FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Today we are celebrating the first two weeks of “life in our new school”. It’s exciting and still somewhat surreal.

Congratulations to the school community on the calm way they have handled a potentially difficult start to the new school year. The teachers have adapted to the new space and children are particularly enthusiastic about their 21st century classrooms!

The second stage of the project is now underway with the old Admin Building demolished, “Demountable City” disappearing out the gate and the hall being prepared for its refurbishment. The builders are confident that the work in stage 2 which will also include replacement of the netball courts and additional landscaping will be completed in time for the beginning of Term 2.

Then we will have much more space in the courtyard of the school and morning lining up time will be much easier as classes can line up near their staircases once the full playground is re-established.

MOWBRAY STAFF NEWS
This year our school enrolment has increased by 50 students which has given us two additional classes and more teachers.
Welcome to:
- Tara Foster (2F) and (Simon Phillips (3N);
- Tomi Liddle who has returned from leave and is teaching 1L;
- Brigette Morrow (KM) who has now gained a permanent position at
- Mowbray through merit selection;
- Alana Toombes, Mitchell Staines and Kate Press who are covering the Release-from-Face-to-Face teaching area.

EXECUTIVE STAFF:
Assistant Principal: Wendy Lee (Co-ordinator of Stage 1 – Years 1 and 2)
Assistant Principal (Relieving): Jennifer Flynn (Co-ordinator of Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten)
Philippa Hartman (Co-ordinator of Stage 2 – Years 3 and 4)
Kirsty Holmes (Co-ordinator of Stage 3 – Years 5 and 6)

Congratulations and best wishes to Jessica De Candia (now Mrs Bonic) on her recent marriage!

MUSIC NEWS: Welcome to the Mowbray Concert Band Conductor position to Gavin Staines, well known for his outstanding work on the acclaimed music program at Chatswood High School.

HAPPENING DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Parent/Teacher Information Night - Tuesday, 16th February
This evening provides you, as parents, with an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and stage co-ordinator and hear about the program planned for this year.

Times and Locations for the meetings are as follows:

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<td>Kindergarten(all classes)</td>
<td>5pm to 5.45pm</td>
<td>Mrs Flynn, Mrs Johnson, Miss Bull, Miss Morrow</td>
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<td>Stage 1 All Year 1 &amp; 2</td>
<td>5.45pm to 6.30pm</td>
<td>Mrs Lee, Miss Foster, Miss Munro, Miss Thomas, Mrs Bonic, Ms Liddle, Mrs Power, Mrs Appleby</td>
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<td>Stage 2 All Year 3 &amp; 4</td>
<td>6.30pm to 7.15pm</td>
<td>Mrs Hartman, Dana Duveck-Steele, Ms Spartalis, Miss Payne, Mr Phillips</td>
<td>4H &amp; 3/4P Rooms 35/36 Blue Stairs to top floor and turn left.</td>
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<td>Stage 3 Years 5 &amp; 6</td>
<td>7.15pm to 8.00pm</td>
<td>6H (Miss Holmes)</td>
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SWIMMING CARNIVAL - Monday, 22nd February:
Our Swimming Carnival will be held again this year at Lane Cove Pool. As soon as the children know their new sports houses, information will be sent home regarding the Carnival arrangements. Children involved will be all Year 3-6 and those in Year 2 turning 8 this year.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES IN TERM 1: While we are without our hall during Term 1 we will only be holding “housekeeping” assemblies in the relatively small space available.

Gold Awards and Banners will not be awarded during this time as we know that parents like to be present on these occasions. The awards will be held over until Term 2 when we have access to the hall again but children with 5 Blue Awards (=Gold Award) or 5 Gold Awards (=Banner) should hand these in at the Office so that the awards can be prepared ready for Term 2 presentation.

ANNA BLAKENEY
PRINCIPAL

CHESS!!

Learn how to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Mowbray Public School is held on Tuesdays from 1:00pm-1:50pm. Term 1 lessons will commence on 16th February, 2016. For those interested there will be a free demonstration on Monday 8th February, 2016.

Chess is the world’s most loved board game. Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment! Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games, with personal feedback from the coach.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, solving puzzles, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, please pick up an enrolment form from the school office, or you can email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

MICHELLE SPARTALIS
CHESS CO-ORDINATOR
Calendar – Dates to Remember……

Term 1

Week 4

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<th>Tuesday 16</th>
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Week 5

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<th>Wednesday 22</th>
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<td>Wednesday 24</td>
<td>School Council P&amp;C Meeting</td>
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CONGRATULATIONS to the following students. Awards will not be given to the student until the Hall is completed in Term 2.

Gold Awards

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FROM THE OFFICE……..

Welcome back to the new year and the new school!

Stewart House bags will be sent home this week. Bags need to be returned by Wednesday 2nd March. Bags may be left at reception in the foyer of the Office.

Terms Accounts will be sent home next week by email. Please look out for them and it would be appreciated if you pay by the due date.

Office Hours: A reminder that office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm.

Lost Property is now located on the ground floor near the Uniform Shop/P&C Room. Please check there if you are missing any items.

SUE LEECE
ADMIN MANAGER
Uniform Shop News

Thank you for your patience during the move. We are still operating out of boxes but will be open from this week onwards.

The shop will be open **every Friday from 8.45 – 9.30am** for sales. (Cash or cheque only)

Online orders can be placed 24/7. Order and payment needs to be received by Tuesday for your items to be delivered to your child on a Wednesday.

Please go to www.mowbraypandc.org.au/shop
Payment can be made with PayPal, credit card or bank transfer*.

*We will exchange any item as long as it is brand new and the tags are left on.*

Short Sleeve Sport Polos have arrived. If you have ordered and paid for a sport polo, it will be given to your child to bring home this week.

* Note: bank transfers can take up to 3 days and your order can’t be delivered until funds have reached our account.
Dear Parents,

Mowbray has its own Instagram account which you as a parent are welcome to follow. We have made the account private so if you wish to follow us could you please

a) send a request to mowbraypublicschool account to be a follower and then

b) send an email to myself anne.stahel@det.nsw.edu.au with your user name and the name of your child and class.

That way I can verify that you are a member of the Mowbray community.

We are looking forward to sharing photos with you of what is happening in and about the school.

Anne Hodgson
Learning Support teacher

LIBRARY GAZETTE
Greetings!

A big welcome to our Mowbray community from our NEW library centre! We have only been open for a couple of weeks and setting up of the facility is well underway.

A huge thank-you to Sheyne Ladmore, who organised a working bee of keen and eager parents and grandparents to help us. They have been unpacking and shelving several hundred boxes of books. We are very grateful to the following people who have given their time generously:

Sheyne Ladmore, Jenny Divine, Helen Vandoros, Ann Golub, Joanna Atkins, Jo McPherson, Susan Chambers, Sara Rendo, Luana Sandrome, Jackie Bornstein, Leigh Evans, Veronica Vidgen, Linda Whittaker, Yumi Kobayashi, Vicki Middleton, Peter & Pat Coles, Maya Shadman, Chris Rigg, Senko Tokunaga, Esther Sarantis (ex MPS teacher) and Suni.

Once we have fully finished the school community will be most welcome to visit us

Gina McCann, and Dana Duveck-Steele
Do you have **SHOES** that your child has outgrown that are still in good condition?

Would you like to **DONATE** these shoes to children who desperately need them?

I’m organising a “shoe drive” at Mowbray PS, collecting shoes on behalf of **Shoes For Planet Earth**. Collected shoes that are in good condition will be sent to children in Africa and Nepal.

If you have shoes that fit the bill (see below) please **drop them off to the tub in the school Admin Office** by Friday 19 February.

Please see below Shoes For Planet Earth’s guidelines for donated shoes (shoes that are dirty or damaged will be discarded):

1. **ENCLOSED SHOES** only please. (Will take **adult shoes too** – no high heels!)
2. **NO HOLES AND GOOD SOLES**. It is not worth shipping shoes to an orphanage in Southern Africa if they are broken! We want to send shoes that will last a whole winter.
3. **CLEAN!** Would you like to receive a dirty pair of shoes? They can be hand scrubbed or washed on a short cold cycle in the washing machine. Best dried in the sun stuffed with newspaper – no tumble trying please as it destroys the shoe.
4. **TIED TOGETHER** in matching pairs so we can find the other half amongst all the hundreds of shoes we have. No individual pairs in plastic bags or boxes please – just more to throw away.
5. **SHOE LACES & INNER SOLES** – if you have spares of these, yes please!

You can also drop shoes to my place if that’s easier for you. Just leave on the front porch in a bag: **5 Hinkler Cres, Lane Cove**. **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 19 FEB PLEASE**

If you have any queries you can reach me on: eve@davcha.com or 0419 261 919

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!  Eve Straw (Yr 5 and Yr 3 Mum)**