



MOWBRAY NEWS

Term 4 Week 4
4 November 2020

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Catching the Bus

The School Student Transport Scheme provides eligible school students with free or subsidised travel from home to school.

The criteria for a K-2 student is:

A resident of NSW, or an overseas student eligible for free government education.

Aged 4 years 6 months, or older.

No minimum walking distance is required.

The criteria for a 3-6 student is:

A resident of NSW, or an overseas student eligible for free government education.

The straight line distance from their home to school address is more than 1.6km.

The walking distance from home to school is 2.3km or further.

The school bus is for those students who are eligible for free travel.

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/schoolTravelPasses#/howToApply>

Primary students who live too close to the school to be eligible may qualify for a School Term Bus Pass – information found at

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/schoolTravelPasses#/termBusPass>

It has been noted by the bus company that there are students catching the bus who do not have an eligible pass leading to overcrowding. For the safety of all our students, please make sure that your child has a valid pass and please remind them to tap on and off the bus.

P&C (Parent and Citizens Association) – would you like to be involved?

One of the amazing qualities of Mowbray Public School is our welcoming and supportive adult community. From our class parents to our school P&C group. The school P&C are a group of parents/carers who are keen to support the school and keep the Mowbray 'small community feeling' alive as our student population grows.

Our P&C meet twice per term, to help organise events (both social and fundraising), make decisions on school financial support and participate in school planning. The parents who are currently involved in the P&C are very welcoming and would love for more people to join the group.

More information can be found at <http://www.mowbraypandc.org.au/>

If you are interested and could spare a few hours a term our P&C would love to hear from you!

Please contact the team on info@mowbraypandc.org.au

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Reminder: Returning late or not returning in 2021?

Documentation of student movement is essential for the school executive to make 2021 classing structure decisions. Included in this newsletter is a form (that was also sent via School Stream) to inform the school if:

- your family will be taking extended leave over the December/January holidays and your child will be returning to school later than Friday 29 January 2021 (it is essential we have written documentation stating your proposed date of return) or
- your child in Kindergarten – Year 5 will not be returning to MPS in 2021

I would politely request that any families who fit into these categories please fill out the form included in this newsletter or complete the form electronically via School Stream.

Thank you for your support with our 2021 planning.

Tell Them from Me (TTFM)

A big THANK YOU to our parent community, we had 154 responses to the Tell Them from Me survey. This is 109 more responses than 2019! This information will be used for the 2021 – 2024 planning cycle.

2021 Classing

At the end of every year, teachers and executive staff put many hours into forming classes for the next year. Teachers take into account how children work, who children work best with and friendship factors. As a school community we need to remember that children are in class for the best possible education, and classroom teachers have a deep understanding of class dynamics and how the students in their classes work best.

If you are concerned that your child has significant special needs that your 2020 classroom teacher is unaware of, or there are significant extenuating circumstances that need to be taken into account in 2021 classing, you can contact the office to make an appointment to meet with me or schedule a phone discussion. Appointments must be made before the 13 November. Alternatively you can send an email to the school to explain your child's significant special needs. Emails should be sent to mowbray-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the subject line 'Attention Principal re: 2021 classing'.

Any requests made will be considered, but are **not** guaranteed. Any request sent through after the 13 November 2020 will not be able to be considered.

Last Reminder: Selective High School Application for 2022 – Year 5 students

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply online using a valid email address (not the student's email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

An intention to apply note with detailed information was handed to all Year 5 students in Week 1 of Term 4. It has also been included in this newsletter. This note is not an application. Applications need to be made online. The application website opens at that link on 6 October 2020 and closes on 9 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

CAROLINE ALFORD
PRINCIPAL

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CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who will receive the following Awards:

GOLD AWARDS – K-2

KS	Alexander M, Thomas P
KL	Caroline S, Vivienne L
KC	Eliza Mc, Seijuro O, Xavier dB,
KT	Ariana H, William G, Mizuki O
1L	Zoe B
1S	Liam dB, Emily F
2F	Thomas Mc, William C
2S	Toby Z, Sebastian GL
2B	Cristian M

GOLD AWARDS – 3-6

3V	Karen K
3M	Adithya S
3E	Deep S, Xavier P
3/4H	Norbert M, Ariya D
4A	Manuela CG,
4F	Polly H
5C	Emi S, Melek O, Sara D

OFFICE NEWS

Term Accounts – Term 4 accounts were sent out last week via email from School Bytes. Please check your inbox as well as your junk mail and contact the office if you haven't received the email from School Bytes. Payment for term accounts is due by 11 November.

Kindergarten 2021 – If any family has a child starting in Kindergarten next year, please enrol them as soon as possible. Forms can be collected from the office or found on the school website.

Office Hours – The School Office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm and you may contact us between these times. Please adhere to the new sign – ***One family in the Office at any one time.***

SUE LEECE
ADMIN MANAGER

LIBRARY NEWS

Overdue Library Books

The process for following up on overdue library books has recently changed.

The first and second reminder notice is sent home with the children.

If at this stage the book has not been returned, a third notice will be sent home (as the book will be 56+ days overdue) and the replacement cost of the book will be added to your child's term account.



The Library Team

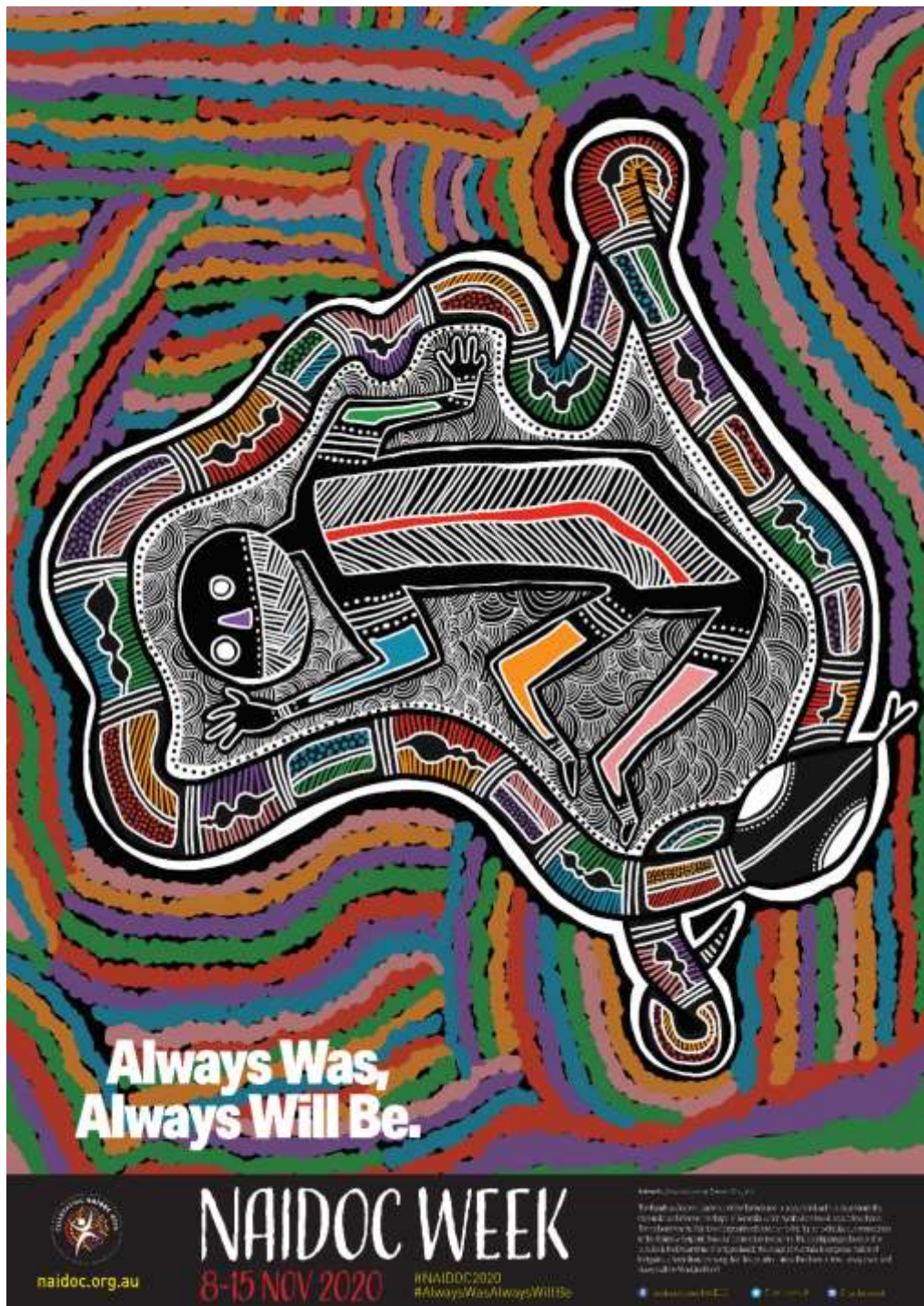
SCHOOL NEWS

NAIDOC WEEK 2020

8-15 November

Always Was, Always Will Be

In Week 5, Mowbray will be celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Students will be participating in storytelling, games, language and Caring for Country activities.



ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS



Bushcare @Mowbray

The Friday Bushcare Group is supported by the school and Willoughby City Council.

Our group is keen to sustain small remnant local native vegetation in the grounds to provide wildlife habitat linkages between WCC Bushland Reserves and Lane Cove National Park. We meet on the first Friday of the month at 3:15 pm and welcome community volunteers to join us.

In recent years so much local habitat for wildlife has been lost to urban development.

If the future holds a 'Dawn Chorus' for us to enjoy we need to ensure that local wildlife habitat is nurtured and treasured.

We have a group Trainer from WCC Bushcare, who will help us to identify local native plants from weeds. Council also has small hand tools and gloves to lend us.

Please join us next Friday 6th November by the amphitheatre at the end of the playing field.

Please email, text, or call me, the Convenor: -

ifairlie33@gmail.com T. 0413 525 963.

Janet Fairlie-Cuninghame

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS



Bushcare @Mowbray

Become a Bushcare volunteer right here at school!

When: Friday 6 November
***Followed by the first Friday of every month**
Where: Basketball Courts
Time: 3:15pm
EVERYONE WELCOME

Tools provided. BYO gloves.

For more information contact Willoughby Council's Bushcare Coordinator on 9777 7875.



MOWBRAY
PUBLIC SCHOOL

Leaving the school in 2020 or Arriving late in 2021?

Dear Parents/carers,

The first day of school for Year 1 – 6 students next year will be **Friday 29 January, 2021**. **Kindergarten students will be starting on Friday 29 January at 9:30am.**

It is vital, for class and staff organisation purposes, that we know if your child/children will not be returning to Mowbray PS or be returning late (after 29 January) next year. Some families take extended holidays in January/February and we need to know your return date so your child's enrolment can be counted.

This note does not apply to any 2020 Year 6 students.

Please return this note to the office as soon as possible

Not returning in 2021

Name	Class

Arrangement or if moving - new school name _____

Signed _____ (parent/carer) Date: _____

Returning later than 29 January in 2021

Name	2020 class	Expected return date

Reason for late return _____

Signed _____ (parent/carer) Date: _____

JOIN MOWBRAY STRINGS

2021

Learn to play a violin, viola, cello or double bass!



The Mowbray Strings Program has been in place at our school for 18 years, growing from a very small handful of students to more than 80 students today. Children from Year 1 can enter the program, where they learn to play an instrument, read music, participate in an ensemble and develop an appreciation of music.

The rapidly growing Strings Program offers four ensembles. As part of an ensemble, the students have the chance to play with and listen to their peers in a fun and relaxed environment. This provides great motivation as well as socialisation across year groups, often leading to strong friendships.

In 2021, all students in Years 1 – 6 are warmly invited to join the Strings program. It's never too late to start to learn an instrument!

All Kindergarten students attended a **"Meet the Strings"** session this week where they had a demonstration of each instrument by existing students as well as hear from our senior ensemble group. As this opportunity was only available to Kindy students for now, here are some videos of our current Strings ensembles and a piece they have been working on.

[Junior Strings: "Frere Jacques"](#)

[Chamber Strings: "Eye of the Tiger"](#)

[Camerata: "How to Train your Dragon: Test Flight"](#)

More information is available at <http://www.mowbraypandc.org.au/strings/>

JOIN MOWBRAY STRINGS 2021

Weekend of Music - For two weekends during the year, students have music workshops with tutors on a Saturday and Sunday to work on pieces. This is followed by a concert on Sunday afternoon.



If your child is interested in joining the Strings program, parents are invited to attend an Mowbray Strings information session on **Tuesday 10th November, 7:30-8:30pm** via Zoom for any questions about the program.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78479873124?pwd=Wm5oc0tQQUhGUkVWVW1hxa0FOdz09>

Meeting ID: 784 7987 3124
Passcode: 4N1ggv

Please register your child's interest at:
[Mowbray Strings 2021 New Student Registration](#)

Many thanks,
Maryann Mak (Strings Coordinator)
mowbraystrings@gmail.com





Mowbray Band is inviting students currently in **Years 2 and above** to join our 2021 Training Band. No previous musical experience is required to join Training Band, and children have a lot of fun playing as part of a group and performing at school functions and music festivals.

Band rehearsals take place weekly one morning per week before school (currently Thursdays), and we connect you with experienced music tutors to help your child learn their instrument. We also have a range of instruments available for hire.

Here is a little taste of what musicians in Performance Band are currently playing - [Minka Sleigh Ride](#)

**Register your interest to join Band from Week 4 (Thursday 5th November)
via the Portal link below, click on New Student Registration**

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

Please note we would hold a Zoom session to answer all your questions with regards to joining the Band

Monday 9th November at 6pm

Join via the link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77040471831?pwd=amd4Qzg1aGE2SjUvQUlYWPpGZGNIUT09>

Meeting ID: 770 4047 1831

Passcode: 5zk2wr

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in late September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on 6 October 2020 and closes on 9 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after 6 October 2020.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Alford

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by 23 October 2020.

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

----- Cut here and return the note below to the school -----

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2022 through the High Performing Students website between 6 October 2020 and 9 November 2020.

Signature of parent/carers: _____

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JOIN THE P&C!

The P&C creates the opening for parent participation in the school. We welcome everyone involved within our school community to participate in P&C activities and meetings. It is a great way to support your child's education, get to know other parents and to be up to date on what is happening at school. P&C meetings are held once a month during school term, beginning at 7.30pm.

To join the P&C, please complete a membership form (in the office) and pay the \$1 annual membership fee*.

*Due to the current COVID-19 social distancing requirements, we are collecting membership applications and fees through the office. Please have the correct monies as no change can be given.

For further information, e-mail: info@mowbraypandc.org.au or visit: <http://www.mowbraypandc.org.au/>

MOWBRAY PUBLIC SCHOOL



FAMILY PORTRAIT

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SATURDAY 14th OF NOVEMBER 2020

BOOK YOUR PROFESSIONAL PHOTO

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084EA4AA22A4FC1-family>

For only \$25 – you get an 8x12" professional colour or b&w photo as well as its digital file.

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The shoots take place outdoors (weather permitting) on the school grounds.

Additional photos will be available to purchase at a discounted rate from Stine.

Digital files of the purchased photos will be provided with orders \$200 and above.

One booking per family and pets are welcome.



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School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at:
<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>

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**TRIALS FOR THE LANE COVE SAP LEAGUE & LANE COVE/ST. MICHAEL'S
2021 DEVELOPMENT SQUAD TEAMS - NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION**

There will be three trial sessions and candidates are expected to participate in all sessions for their 2021 age group (with a minimum of two sessions, if prior commitments present a scheduling conflict). Please indicate upon registration if you anticipate any scheduling conflicts.

Trial Session 1: Thursday, 5 November, 2020 @ Blackman Park

Trial Session 2: Thursday, 12 November, 2020 @ Blackman Park

Trial Session 3: Thursday, 19 November, 2020 @ Blackman Park

4:00pm– 5:15pm for U8-U10

5:15pm – 6:30pm for U11-U14



Please arrive 15 minutes early to check in for trials.
All triallists must pre-register for the sessions, as we
are following Covid Safety Plan protocols.

For more information and to register for the 2021
trials, please head to our website:
[https://lcfc.com.au/registration/development-squad-
trials/](https://lcfc.com.au/registration/development-squad-trials/)

For any enquiries, please email us:
admin@lcfc.com.au