PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

REMINDER

Friday, 5th June in the school hall starting at 9.20am (for approx. 40 minutes)
The session will be run by Pat Timmins, the Project Manager from the NSW Dept of Public Works and Glen Burley, Project Manager from Builders AW Edwards.

HATFIELD STREET TRAFFIC:  Traffic flow and student safety has been considerably improved by the introduction of the No Stopping zone from the Pedestrian Crossing to Mowbray Road. Thank you to Fiona Frost, Willoughby Council Road Safety Project Officer for supporting our request for this area to be clear mornings and afternoons.

BUSH DANCE SUCCESS:  Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the Bush Dance last Saturday. (Thank you to Jodie Barton for representing me at this function.) I have heard nothing but praise for the event from teachers, children and parents. Congratulations to Tracy Marsh and her great team on their organisation of another “Mowbray Event”.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT will be held on Wednesday, 24th June commencing at 7pm. If you have friends or neighbours who have children starting Kindergarten at Mowbray next year please let them know about this session.
DO YOU HAVE A CHILD STARTING KINDERGARTEN NEXT YEAR?
If so, please make sure that your enrolment form is handed in to the School Office by the end of this term - Friday, 26th June.

The DEC Enrolment Form can be downloaded from the Mowbray School website: www.mowbrayps.org.au/

As we plan for the move into our new school it is most important that we have an indication of Kindergarten numbers for 2016. We also need to know whether we have places for “out-of-area” enrolments.

NORTH HARBOUR LEARNING COMMUNITY – TUTTI CONCERT
Schools in the North Harbour Learning Community (Castle Cove PS, Chatswood PS, Mowbray PS and Chatswood High) are preparing for the new-look Tutti Concert to be held early next term. This year the concert will be a mix of Art, Drama, Dance and Music rather than solely music items.

Our junior choir of children from Year 3 and 4 attended a whole day rehearsal this week and received special commendation from the combined choir’s conductor on their behaviour and commitment – “The 3 and 4’s from Mowbray were amazing right until the end of the day which was huge!” Well done, Mowbray. It's great to get this feedback.

MOWBRAY EX-STUDENTS ON WORK EXPERIENCE: This week we have two Mowbray ex-students with us on Work Experience. Kyati Balsara and Mia Yoneda are now Year 10 students at Willoughby Girls High and are both interested in a career in teaching.

Two weeks ago Leah Pankau, from Chatswood HS was also here on Work Experience. It’s exciting to be able to welcome our ex-students back to Mowbray.

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

Term 2

Week 7

Fri 5       Update on Upgrade for Parents, 9.20am, Hall

Week 8

Mon 8       Queen’s Birthday – No School
Tue 9       Wadjiny Performance, 2pm, hall
            (No assembly & no awards)
Wed 10      Interrelate (Years 5 & 6)
Thu 11      Area Cross Country Carnival

Week 9

Mon 15      ICAS Writing, 8am
Tue 16      ICAS Spelling, 8am
Wed 17      Interrelate (Years 5 & 6)
            School Council
            P&C Meeting, 7.30pm

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who will receive awards at the
last Assembly of the term on
Tuesday, 23rd June 2015.

Gold Awards

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FROM THE OFFICE……..

TERM ACCOUNTS. Thank you to all the families that have paid their term account. There are still some families that have not yet paid. Please ensure that these are paid immediately as they are now overdue.

If making payments by direct deposit please give your child’s name and reason for payment. Eg. Mary Smith, T2 account.

OFFICE HOURS – Please remember that the office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm

SUE LEECE
ADMIN MANAGER
The Week 8 Assembly will be replaced by a performance by Troy Allen, an indigenous performer who uses song, dance, music and didgeridoo, to tell the stories of his people, the Bundjalung Nation.

This interactive, cultural awareness program is designed to be thought provoking and to encourage discussion of Troy’s rich and diverse culture.

The cost of this performance has been included in Term 2 school accounts.

MOWBRAY LIBRARY FUND AND MOWBRAY BUILDING FUND.

Thank you to all the families that have made a tax deductible contribution to our Library Fund and Building Fund. A tax deductible receipt will be sent home in the next few weeks.

It’s not too late to make a donation to the Building Fund and/or Library Fund – donate before the end of the tax year - 30th June 2015 to be able to claim on this year’s tax and help the school.

SUE LEECE
ADMIN MANAGER
Dear Parents,

Just to give you a ‘heads-up’ about a new award system that is being introduced into Mowbray Public School. It is called ‘You’re a Star’. The idea behind the stars is to create a whole school approach to positive interventions that is collaborative and consistent in order to build a strong foundation for all students and includes:

- Fostering a positive frame of mind
- Planning positive learning experiences
- Modelling consistent expectations and routines
- Using cues and prompts
- Providing praise and reinforcement
- Using consequences

These interventions support students to

- Build social and emotional skills
- Identify and develop effective social skills
- Manage change and transitions

This will in turn support the Bounce Back program being implemented into classrooms with a positive reward system, by changing the emphasis from negative behaviours to a more positive, supportive and prosocial school culture.

If the students are awarded a ‘STAR’ award they will ‘post’ these awards into their Stage box in the foyer of the office. At the assembly each fortnight several awards will be drawn out and acknowledged. A tally will be kept of all awards for the students with the incentive of having the whole school reaching a certain target at the end of each term.

If you have any queries please speak to your child’s teacher.

ANNE HODGSON
BUSH DANCE

On Saturday my family and I had an exciting and fun evening at the 2015 Bush Dance. It was such a lovely event for all families with the opportunity to have a good time dancing and enjoying the company of others.

The Mowbray Bush Dance was an outstanding event hosted by our Year 3 parents; I congratulate them all on a job well done. A special mention goes to Tracy and her team for their enthusiasm and fantastic organisation skills; I don’t think Tracy had the chance to sit down all evening.

Brigette Morrow should be given a special mention for teaching the children all the dances and ensuring they ran smoothly on the night. She was a dancing dynamo with her never ending energy. I am so glad I attended this evening.

Thank you Mowbray for making it a night to remember.

Jodie Barton
LIBRARY CHRONICLE

Last week Mowbray Public School participated in the annual National Simultaneous Storytime event.

NSS is a campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to love reading. This year marks its 15th year. The book chosen this year was called *The Brother’s Quibble* by Aaron Blabey. This is an entertaining book that uses appropriate themes and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for ES1- Stage 3.

In 2014 over 460,000 students at over 3,100 schools participated across Australia in the National Simultaneous Storytime. 2015 final numbers haven’t been disclosed yet, but I am sure it will exceed 2014’s.

PRC – Year 3-6 Students – don’t forget to update your reading records each time you finish a book!

Happy Reading.

DANA DUVECK-STEELE
LIBRARIAN

SAVE THE DATE:

The Mowbray Games-a-thon is just around the corner!

A great way for the kids to get active and raise much needed funds for our school!

**When: Wednesday 22nd July** (wet weather back up Wednesday 29th July).

Look out for sponsorship forms which will be sent home before the end of term.

Thanks in advance for your support.

The Year 3 Fundraising Team
Summary of P&C Association Meeting from Wednesday 20th May 2015

- There were 23 people in attendance and the main focus was on TECHNOLOGY...

- New P&C Committee Members:
  - Tureia Sample – Vice President
  - Susannah Miller – Secretary

- Building Fund – total contribution was $19,022- 94% of school contributed – Thank you.
  - Remember the amount you paid is Tax Deductable, receipts will be sent home.

- TECHNOLOGY – a summary of the outcomes presented:
  - The school needs everyone’s help to make sure our school has up to date technology for teachers and students: Current fleet is limited and aging fast.
    - Set up/Expansion of Technology Committee including students, teachers and parents. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact the P&C.
    - Come up with a project plan for what needs to be done and by when.
    - Implement policy and trial BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) for stage 3, term 3.
  - Any contacts you may have within the technology industry that may be able to help in bulk buying of laptops, please send to the P&C info@mowbraypandc.org.au.

- Fundraising – results of recent fundraising events:
  - Welcome Picnic $500
  - Election Day Cake Stall $1710
  - Mother’s Day Breakfast $857
  - Planned fundraising events:
    - Bush Dance – Saturday 30th May
    - Gamesathon/Walkathon – 2 week Term 3
    - Flower arranging workshop for parents - Term 3 Wednesday 9th September

- Development Update:
  - Work has begun on the 3rd floor!
  - Development Update for everyone is scheduled for Friday 5th June at 9:20am in the school hall.

- General Business:
  - Crossing Supervisor:
    - The school hasn’t had much success with the local council approving a crossing supervisor; the P&C will now submit a media release to the North Shore Times to express our concerns.
  - Home Readers:
    - The P&C have committed to an annual donation of $2,000 for the renewal of home readers for Kindy and Stage 1.

For a copy of the full minutes, please see the P&C website… www.mowbraypandc.org.au

The Next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th June 2015 at 7:30pm
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Phone: 0403957453
Email: lisaskarott@gmail.com

** Books are also available for purchase directly from the school office as well as on Friday 5th June from 8:40am outside the hall before the Mowbray upgrade program information session at 9:20am.
Welcome to KINDERGARTEN in 2016!

INFORMATION EVENING
For Parents

Wednesday 24th June 2015
7:00pm in the School Hall

- Find out about the comprehensive range of programs offered by Mowbray Public School
- Meet the Kindergarten teachers
- Meet the parent leaders of our school community
- Meet the student leaders from the Student Representative Council

Please bring a torch as there is currently a lack of lighting along the path.

ORIENTATION MORNINGS
For Children & Parents

Thursday 22nd October 2015
Thursday 29th October 2015
Thursday 5th November 2015
9:30–11:00am each day

- Series of three sessions with the Kindergarten teachers for children enrolling in Kindergarten at Mowbray in 2016
- For the parents, information on many aspects of starting school at Mowbray, and the opportunity to meet staff, parent community members and new Kindergarten parents

Entry to the school is from Hatfield Street only during building works.
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 94113122**

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