as more activities are confirmed.

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! We are in full planning for Music Tour, and if you would like to be involved with the tour planning committee, please email us at mowbrayband@gmail.com

MOWBRAY BAND COMMITTEE
mowbrayband@gmail.com
MOWBRAY PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION

BUSH DANCE

SUNDAY
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.
Learn Music on Keyboard at Mowbray PS

Enrolment for Term 2

♫ 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! ♫

To enrol, please call 9411 3122

Smart Kids Love Music!


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.

Phone: 9816 4264
justfootball academy
from Basel, Switzerland, will come to Sydney to hold a school holiday camp in July 2015. justfootball academy is acclaimed as the No.1 football school in Basel, and one of the top football academies in Switzerland.
The camp will be held at Cammeray Sports Park, Park Ave, Cammeray, Sydney.

Timetable and fees
(full kit inclusive)
6-9 year olds - 4 day camp $280
- Training from 3pm - 5pm
Monday 6 July - Thursday 9 July

10-13 year olds - 5 day camp $350
- Training from 5pm - 7pm
Monday 6 July - Thursday 9 July
- Training from 3pm - 5pm
Friday 10 July

LIMITED PLACES!
Register here to avoid disappointment

For further information contact:
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