

MOWBRAY
PUBLIC SCHOOL

MOWBRAY NEWS

Term 4 , Week 7
28 November 2018

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

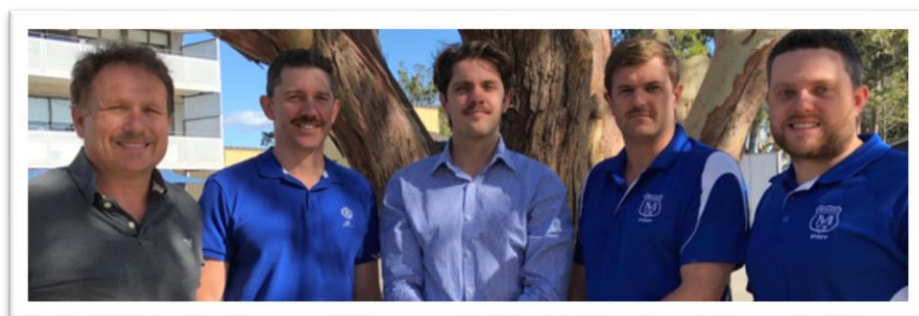
Next time you are walking through Chatswood...

Next time you are walk the streets of Chatswood, look up at the flag poles in the main shopping strip. Our MPS students Jake S, Trinity S and Nathan R were all winners of the Willoughby Festival Flag Competition. On 15 November, friends and family of these students were invited to the Festive Season launch at the Concourse where our students were presented to the community as flag design winners, they then watched the lighting of the Christmas tree. Congratulations to our successful competition winners and see Trinity's write up further below.

The final days of Movember

In November our male teachers have been campaigning to raise awareness and money for men's health initiatives, as demonstrated by the Friday activities and the addition of facial hair! As Movember draws to a close, we are having a final fundraiser on Thursday 29th (see details later in this newsletter) and the donation website will also be closing soon. If you are keen to make a donation, all amounts, no matter how small, will be valuable to support the cause. Well done Gentlemen!!

<https://au.movember.com/donate/details?teamId=2258289>



Our librarian Gina McCann

Our lovely librarian Gina McCann has been working at Mowbray PS for 12 years. She has decided that at the end of the year she will retire to spend more time with her family. We wish Gina all the very best for her retirement and look forward to celebrating her dedication to teaching over the next few weeks as we say goodbye.



Bushcare invitation

In this edition of the newsletter there is an invitation for families to be part of a Bushcare group for the conservation and improvement of the grounds around Mowbray Public School. This initiative is being supported by Willoughby Council and our resident gardening expert Janet Fairlie-Cunninghame. This provides a wonderful opportunity for families to be involved to enhance and protect our school grounds. Please read on for more information.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Spectacular

Last weekend was the 2018 School Spectacular, held at Qudos Bank Arena in Homebush. School Spectacular showcases singing, acrobatics, musical instruments and dance in 4 shows over 2 days with 5000 students! It is a reminder of the vast creative arts talents of our public school students. If you were not able to go to the concert, it will be aired on television on Saturday December 8th on Channel 7.

We had a group of dancers represent Mowbray. **Well done girls!**

A big thank you to Miss Holmes, Miss Kay, Mr Newman, Miss Collins, Miss Foster, Miss Maginnis, who took the students to the rehearsals and supervised on the performance nights.

Also to Miss Munro, Mr McElhenny, Miss Morrow, Miss Payne and Miss Toombes who organised an excursion for a large group of our students to watch the performance on Friday.

Thank you to Maureen Knox who was a fantastic parent liaison for our dance groups in 2018.



CAROLINE ALFORD
PRINCIPAL

TERM 4 – DATES TO REMEMBER**WEEK 7**

Friday 30 November	Surf Ed Beach Day – Years 3-4
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WEEK 8

Tuesday 4 December	K-6 Assembly – presented by 5K Boys Dance Auditions Combined Scripture and Helpers Morning Tea – 10.30-11.30am
Wednesday 5 December	Yrs 1-2 Dance Auditions
Friday 7 December	Year 6 Mini Fete
Saturday 8 December	Celebrate Mowbray – from 3.30pm. All welcome!

WEEK 9

Monday 10 December	Year 7 High School Uniform Day Yrs 5-6 Dance Auditions
Tuesday 11 December	Celebration Day
Wednesday 12 December	Yrs 3-4 Dance Auditions
Thursday 13 December	Year 6 Farewell
Friday 14 December	Yrs 1-2 Dance Auditions String Auditions for 2019 – Music Room

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who will receive their awards at the K-6 School Assembly on Tuesday 4 December – presented by 5K).

School Banners

Class	Name
3B	Darsh G, Aeden L, Sara R
3LP	Samantha B
5K	Micah B, James B
6M	Jamie M, Imogen M

Gold Awards

KF	Sofia N, Ruben F, Luca M, Aarit A, Charlotte U
KB	Georgia B
KA	Elena S
KS	Shahan N, Hugo H
1K	Ryan C, Nathan R
1N	Trisha B, Ben S, Matilda Collette L
1S	Preston L, Maria K
2H	Giselle L, Matilda S
2P	Bela B
2F	Alex E
3B	Elliot H, Luke S, Kenji C
3S	Jasmine G, Blake O, Neema N
3LP	Phoenix F, James S, Sophie C
4H	Finley S
5A	Trisha C
5K	Eloise Mc, Ashlee C
6M	Kara L, Lilly J
6F	Jade K

OFFICE NEWS

Term Accounts: Thank you to all the families that have paid for their term accounts. Payment was due by Friday 9th November. Reminders have been sent home and accounts need to be finalised to enable your child to attend the end of year activities.

Office Hours: The office is open from 8.30am to 3.30pm. When contacting the office please do so during these hours.

SUE LEECE
ADMIN MANAGER

SCHOOL NEWS

Willoughby Flag Competition

A few weeks ago Jake S (my brother), Nathan R and I painted a Christmas flag for the Willoughby Flag Competition. When we got the message that we won, we were so happy! It is a competition where 700 kids enter a flag, the 40 winners are the ones that get their flags made and hung up. We also got a \$30 gift card for Westfield Shopping Centre. Our flags are hung up near the Chatswood Concourse. You can also see all the other participants' flags near H&M in Westfield.

On Thursday 15th November we went to the Willoughby Council for the flag ceremony. We met the Willoughby Council Mayor and the rest of the judges of the flag competition. It was fun and we got a special laminated copy of the flag. We really enjoyed it and want to try again next time!

Trinity S 4H



SCHOOL NEWS

Martial Arts Tournament

Every Friday afternoon, more than 50 children participate in martial arts lessons in the Mowbray School Hall with Sensei Aaron from Key Martial Arts. It is a great way for the children to learn self defence techniques whilst also developing strength, coordination and confidence.

On Sunday 18 November, 25 of these children represented Mowbray at the NSW Key Martial Arts tournament in North Sydney, competing in events such as Board Breaking, Sumo Wrestling, Point Sparring, Kata demonstration as well as an obstacle course for the younger age groups.

Mowbray's competitors performed really well, winning 5 gold medals, 7 silver medals and 7 bronze medals. Congratulations to Jayden, who was overall runner up in the under 8 Blue-Black belt division, Elliot, who was runner-up in the 9-10 years Green-Blue belt division and Ryan, who won the 9-10 years Brown-Black belt division. Our other medal winners were Oliver, Connor, Ethan, Michael, Basel, Jeremy, Alyssa, Belle and Bryce as well as former Mowbray students Ethan and Tia.

Huge thanks to Sensei Aaron for his patience and guidance in teaching the children each week and giving them the courage and support to participate in the tournament.



SCHOOL NEWS

Strings Recital Night

Well done to the many students involved in the Strings Recital last week. Such beautiful music and amazing talent, for some students it was their first solo performance in the Hall. Before interval all the students joined together to perform O Come All Ye Faithfull and Jingle Bells which was a terrific celebration of all their hard work and musical achievements throughout the year.

Special thanks to all the String Tutors, Music Committee members and to Hanae McLean and Anita Crawford for their coordination of this event.

If you are interested in joining the Mowbray Strings Program in 2019 please register before 1st December at: <https://portal.msmusic.com.au/mowbraypsstrings>

Should you have any queries about learning an instrument or joining the Strings Program please email: mowbraypsstrings@msmusic.com.au



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Movember Update

The men are looking sharp and Mr Mc-Mo and the students are a bit fitter. As a school we have moved over 120km and raised \$805 so far towards our target of raising \$2000. A big thank you to all those students who have worked out and those families who have donated so far. If you have not had a chance to donate, please follow the link: <https://moteam.co/mow-bray-ps>.

The school fundraiser day is on **Thursday 29th November**. Look out for posters around the school for more information.

Students can wear a moustache created at home or visit the 'Make-A-Mo' stall. The stall will operate before school and at Recess. All students are asked to give a **gold coin** donation and they get to keep their 'Mo'.

Additionally, there will be photo booth available (\$2 per photo) for those 'priceless' moustache pictures and teachers will be on hand to play games of handball against the students.

If last year is anything to go by, it will be a memorable and fun-filled day for all, raising money for a great cause.

Thank you for you 'Mo-vellous' support.

Tim Mo-rsley, Sean Mc-Mo, Sam Mow-man, Mark Mo-ber, Alex Mo-hlos & Michael Mo-Bro



LIBRARY NEWS

Makerspace *at your library*



Stage 2 students have had a brilliant time tinkering at student led projects and challenges. It has been fantastic to observe the various ways different students tackled the challenge task. The students had to design and construct a waterslide that was not only thrilling but innovative, sturdy and fit for purpose. This was no mean feat! Students also enjoyed the exploration times where they chose personal interest activities such as deconstructing laptops to discover its working mechanisms, exploring problem solving kits, building sets and circuits.

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LIBRARY NEWS



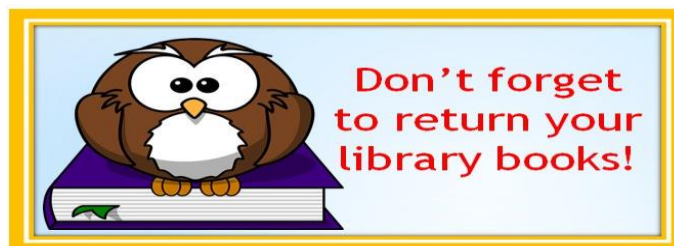
Great job, Stage 2

Stocktake Time

We are **stocktaking** next week and it would really help us if all **student loans** were **returned** this week. Please remind your child(s) to return their books ASAP.

Missing Books?

If your child has lost a book, please let us know so we can advise you of the details for the replacement fee for the missing book. All students' library accounts need to be cleared ASAP.



Happy reading adventures!

Mrs McCann & Mrs Duveck-Steele
Teacher Librarians



Proposal for a Mowbray Public School Bushcare Group

Since 2015 I have been mostly working alone to establish weed free local native habitat at MPS. Now at 85, I would like to know that others can carry the programme forward and on that basis ask for help and interest in setting up a habitat care group.

Willoughby Council supports similar care projects in the local area and in doing so supports interested residents to form bushcare groups for small areas of local vegetation which form part of an important network of local native habitats throughout an increasing density of urbanisation. Council is prepared to support a group at Mowbray P. S. Groups meet for up to 3 hours a month.

The purpose would be to enhance and protect our remnant native vegetation for education and habitat values and to contribute to the overall conservation values of the school in our local area.

Council will assist with tools, information and insurance to participants; who could be parents, grandparents, children or interested residents working together in an on-going relationship to learn to recognise what is growing in the bushcare areas. Children would need to be with parents or in school.

If you or your family is interested, contact Janet Fairlie-Cuninghame, (P & C. Committee for Sustainability) by email, jfairlie33@gmail.com or phone 9449 8725 before Friday 7th December.

Please give your name, contact details and which after-school day from 3:10-4:30, would be more suitable for you, or a Saturday am. or other time.

As a retired Bush Regeneration teacher from Ryde TAFE I have offered to be the initial convenor/trainer.

I look forward to working with all families interested!

Janet

Join us for this epic basketball battle !

TEACHERS VS STUDENTS

Thursday 29/11 from 3:15

**Mowbray teachers are lined up and ready to take on
Mowbray Students in this, our inaugural
Teachers vs Students Basketball Tournament.**

Want to join in?

**This is open to all students - and parents, if you're keen!
Just meet at the courts after school.**

**Professional Coaches from Norths will be at the school to coach
both teams and also run some skills training.**

This is going to be epic!

Ice cream available for \$1.00



Please note as this is an after school event, students
not already enrolled in basketball on Thursday will
need to be supervised by a parent.



INVITATION to Join the Mowbray Strings Program in 2019



fact:

**20% OF KIDS LEARN TO
PLAY MUSIC.**

**70% OF ADULTS WISH
THEY HAD.**

On Tuesday 13th November students in Kindergarten and Year 1 attended a strings demonstration. The students listened to some of our fabulous Strings players and learnt about the cello, viola and violin.

All students currently in Years K to 5 are also invited to join the Strings Program.

If you are interested in joining the Mowbray Strings Program in 2019

Please register before 1st December

<https://portal.msmusic.com.au/mowbraypsstrings>

* Limited spots available and registrations close end of week 7 *

Should you have any queries about learning an instrument or joining the Strings Program please email: mowbraypsstrings@msmusic.com.au

Mowbray Public School Celebration Day/ Night

We would like to cordially invite you to
join us in celebrating the achievements
of all our students.

Tuesday 11th December

MPS School Hall

Years 1 & 2: 9:30am

Kindergarten: 2:00pm

Years 3,4,5 & 6: 6:30pm

“Together is better”



FREE
ENTRY

CELEBRATE MOWBRAY

FETE, FIREWORKS & CAROLS

SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER 2018 FROM 3.30PM

On **Saturday 8 December**, we welcome you to **CELEBRATE MOWBRAY** - an afternoon of entertainment and activities for the whole community followed by Carols in the hall and finishing with a spectacular fireworks display on the oval!

!!! EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT PRICING FINISHES SUNDAY!!!

Unlimited Rides Wristbands, Coupons and Sausage Sizzle are available for pre-purchase at www.flexischools.com.au until Sunday 2 December 11.59pm. No guest checkout available.

RIDES

This year at Celebrate Mowbray we will have a large selection of rides operating from 3.30pm – 7.30pm. Purchase an Unlimited Rides Wristband to enjoy all the rides as many times as you like!

Giant Fun Slide
Tea Cup & Saucer
Windjammer
Big Baller Wipe Out (Inflatable)
Black Ops Obstacle Course (Inflatable)
Safari Experience (Inflatable)
Toy Story (Inflatable)

Rides are suitable for ages 4+
There will also be a **Free Animal Kingdom Toddler Bouncy Castle** (adult supervision required) for kids **under 4 years old**!

Early Bird Discount Pricing:
Unlimited Rides Wristband – \$25.75 (save \$4.25)

On the day Pricing:
Unlimited Rides Wristband – \$30.00; 6 Ride Tickets – \$25.00;
1 Ride Ticket – \$6

COUPONS

Currency for the event The stalls listed below will be trading with coupons (★) only (not cash).

International Foods (Snack size = 1★, larger sizes = 2 – 3★)
Tombola (one draw = 1★)
Dunk Tank (1 throw = 1★, 3 throws = 2★)
Drinks (1 serve = 1★)
Lolly Stall (1 – 2★)
Popcorn (1 serve = 1★)
Glow Products (2 items = 1★, 5 items = 2★)
Badge Making (1 badge = 1★)
Face Painting (1 face paint = 1★)
Henna Hands (1 hand = 1★)

All other stalls (including the Coupon Booth, Ride Ticket Booth, Snow Cone/Mini Melts Van, Gozleme and Retail Stalls) will be trading with cash only. Coupons are valued at \$2 each. They must be used on the day and cannot be redeemed for cash.

Early Bird Discount Pricing:
5 pack \$8 (save \$2); 10 pack \$15 (save \$5)

On the day Pricing:
1 coupon – \$2; 10 pack \$18 (save \$2)

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Early Bird Discount Pricing:
One sausage in a bun – \$3
Family Pack (4 x sausage in a bun)

On the day Pricing:
One sausage in a bun – \$4 or 2★

Gozleme & Potato Spirals are available from 6pm (cash only)

TIMETABLE

Amusement Rides	3.30 – 7.30pm
International Food Stalls	3.30 – 6.30pm*
Coupon Booth, Retail Stalls & Activities	3.30 – 7.00pm*
Sausage Sizzle	6.00 – 8.30pm*
CAROLS	7.30pm
Fireworks	8.45pm

* or until sold out



A community event proudly presented by the Mowbray Public School P&C Association



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Celebrate Mowbray this year will precede the school's annual Carols event and we are inviting the community to attend an afternoon of rides, stalls and activities finishing with fireworks on the school oval. It should be a fun day for all but we can't do it without your help!

Volunteering is a great way to support the school and get to meet others in our school community.

All we need is 45 minutes of your time.

Sign up now at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044ba9aa2ca57-celebrate>

Note that there are opportunities for Friday, Saturday (before/during the event) and Sunday.

If you have any queries, contact events@mowbraypandc.org.au
Event details can be found at <http://www.mowbraypandc.org.au/celebrate>

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