

MOWBRAY NEWS

Term 1 Week 10
4 April 2019

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Planning Days

In week 11 staff will be participating in planning days for Term 2. Planning days are in lieu of Release from Face to Face (RFF) lessons.

During planning days, staff are involved in organising the teaching and learning programs for all Key Learning Areas (English, mathematics, creative arts, history PD/H/PE and science)

Road Safety

There have been some unsafe behaviours demonstrated when students are walking to and from school in the last week/s. I have attached some tips for road safety for parents/carers to discuss at home. It is the responsibility of everyone to keep our children safe!

Some tips for road safety:

Before you cross the road/driveway:

- Look before you cross. Just because someone else decides to cross, doesn't mean it's safe for you
- Unplug your earphones and put away your phone
- Never assume that an approaching vehicle can see you, or will stop for you – wait until all vehicles have stopped before you step off the kerb
- Avoid crossing between parked cars or at the front or back of buses and large vehicles
- At intersections, check for turning vehicles before you leave the kerb, and while you are crossing the road
- Wear bright, light coloured clothing at night or in reduced visibility conditions.

When crossing the road:

- Always use pedestrian crossings
- Wait for the walk signal. Pedestrian countdown timers show how many seconds you have left to finish crossing before oncoming vehicles will be given a green light. If you haven't started to cross, the countdown timers can help you decide if it's safe to do so
- At traffic lights, don't enter the road if vehicles are moving through the crossing or if the red don't walk signal shows.

ANZAC Day Assembly

As ANZAC Day falls in the school holidays, we will be having the school ANZAC Day assembly from 10:30am – 11:10am on Friday 12 April. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.

Election BBQ

A thank you to our P&C who ran a fantastic BBQ on Saturday 23 March, feeding our local community at the recent state election. Our Secretary of the NSW Department of Education, Mark Scott, gave three hats to the democracy sausages! Well done P&C!!



Mark Scott @mscott · 2h
Tremendous work with the #democracysausage at Mowbray Public School this morning. Three hats.



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Opportunity Class Placement 2020

For those Year 4 2019 parents/carers interested in Opportunity Classes, the placement process is about to begin. Important dates:

30 April Online applications open. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

17 May online applications close.

31 July Opportunity Class placement test.

Interested parents/carers must read *Information about applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2020* available at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5/information-for-applicants>

There will be an 'intention to apply letter' going home to students today. Please return this letter to the classroom teacher. This letter is not an application, just an intention to the school that your child will be applying.

Make Your Mark bricks

The new Make Your Mark bricks have been installed and look fantastic. Thank you to Vicki Middleton and the P&C for their persistence with the installation. If you do not have a family (or individual child) brick already, keep your eyes out for the next time they are offered. It is a wonderful way to mark your time at Mowbray Public School.



School Council at Mowbray

Did you know we have a School Council at Mowbray PS?

A School Council participates in setting policies and goals for the school according to the Department of Education and the needs of the students and local community. The council is made up of parents/carers, staff and community members.

There are now vacancies on our school council! There is some extra information and a nomination form for your consideration included in this newsletter.

National Assessment Program Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN) – Year 3 & 5 parents/carers

This year MPS is moving over to NAPLAN online. For those parents/carers of students in Year 3 & 5 there is some information included in this newsletter about NAPLAN. There will be an online practice test before the end of the term to familiarise students with the testing procedure. The official test is in Week 3 & 4 Term 2.

CAROLINE ALFORD
PRINCIPAL

TERM 1 – DATES TO REMEMBER

WEEK 10

Wednesday 3 April	Cross Country Carnival – Yrs 3-6 at Artarmon Reserve
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WEEK 11

Tuesday 9 April	P&C Morning Tea for Kindy parents – 9.10-10.10am
Friday 12 April	ANZAC Day Whole School Assembly – 10.30-11.10am END OF TERM 1

TERM 2

WEEK 1

Tuesday 30 April	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL 3-6 Assembly (presented by 4E) – 2.30pm
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WEEK 2

Tuesday 7 May	K-2 Assembly (presented by 1N) – 2.30pm
Friday 10 May	P&C Mothers Day Breakfast – 7.30am – 9.10am

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who will receive their Awards at the following Assemblies:

3-6 Assembly at 2.30pm on Tuesday 30 April (week 1):

Gold Awards 3-6

3E	Mais M, Hriday S, Yusef K, Maisie C, Dymond X, Siwoo P, Claire T
3B	Maham F, Ritsuki K, Jemimah T, Polly H, Harry C,
3H	Hera S, Yuhansa J, Matthew O, Akina M, Victoria L, Amelia C
4E	Beth L, Zak E, Celeste G
4A	Ting Ting H, Alina V, Zach P
4F	Lucy B, Melek O, Matthew W, Namneet K, Tom O, Cecelia L
5V	Hannah C, Lily S
5/6M	Seth P, Trinity S, Luke M
5T	Gabriela M, Shane Z, Jake D
6K	Rachel T, Dylan S
6WV	Aiken A, Emma J, Ella H, Tal A

K-2 Assembly at 2.30pm on Tuesday 7 May (week 2):

Gold Awards K-2

1C	Karen E
1HP	Ernst D
1/2L	Amelia W, Imogen W
2M	Mila G, Georgia D, Sarah B
2S	Luke F

OFFICE NEWS

Term Accounts - Thank you to all the families who have paid their term accounts. There are still some accounts outstanding that need to be finalised immediately as it is nearly the end of term.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Lunch Orders - If you have placed a lunch order for your child, please make sure you receive a confirmation email back from Flexischools, otherwise your order is not confirmed.

Stewart House - Envelopes have been sent out this week for Stewart House. Could you please return them with your donation to the school office by Friday, 10 May (end of week 2, Term 2)

Correspondence - Please make sure you include your child's name and class in any email or letter to the office so we can follow up on your request promptly.

Absences - If your child is absent from school please notify the teacher by email or on school stream. There is no need to contact the office.

Wishing all the Mowbray families a very happy, relaxing and safe holiday.

SUE LEECE
ADMIN MANAGER

Live Life Well @ School

R-E-D-U-C-E RECREATIONAL SCREEN TIME!

And increase
outdoor green
time!

'Research shows that time spent outdoors,
especially interacting with nature, can lower
stress and anxiety, improve mood,
increase perceived wellbeing,
and improve concentration and attention.'

Search 'Outdoor Play' at
www.mindmatters.edu.au

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SCHOOL NEWS

Wellbeing at Mowbray

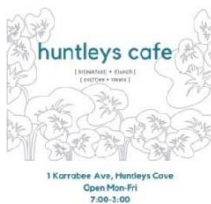
At Mowbray, everyone's wellbeing matters. Mowbray Public Schools' strategic direction plan includes a goal to create a *"Positive School Environment Enhancing the Wellbeing of Students, Staff and the Wider Community"*. Student and staff wellbeing is an important part of a mentally healthy school and is essential for effective teaching and learning.

This week as a school we have focussed on recognition. We are recognising in students, and in each other, all of the processes required to achieve success. This term, colour house tokens have been introduced and awarded to students for not only achieving success, but also for showing initiative, effort, perseverance, resilience, grit, kindness, collaboration and cooperation. We will continue this focus through the year and keep the community informed of our future initiatives.



The Wellbeing Strategic Direction Team

SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Mowbray Parents,

The State Election BBQ, our first fundraiser for the year was a great success with ~\$5,500 profit on the day. It was an amazing community fundraiser and truly a Mowbray team effort.

We received over 150 plates of baked cakes and goodies for the cake stall. In other words, almost 1 in 4 Mowbray family was part of this initiative. A VERY BIG THANK YOU to our wonderful Mowbray families for providing the seemingly endless array of cakes for sale.

We are so thankful for all those who dedicated their Saturday helping out with the Election Day Cake Stall and the BBQ. It was not an easy one with limited helpers, most of you doing multiple shifts. We really appreciate all your amazing support.

Proud supporters of the event; Hyecorp Property Group, Huntleys Café, Icings Frostings and other sweet things, and Mowbray Eatery, thank you so much for your generosity.

Looking forward to greater engagement and continued success in a few weeks at the Federal Election fundraiser.

Thanking you,

Jane and Supipi
On behalf of the Year 3 Fundraising Committee

SCHOOL NEWS

Did you know we have a School Council at Mowbray?

- The role of the School Council is to participate in setting policies and goals for their school according to the guidelines of the Department of Education and Communities and the needs of the students and the local community.
- Each council is made up of parents/caregivers, staff, and community members.

Nominations for membership of Mowbray's School Council are now invited from parents.

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND
CONSIDER NOMINATING**

NOMINATIONS FOR PARENT MEMBERS TO THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Tenure for parent representatives in School Council is two years.

The Mowbray Public School Council is made up of representatives from all groups involved with the School. The Council comprises:

The Principal
Three members of teaching staff
Up to two community members
Four parent representatives
P&C President

There will be **VACANCIES** for **parent representatives** on the Council for 2018-20

Nominations are hereby called for interested parents to nominate for the vacant positions. Please use the attached form and return it to the school office by the close of nominations.

Nominations Close: Friday, 5th April 2019

Election: (if required) will be held on Friday, 12th April

Annual General Meeting of the School Council will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, 14th May

SCHOOL NEWS

PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council is an advisory body made up of representatives of the Staff, Parents and Community, with responsibility for determining the broad policies of the School within the context of the relevant legislation. The Principal remains responsible under State Government law for the management of the School.

Issues in which the Council may become involved include:

- Determining the broad aims and education aims of the School
- Developing and monitoring School facilities (buildings, grounds, transport and the like),
- Student Welfare and
- Promotion of effective interaction of the members of the school community

The School Council is represented on two committees within the school:

- The Finance Committee (meets once a term)

COMMITMENT

Members of the School Council undertake to serve on the Council for a period of two years. Meetings are held on one or two evenings a term at the School.

Parent representatives on the Council nominate to take up certain roles as part of their membership. These are:

Position	Role
Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair School Council meetings• Prepare/sign external correspondence on behalf of School Council
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare and distribute meeting minutes• File correspondence
School Council Rep on Finance Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend and participate in School Council meetings• (If required) Attend Finance meeting one Tuesday morning each term (approx 45 mins)

Please return your completed NOMINATION form to the School Office no later than

Friday 5th April

CAROLINE ALFORD
PRINCIPAL

NOMINATION FORM
FOR ELECTION TO MOWBRAY PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

PARENT MEMBER – 2019-21

(Each nominee will use one nomination form)

FULL NAME OF NOMINEE: _____
(Nominated by at least two signatories)

EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____
(Print Name of First Signatory)

NAME: _____
(Print Name of Second Signatory)

SIGNED: _____ SIGNED: _____

STATEMENT BY NOMINEE:

I am willing to accept nomination as a parent member of Mowbray Public School Council.

SIGNED: _____

Short statement outlining reasons for nomination:

Please return your completed form to the School Office no later than

Friday 5th April

NAPLAN Online fact sheet for parents and carers

In 2018 schools across Australia started the move from paper to online testing. The move to NAPLAN Online will bring new benefits for teachers and students.

100 Why are schools moving to NAPLAN Online?

Significant planning, research and trialling has been ongoing since 2012 to support the move to NAPLAN Online. Online testing creates new opportunities for teachers and students that are not possible with paper tests.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

- NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.
- Most students find online assessment more engaging.
- NAPLAN Online will use tailored testing, which gives students questions better suited to their ability, resulting in more detailed individual assessment.
- By 2020, your child's results will be returned within weeks of the NAPLAN test, as opposed to months.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools and teachers.
- The precision and improved timing of the results will help teachers streamline their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Practice test

NSW schools transitioning to NAPLAN Online in 2019 will participate in a school practice test between 25 March and 5 April 2019.

The practice test is a 'practice run' for students to participate in a trial NAPLAN Online test. The practice test is not an assessment of student ability but will allow schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN online test format and processes;
- check they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online; and
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

More information about the NSW transition approach to NAPLAN Online, including answers to frequently asked questions, can be found on the NSW Department of Education NAPLAN Online website: education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online

Parents wanting to familiarise themselves with the NAPLAN Online platform can visit ACARA's public demonstration site, which includes online demonstration tests for each NAPLAN year: www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

General questions around the NSW Department of Education's approach to the move to NAPLAN Online can be addressed to the NAPLAN Online transition team: NAPLANOnline@det.nsw.edu.au

Frequently asked questions

When will NSW schools transition to NAPLAN Online?

Education ministers have agreed to full participation in NAPLAN Online by 2020. In 2018, around 550 NSW schools transitioned to NAPLAN Online. More than 50% of all schools will complete NAPLAN online in 2019.

Is NAPLAN Online compulsory?

NAPLAN Online will replace the current paper NAPLAN tests. When schools have transitioned to NAPLAN Online, all eligible students in Years 3, 5, 7 or 9 must participate, unless they are exempt or withdrawn from NAPLAN testing by parents or carers.

Will the Year 3 writing test be online?

No. At this stage, the Year 3 writing test will continue to be paper-based. All other Year 3 NAPLAN tests (numeracy, reading and language conventions) will be online.

Education ministers have requested more research about the benefits or disadvantages for Year 3 students composing text in an online environment before any future decision is made.

What is tailored testing?

NAPLAN Online uses tailored testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level. This allows students to better demonstrate their knowledge and provides teachers and schools with more targeted and detailed information on students' performance. More information about tailored testing can be found on the NAPLAN Online website:

education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online/whats-changing/tailored-tests

How will NAPLAN Online tests be marked?

Automated marking is currently used in the paper NAPLAN test to mark numeracy, reading and conventions of language and will remain in use for NAPLAN Online.

Trained markers will mark student writing as is currently the case with paper tests. Automated essay scoring will not be used to mark NAPLAN Online writing tests.

Will students' personal information be safe?

Yes. Information about your child is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained. The NAPLAN Online platform has been built with state-of-the-art security features that comply with national data security policies and data encryption standards.

How will parents receive their child's NAPLAN Online results?

Printed individual student reports will be sent to parents and carers by the NSW Education Standards Authority, as they currently are with paper NAPLAN tests. Once all NSW schools have transitioned to NAPLAN Online, all individual student reports will be returned to parents within weeks of the completion of the NAPLAN test window.

What if my child's school is not participating in NAPLAN Online in 2019?

Paper tests will be undertaken by schools that are not moving to NAPLAN Online in 2019. These will take place at the same time as NAPLAN Online, but within the current paper-based test window period of three days, as opposed to nine days for NAPLAN Online.

NAPLAN paper-based and online tests assess the same skills in literacy and numeracy taught through Australian curriculum content. Whether they complete the paper or online test, students will answer the same number of test questions and their results will be measured and reported against the one NAPLAN assessment scale.

Will NAPLAN Online be accessible to students with disability?

Yes, for most students. The accessibility adjustments provided in NAPLAN Online for students with disability will be equivalent to what is currently provided in paper NAPLAN tests in most instances.

ACARA will provide new adjustments for NAPLAN Online, such as alternative items for students with visual, hearing or motor disabilities. Students requiring braille, or print larger than what the NAPLAN Online platform or assistive technology can provide, will sit paper tests.

Do students need headphones or earphones to complete NAPLAN Online?

Yes. Headphones or earphones are required for each student to complete NAPLAN Online, as some questions include audio. For example, the spelling test includes audio delivery of words that students are required to type in.

Schools will be responsible for ensuring that all students have the appropriate headphones or earphones to complete NAPLAN Online.

Can students use their own devices to complete NAPLAN Online?

Yes, however it will be at the discretion of the individual school. Each device will require the installation of a locked down browser application, which prevents students from accessing unauthorised websites, applications and spellcheck features.

The ACARA website has more information on technical requirements for NAPLAN Online: www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/technical-requirements

What happens if a computer experiences issues during a test session?

No student is disadvantaged if their device stops working during the NAPLAN Online test. In the case of interruptions, tests can be paused and resumed as required with no time lost. If a device stops working, all responses will be saved and the student can complete their test in a rescheduled test session.

Who is responsible for administering the NAPLAN tests?

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) is the test administration authority responsible for the administration and delivery of NAPLAN tests in NSW, including paper test and NAPLAN Online.

Who is ACARA?

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is an independent statutory authority responsible for the development of national curriculum, and the administration of national assessments and associated reporting on schooling in Australia.





**Tuesday 9th
April**

**A morning tea for
Kindy & Year 1 families**

9.00am - 10.00am in the hall

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**2ND HAND
UNIFORMS**

SALE Friday 10 May 2019
at "Mothers Day Breakfast"

*Donate any good, clean uniforms you no longer need, at the Office, for the P&C Pop-up Shop.
It's a useful service for our families plus all sale proceeds will benefit Mowbray.*

CASH ONLY Sales are final. Items are in 'as is' condition. No facilities to try items on.

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