MS BLAKENEY ENTERS THE BUILDING SITE

A very happy Ms Blakeney was invited to visit the building site and she didn’t even mind dressing up in the appropriate attire.

Ms Blakeney did say she had a little trouble fitting her hair bun into the hard hat.

PERFORMING ARTS NIGHT

Congratulations to all involved in a fantastic Performing Arts Night held on Friday 30th October. Thank you to Jason Speck for coordinating this event.

I would also like to thank all our music, choir and dance teachers for their tremendous work with the students throughout the year, without their hard work and dedication these programs would not be as successful as they are.

The evening was amazing and gave the students involved a chance to showcase their many talents in the creative arts. Our Mowbray community was treated to an outstanding performance by all involved.

Thanks must also go to all the teachers who volunteered to assist the smooth running of this event and the parents who support and encourage their children throughout the year.
WORLD TEACHER’S DAY
What a tremendous day the teachers of Mowbray experienced on Friday 30th October, World Teacher’s Day. Flowers, gifts, cards, amazing door decorations and an absolutely delicious lunch were just some of the wonderful things that happened. We felt much appreciated by our Mowbray Families.

Thank you to all the wonderful students and parents who made us feel appreciated and very special. A huge thank you must go to Jarita and the P&C for organising this day.

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2016
Every year at this time in Term 4 an invitation is offered to parents who have particular concerns about the placement of their child for the following year.

I should make it clear that this information is added to a number of criteria considered by the teachers and Stage Co-ordinators when making placement decisions. There are no guarantees, but the requests and information will certainly be considered in the placement process.

The timeframe for these visits is Weeks 6 and 7 (9th November to 20th November). Please note that any such requests need to be made in person and not by email or letter. Please contact the school office (9428 3200) to make an appointment. I, Jodie Barton as Relieving Principal will be the person handling this matter.

UNIFORM NEWS
The new Sport Polo Shirts, Boys Microfibre Shorts and Girls Skorts are now available at the Uniform Shop.

Please note that the items pictured above will be the official sport uniform as of the start of term 1 2016.

TOYS N’ TUCKER
Over the past few weeks, Mowbray families have been extremely generous donating toys and tucker for families who are less fortunate. There is still time to contribute to this wonderful cause, please leave your donations outside Ms Blakeney’s office. Thank you for your kindness.
ICAS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION RESULTS
Congratulations to the following students who have achieved awards.

High Distinction, Distinction and Credit Certificates will be presented at the next K-6 Assembly (Tuesday, 10\textsuperscript{th} November) and Merit Certificates at the K-2 and 3-6 Assemblies the following week.

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JODIE BARTON
RELIEVING PRINCIPAL
HELP WANTED

As you may have noticed we have had a pile of playground mulch delivered to go under the play equipment. Alan our General Assistant has moved the mulch, but we now need help spreading it out under the equipment.

If you could spare some time this week to help rake out the mulch, please let the office know. Bring your own rake. All help is greatly appreciated.

STUDENTS TRAVELLING BY BUS

The School Opal card will officially launch its new online application for relevant parents and students travelling in the Opal public transport region on Monday 2 November.

The application can be found at: www.transportnsw.info/school-students

Just like current paper travel passes, the School Opal card gives eligible students free travel to and from school on school days. However, the School Opal card makes travel simpler, because now students don’t need multiple application forms and passes if they use different transport operators within the Opal network.

Students with school travel passes this year will not need to apply for a School Opal card unless they are changing schools, campus, their home address or moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7.

Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to your school for the beginning of the first term in 2016.

More information will follow in the next few weeks to help the transition.

Sincerely

The Opal Team

Use public transport... plan your trip at transportnsw.info
Get on board with Opal at opal.com.au
Calendar – Dates to Remember…….

Term 4

Week 5

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Week 6

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

Gold Awards

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Banners

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FROM THE OFFICE. …..

Lost Property Please ensure that all removable clothing is clearly labeled with your child’s name. Lost property is located outside the hall or just inside the hall. Please check if your child is missing any items.

Bus Passes will be replaced by the Opal Card in 2016. If your child travels by bus and will be going into Year 3 in 2016 you will need to apply for an opal pass this year. Please see the following article in this newsletter on how to apply.

Students with a bus pass this year (and who are not going into Year 3 ) will have an opal card issued to them via the school early in 2016.

SUE LEECE
ADMIN MANAGER
NEW LIBRARY 2016
It’s very exciting to think that in the New Year we will be in our new library. The design is contemporary and practical. The students learning spaces are flexible and suit different learning styles. Look out for some funky colours, too! I am sure that everyone will love the new library!

LIBRARY MONITOR GRADUATES 2015
This year we had a record number of students training to be library monitors. Training commenced in Term 2. The trainees all worked diligently to learn some of the library skills and processes. This was done in their lunchtimes. Thank you to our wonderful Library Captain Phoebe for her amazing support with our training program. The Senior Monitors were also fantastic in guiding the trainees. Thank you all! We recently had a party to celebrate our fantastic team and to award the graduates with their library monitor badges. Congratulations to all of the new recruits. Welcome to the Squad. Your enthusiasm is contagious!

HOUSEKEEPING
Please return all overdue books and spare library bags as soon as possible. There are many students waiting patiently to borrow books that haven’t been returned by other students. If you have lost a library book, please pay the replacement fee as soon as possible.

GINA MCCANN & DANA DUVECK-STEEL
NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY CAPTAIN

This term has been quite eventful and we are so close to the end of the year! Some of the exciting things that have occurred this term include that the new books from term 3 are now on the shelves!

Here is a list of some of the new books for your reading pleasure:

- Netball gems
- The hunger games trilogy
- Facts about the ocean
- 65 story tree-house
- Bad magic
- Fortune Cookie

I hope you enjoy reading these new books! Congratulations to the library monitor trainees who have finally become library monitors. I’m looking forward to seeing you help out in the library this term. These monitors have been training since Term 2 and earlier this term they took their tests! Our year 5 students have currently been learning about the qualities in a good leader and in week 8 the library captain for 2016 will be elected, good luck!!

Phoebe
Library Captain

MOWBRAY STUDENT HITS THE STAGE

Ty Arnott in year 5 has been busy hitting the stages across Sydney this year performing in musicals. At such a young age it is an amazing achievement to be selected in such elite performance groups. Ty has had to compete against students much older than him for his roles and has not only had to act but sing and dance as well. To date Ty has performed at The Concourse in Evita - The Musical and recently in Gypsy - The Musical at Hornsby RSL.

Ty’s next performance is the famous Peter Pan held between the 26th-28th November, and we hope many Mowbray families will get along to support Ty in his performing arts endeavours.

I look forward to seeing him perform on opening night, and on behalf of Mowbray we wish you all the best Ty. As they say in show business “go out there and break a leg”.

Kirsty Holmes
Creative Arts Coordinator
Join Mowbray Band in 2016

Are you interested in learning music?
Join the Mowbray Public School Band in 2016!

We are now inviting students currently in Years 2 and above to join Training Band in 2016. No previous musical experience is required to join Training Band and children have a lot of fun playing as part of a group.

Training Band rehearses one morning per week before school, and children get the opportunity to perform at school functions and in regional band festivals.

Instruments in the Band include:
- Woodwind: Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone
- Brass: Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium & Tuba
- Percussion: Drums, Glockenspiel, Timpani, and others
- Keyboard and Bass Guitar

This term we have the following activities to introduce students to Mowbray Band:

- **Meet The Band** - Tuesday 17th November during K-2 Assembly - an opportunity for children to meet our Concert Band and hear and learn about the different instruments on offer

- **Band Application Forms** - due Wednesday 18th November. This is an expression of interest in joining the band in 2016 and taking part in our Blow Tests - no commitment is required at this time

- **Blow Tests** - Thursday 19th November (morning during school time). Children who have expressed an interest will have the opportunity to try the different instruments with the help of professional tutors and our Band Director, Mr Mitchell Staines.

  This will help students decide which instruments they would enjoy learning, and allows us to provide parents with feedback on which instruments they are best suited to.

**More information?** If you would like more information or an application form, please email the Band committee at mowbrayband@gmail.com

Mowbray Band Committee
Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns.

**Triple P** helps you to:
- Promote your child’s development & communication skills
- Manage your child’s behaviour & emotions
- Build a good relationship with your child
- Build up your child’s resilience and confidence

**Free Positive Parenting Program**

**Group Triple P**

**Date**: 6, 13, 20, 27 November & 4 December 2015 (5 Fridays)
**Time**: 12.30am -3.00pm
**Address**: Mowbray Public School
635 Mowbray Rd, Lane Cove North NSW 2066

**Bookings essential!**
**Please Contact:**

Isabella on 0435 494 696 / tae.kim70@det.nsw.edu.au

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**Wrap with Love**

21**st** October 2015

Dear Simone,

Our thanks to you and to your students for the wraps you sent us.

We were able to pack them straight away and put them in a big consignment to World Vision who will distribute them to those in need.

Kind regards from
Wrap With Love
Improving Dyslexic Children’s Reading Abilities?  
The role of Video Games

The University of Sydney is running a study looking at improving reading ability in children with dyslexia using video games. The activities will be carried out at the University of Sydney for 11 days (90 minute sessions) during the summer holidays. Participation in the study is free and parking is provided.

To participate in the study or for any questions you may have, please feel free to contact Dr Piergiorgio Trevisan at piergiorgio.trevisan@sydney.edu.au or on 0421 948 022.

Congratulations to Zenon, Ryder and Phoenix for winning silver and gold medals at the National Youth Wrestling Championships in Perth!

Coach has high hopes for boys

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“This gives us the edge we need to be on top. We are the top club in NSW and guys like the area why.
“The boys come from the north shore to train which is a fair way to go.
“Liam is particularly gifted and the other boys are great as well. They hardly ever miss a session. Wrestling is probably the hardest, or second hardest, sport on the Olympic calendar.”
Koong believes the youngsters may be future Olympians if they stay on their current path and maintain intensity.
The youngsters attend Mosman Public School.
Koong trained at Parramatta PCYC before representing Australia at three Commonwealth Games and the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

This article was featured in the North Shore Times on 30th October 2015.