PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Long Service Leave
Anna will be returning to Mowbray on Monday 23rd November after her trip abroad. I have enjoyed my time in the Principal’s seat. Thank you to the wonderful SASS staff who have supported me in this role. Welcome back to Anna!

Toys ‘n Tucker
Mowbray families are very kind and generous. The amount of toys and tucker that have been donated is wonderful. The toys and tucker will be collected next week at our school assembly. If you still wish to donate, you have until Tuesday 24th November to bring your gift to the office.

Combined Scripture Assembly
As part of our Religious Education Program, the Combined Scripture Assembly will take place on Tuesday 1st December at 9.30am. During the assembly the Scripture teachers will be leading a presentation based around the traditions and customs of Christmas.

All students who participate in Scripture, Non-scripture, Bahai, Jewish and Ethics classes will be expected to attend.

If you do not wish your child to attend this special assembly, please send a note to your child’s class teacher before Tuesday 1st December, 2015.

Helper’s Morning Tea
Mowbray is such a wonderful school with so many people who volunteer to help. We appreciate all your support; without this help Mowbray wouldn’t be as wonderful a school as it is. Teachers will be sending home invitations next week inviting parents who have helped at school to our Helper’s Morning Tea, which will be held on Tuesday 1st December in the school hall, commencing at 10:30am.
**Candy Canes**

In support of the “Nutrition in School Policy” and respect for those families limiting the amount of sugar and low nutritional foods consumed by their children over the festive period we are asking that **no candy cane or similar foods be distributed at school or on school premises.**

There are loads of other alternatives, for example stickers, friendship bands, temporary tattoos, bon bon, fortune cookies.

High sugar foods not only have no nutritional value they are also detrimental to little teeth growing and increase the chances of cavities. Your child will shortly be receiving a complimentary oral hygiene pack organised by Mowbray Health and Wellbeing Committee to remind your child of the importance of regular brushing.

Should you not be sure about whether the food item is high in sugar/low in nutritional value then please do not hesitate to contact the Health and Wellbeing Committee at healthykids@mowbraypandc.org.au

Thanking you in advance for your support.

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**JODIE BARTON**  
RELIEVING PRINCIPAL

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**FROM THE OFFICE...**

**Book Club brochures** were sent home last week. All orders must be received at the Office by Thursday 19 November (tomorrow). Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted.

**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 go to [www.transport.nsw.info/school-students](http://www.transport.nsw.info/school-students). Brochures are available from the office.

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.

**Lost Property** continues to mount up. Please ensure that all removable items of clothing are clearly labeled.

There is a very good pencil case at the office that has been here for some time. If you are missing a pencil case please enquire at the office.

**SUE LEECE**  
ADMIN MANAGER
Calendar – Dates to Remember……

Term 4

Week 7

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

Gold Awards

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Dear Parents,

Our school is to implement the BYOD program into the teaching and learning programs for Stages 2 and 3 in 2016.

The students will ‘Bring Your Own Device’ (BYOD) from Week 2, 2016. Stage 2 and 3 teachers will inform parents at the beginning of the year which days the devices are required.

Students are responsible for the transport of the laptop to and from school. The school will have a secure place to keep them safe during the day. If there is damage to the device this is the responsibility of the family.

The only device we will be using will be laptops of any platform, either PC or Mac. The device will need to be clearly labelled for security reasons:

1) The student’s name, class and phone number written inside the case out of clear view
2) A tag attached to the outside of the case with student name and class
3) A label on the device with student name and class – you may have this engraved if you wish

Students will be using the devices for project-based learning and in most Key Learning Areas

At the beginning of the 2016 school year, parents will be given a copy of the Parental Agreement and students will be given a copy of the Student Agreement that must be signed before your child can participate in this program.

Should your family not wish to participate in BYOD your child will have limited access to the school computers.

If you have any questions before that please feel free to contact;

Wendy Lee wendy_c.lee@det.nsw.edu.au (Stage 3 Assistant Principal)
Philippa Hartman philippa.hartman@det.nsw.edu.au (Stage 2 Relieving Assistant Principal)
Michelle Spartalis michelle.spartalis1@det.nsw.edu.au (ICT Coordinator)

Wendy Lee and Philippa Hartman
Assistant Principals

December, 2015
UNIFORM SHOP HOURS TERM 4

The Uniform shop delivers online orders on Wednesdays, so NO SALES are made on Wednesdays (try ons welcome).

The Uniform shop is open Fridays for SALES from 8:40am till 9:30am. Payment is by cash or cheque only.

Friday the 4th December is the last day to get uniforms!

We will be closed for the last week and a bit of term, as we will be packing up for the move.
See you next year in the new school!
MOWBRAY PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS PARTY
SPONSORED BY LJ HOOKER LANE COVE

Saturday 5th December
4:00pm to 8:00pm
Mowbray Public School Oval

Save the date for an afternoon of festive entertainment on our school oval.

Four professionally manned rides have been organised for your entertainment, thanks to Stewart Kirkby (ex-Mowbray Student) from LJ Hooker Lane Cove!

How long can you stay on the bucking reindeer ... race your mate (or better still, race your parent) through two large obstacle courses and jump till you can’t jump any more.

Live entertainment commences at 6:30pm with our Carol Choirs singing our much loved Christmas Carols.

Hope to see you there.

Year 4 Volunteer Parents
Mowbray P&C Carols Committee

UNLIMITED RIDES PASS
Get your UNLIMITED RIDES PASS at the early bird discount of $5 each or $10 on the day. Parents, teachers and carers free.

Tickets can be found at www.mowbraypandc.org.au.

Every ride ticket purchased goes into a draw for a cash prize! Donated by LJ Hooker Lane Cove.

COMMUNITY CHOIR
If you love a good Christmas sing-along then this is your chance, absolutely no singing ability necessary!

For more information, please contact Simone Roberts: simone.roberts@a-s-l.org or 0416 236 927.

REHEARSAL:
Rehearsals sessions commence week starting 16 November at 7.00pm, day and location to be decided based on best suitability for community choir members.
Volunteers Needed for the Event of the Century!
Be a part of the committee to help organise the GRAND OPENING of our new school! Everyone welcome! Contact Anna Blakeney or the P&C if you are interested in joining the team.

UNIFORM NEWS...
Term 1 = New Sports Uniform
   - Make sure you order your new sports uniform through the uniform shop NOW ready for Term 1 2016...

   - Know anyone starting Kindergarten in 2016?? Remind them to get their uniform order in ASAP so they can be ready to go for the New Year.

CONGRATULATIONS MOWBRAY TALENT!
Well-done to the Mowbray Band on the recent music tour! Together with your excellent behaviour and the outstanding feedback received you should be very proud of yourselves.

If you had the pleasure of attending PAN on Friday 30th October you have to agree that Mowbray has some very talented kids! Congratulations to all teachers and students involved in putting on a great show!

Floral Workshop – An outstanding effort by parents Lisa Skarott, Mary Fairlie-Cunninghame, Barbara Herrmannsen, Linda Whittaker and Jenny Kim for putting on a great event that raised $1350. Thanks also to the support of many local businesses for donating prizes.

WHAT WE HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO...
   - Family Portrait Fundraiser: Confirmed for Saturday 7th November.
   - Parenting Program: Scheduled for Friday 6th November.
   - Mowbray Christmas Party – SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER – Something different than what we are used to but SO MUCH FUN FOR EVERYONE!!

JOIN THE P&C AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Vacant positions available from March 2016 including President, Treasurer and Vice President.
Contact the P&C if you are interested in finding out more.

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 25th November 2015
NEW BEGINNER STRINGS PLAYERS for 2016

Thanks to all those children and parents who have completed slips expressing an interest in joining a strings ensemble and learning an instrument next year. We are looking forward to a great year. Those children who have already returned slips will be measured in early December for their relevant instrument.

If your child is still keen, it’s not too late. **We are still looking for more cello and viola enrolments for 2016 to balance our ensembles.** So if your child would like to learn a stringed instrument, especially the cello or viola, please complete and return the slip to the office asap and also email Anna Sheppard (Parent Coordinator, Strings) mowbraystrings@gmail.com, to advise of your interest.

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**Please complete & return the following slip ASAP if you are interested in the program**

My Child .............................................................................................................. of class .................

is interested in joining the Strings Program in 2016 and learning to play the

VIOLIN VIOLA CELLO

We will be hiring an instrument YES NO

We will take lessons at the school YES NO

Parent Names

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Home telephone ............................................................................

Mobile .................................................................................................

Contact email/s..................................................................................

Signature ........................................................................................................
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*
Congratulations Sam S.

Sam successfully finished the 10km Willoughby Fun Run in 52 mins 22 seconds. He came first in his U16 category and 21st of all finishers for the 10km run. He now has his eye on his next long distance challenge.

Fantastic effort Sam!

Philippa Hartman
Sports Coordinator