COVID-19 (Coronavirus)
I understand that there is community concern about the spread of COVID-19. Please be assured that the school has put into place all measures recommended by the Department of Health to the Department of Education.

All new information is sent home via email and on School Stream. These are your official sources of information from the school. Additional or updated information is sent via School Stream.

As always, students and staff with cold and flu symptoms should remain home until symptoms resolve. Students and staff should not return until they are fully recovered and are no longer showing signs or symptoms.

If a student becomes unwell on-site, infection control guidelines will be implemented and the school will follow advice provided by the Department of Education and the NSW Ministry of Health. The school community will be informed as appropriate. At this stage there are no confirmed cases at Mowbray Public School. Learning is continuing as per usual.

If you or your child has a chronic medical condition or immunosuppression you may be at increased risk of disease. Please let me know if this is the case, as we will consider special arrangements for your child or your circumstances, such as home-cased study where learning can be done uncompromised.

The Government has put in place new measures for people arriving in Australia. From 16 March, individuals must self-isolate for a period of 14 days on arrival to Australia, including returning Australian citizens and residents. You are also required to self-isolate if you have been diagnosed with the COVID-19 or if you have had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 infection.

The Department of Education has organised for ‘enhanced school cleaning’ starting today. Cleaners are prioritising wiping student and teacher desks/tables, and cleaning toilets – including hand soap filling.

To keep our students safe REGULAR HANDWASHING WITH SOAP is the most effective way to reduce the spread of germs. Teachers are supporting this precaution. All bathrooms have soap and an instruction sheet to help prompt our students. All classrooms have a sink and soap as well as hand sanitiser. At this stage supplies of soap and sanitiser are not of concern for Mowbray Public School.

We would ask that all parents, support their children learning how to wash their hands correctly, an instruction sheet has been included in the newsletter to match the school bathrooms. Handwashing should last for 20 seconds – the time it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

To reduce the impact of COVID-19 it has been suggested that people receive the seasonal influenza vaccination.

At this time, the department has recommended social distancing, which means:

- Assemblies have been cancelled.
- School activities and domestic excursions - all school excursions outside of the local school community, including overnight excursions and school camps are now cancelled until further notice.
- Whole school sporting events and inter-school events involving 3 or more schools are also cancelled.
- Cancellation of PSSA swimming, diving and state-wide knockout competitions.

At this time, the Department of Education has not advised that all schools close. If we are required to close, we are not planning to deliver education through a ‘video conferencing’ system. Work will be provided that has both offline and online components. If this advice changes, information will go out via School Stream and email to support our school community.

Please be assured that as additional advice comes to the school, it will be distributed as appropriate and followed by the school staff.

I also believe that part of our collective responsibility is to try to keep things as normal as possible, this will help students to feel calm and supported during this time.

CAROLINE ALFORD
PRINCIPAL

OFFICE NEWS

Term Accounts – Thank you to all the families that have paid their term account. Term accounts are now overdue. If you have not yet paid your term account please do so promptly. Reminders will be sent home this week.

Borrowed Uniforms – If your child has had an accident and borrowed a uniform from the office, please could all clothing items be washed and returned to the office as soon as possible.

Stewart House - Envelopes will be distributed to students for the Stewart House Donation Drive 2020. Please could all envelopes be returned to the office or teacher by Friday 3 April.

Contacting the School – When contacting the school by email about your child can you please include your child’s name and class. This will help us to attend to the matter promptly.

Change of Address - If your address has recently changed you will need to supply the office with 100 points for proof of your residential address. Please see the office for more details.

SUE LEECE
ADMIN MANAGER
Comedy for a Cause

Last night at the P&C Annual General Meeting, it was decided that in light of the current circumstances around COVID-19 that we will postpone the Comedy for a Cause event that was scheduled for the 4th of April. The organisers are working to determine what our options are for rescheduling but as you can no doubt appreciate, things are a little fluid at the moment.

We are hoping to bring this fun event to you later in the year but in the meantime I would like to thank Isa, Ina and Amanda who have already put a lot of effort into planning this event. We will contact all those who have already purchased tickets in the coming weeks so please be patient until we have a confirmed plan.

In the meantime please stay safe, look after each other and follow health department and school guidelines in the coming weeks.

Matt Hodgkiss
Mowbray P&C President

Message from the Music Program

Dear parents,

With regards to the current situation and having in mind the health of the kids and tutors we have decided to cancel the KICKSTART scheduled for 28th March and postpone until further notice.

Please NOTE we would still hold regular Reharsals and tutorials until further notice. All conductors and tutors are aware of the school guidelines and we will have soap and hand sanitiser available in the rehearsal room for kids to use as needed.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact mowbrayband@gmail.com
0. Wet hands with water
1. Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces.
2. Rub hands palm to palm
3. Right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa
4. Palm to palm with fingers interlaced
5. Back of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked
6. Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa
7. Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa.
8. Rinse hands with water
9. Dry thoroughly with a single use towel
10. Use towel to turn off faucet
11. ...and your hands are safe.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who will receive Awards.

Please note that all Awards will be handed out in the classroom as there are no Assemblies scheduled until further notice:

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23rd March 2020

To Occupants,

**Notification of the Commencement**

**608-616 Mowbray Road and 23 Mindarie Street Lane Cove**

Landmark Construction Group PTY LTD is carrying out demolition of the existing structures at 608-616 Mowbray Road and 23 Mindarie Street Lane Cove in accordance with DA4819.

The details of the nominated Demolition Contractor will be indicated on site signage within the next week with the relevant site contact details.

Demolition works will be undertaken between:

- **Monday to Friday** – 7.00am to 5.30pm and **Saturday** 8am to 12noon

All works will be conducted in accordance with Safework NSW guidelines, the Hazmat Report recommendations, Noise and Vibration Monitoring Report and Lane Cove Council/RMS approvals of the Construction Traffic Management Plan. These can be viewed in the site office if required.

Please contact me on 0415 405 857, if you have any questions.

Yours Sincerely

Moussa Mouhanna – Senior Project Manager
MOWBRAY PUBLIC SCHOOL ALUMNI

5TH & 6TH CLASS OF 1960 REUNION

SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2020
GOSFORD LEAGUES CLUB
11AM FOR MIDDAY LUNCH
PARTNERS WELCOME

OFFER EXTENDED TO 4TH CLASS KIDS
(WITH SIBLINGS IN THE ABOVE CLASSES)

CONTACT SANDRAJUNE4819@GMAIL.COM
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ELS Hall Synthetic Field 109A Kent Rd, North Ryde
BOYS & GIRLS 5-14 YEARS $230 EX GST | New players will receive a complimentary training jersey
Register at justfootballacademy.com.au/register | Enquiries can be made on 1300 724 189
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