

MOWBRAY NEWS

Term 4 Week 8
25 November 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Some exciting staff news

Sarah Kay has been a staff member at Mowbray Public School for many years and is a familiar face to all our families. Sarah has been relieving as an Assistant Principal in 2020 and 2021.

This term she has been successful in gaining a permanent Assistant Principal position at Gladesville Public School, starting in 2022.

Sarah has shown a dedication to the students in her class and across her grade, tireless contribution to extra-curricular activities and the arts, and a positive and approachable disposition to all members of the Mowbray Public School community.

All these wonderful attributes will be greatly missed, but we wish her all the very best in her new role.

Good luck, Sarah!

Check-in Assessments

Years 3-6 students will participate in a reading and numeracy check-in assessment over the next two weeks. The check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to monitor Years 3 – 6 student learning. This assessment assists schools with future planning and supplements existing school assessment practices.

Gifted and Talented review

As stated in our Strategic Direction 3 of our 2021 – 2024 School Plan we are looking at how we identify and support our High Potential and Gifted learners through the implementation of the new DoE HPGE Policy.

We have been working on our identification processes, through the parent and staff survey, reviewing academic results, check-in assessment data and some additional online testing. Our long-term plan is to ensure that we are identifying and catering for our HPG learners in every classroom through clear differentiation and activities that challenge and engage our students.

Kindergarten 2022 enrolment

This is a last-minute reminder for any current MPS families who have not yet started the enrolment process for their Kindergarten children for 2022.

We have a reduced orientation program scheduled for Wednesday 1 December and it is essential that students are enrolled to attend on the day.

All parents/carers are strongly encouraged to enrol as soon as possible.

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School Dog – Eadie

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been enjoying the company of our school support dog, Eadie. Sadly, after a check-in visit from Guide Dogs Australia, it was decided that Eadie was not greatly enjoying the classroom environment. This has been disappointing news for all involved, but it is important that our school is a good fit for a dog, and the dog is a good fit for our school.

Our staff and students are still very keen to be part of this program.

Luckily, there are two other suitable dogs who are going to be trialled over the coming weeks for a possible start later this term or in 2022.

School security

Having an 'open' school allows the community to make use of our school grounds outside hours.

Having our school community using the site, helps keep our school secure. If you see anything going on outside of school hours please do not hesitate to contact the local police 9414 8499 or School Security 1300 880 021 (this phone number also appears on the outdoor electronic sign on Mowbray Rd).

CAROLINE ALFORD - PRINCIPAL

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

K - 2 GOLD AWARDS

KE	Amelie B, Kai R, Jackson H, Olivia C
KH	Selton T, Chloe C, Madison U
KM	Veronica A
KPE	Preston S
1F	Zoe L
1HL	Bryan H, Michael C, Hassan Z, Aishi N
1/2B	Rex Y, Audrey SR
1T	Lucas L, Jack Z, Faizan K, Stanley F, Caroline S
2M	Liam B, Willow E, Chloe B
2S	Noah L, Soorya R, Alexandra S, Owen W, Alice L

STAGE 2 GOLD AWARDS

3A	Louise L
3V	Oscar B, Luca M, Phoebe T, Amelia W
4L	Joshua W, Nathan R
4S	Olivia R

STAGE 3 GOLD AWARDS

5BF	Samuel S, Harry G, Keaton VDH, Yusuf K
5T	Victoria L
5/6K	Malak A
6M	Tanya G

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CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who will be presented with their Banner by Ms Alford in class:

3T	Kaylah P
4B	Helena K
4L	Fiona L, Keira D
4S	Ben S
5BF	Toby K
6H	Lisa N, Ting Ting H

DATES TO REMEMBER

WEEK 9	
Monday 29 November	School Photos
Friday 3 December	Stage 3 Excursion – Sydney Academy of Sport & Recreation
WEEK 10	
Wednesday 8 December	Presentation Day – Students Only (no parents)
Thursday 9 December	Years K-2 – Colour Explosion Year 6 Farewell
Friday 10 December	Years 3-6 – Colour Explosion
WEEK 11	
Monday 13 December	Kindergarten Excursion – Field of Mars Year 1 Incursion - Science Stage 2 Excursion – Bowling
Tuesday 14 December	Year 2 Incursion - Science
Thursday 16 December	Last day of term for Students

2022 – TERM 1

Tuesday 1 February	Return to school for students in Year 1 - 6
Friday 3 February	School commences for Kindergarten 2022 students

OFFICE NEWS

FROM THE OFFICE

It's very hard to believe that the year is coming to a close. It has certainly been a different year and it is good to now have all the students back at school.

Just a few reminders to help keep the office running smoothly.

As you are no doubt aware there are two different lunch times now. If you need to collect your child early, please do so before or after the lunch break as it is very hard to locate a student on the playground.

Years K, 3, 5 and 6 Recess is 10.40 - 11.10am
Lunch is 12.55 - 1.25pm

Years 1, 3 and 4 Recess is 11.10 - 11.40am
Lunch is 1.25 - 1.55pm

Lunch Orders – When ordering through Flexischools all orders must be placed by **9.30am**. Any lunch orders placed after that time cannot not be filled.

If you forget to send lunch or plan to bring lunch for your child later, please do not send any fast food like KFC, McDonalds etc as this is not a healthy choice. We cannot keep it warm, so it becomes a health risk.

Contact Details – Please ensure your contact details are up to date, especially your mobile number and email address. If you move house, please notify the office of your new address and you will also need to provide proof of address (lease agreement, purchase of sale or utility bill).

Office Hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm. If you need to contact the Office, please do so during these hours.

SUE LEECE
ADMIN MANAGER

SCHOOL NEWS

Students in 3A have been writing some amazing poems; we hope you enjoy this selection.

The Boab tree

By Annabelle 3A

I am the boab tree
So ancient and wise
I've seen this old land
with my very own eyes
I've seen the aboriginals
Play at my roots
I've seen the English
Tramp with their boots.
I've felt my land quiver
I've felt my land thrive
I've seen many, many dangers, arrive
I've touched the sky with my twisted
arms
I shall protect my land from harm
I shall always be one and free
I am the one and only boab tree

My Family

By Davinya N. 3A

My family are the colours of the
rainbow.
My mum is red and yellow
Red because she is loving
Yellow because she is warm.
My dad is green and blue
Green because he is brave
Blue because he is strong.
My sister is pink and aqua
Pink because she is joyful,
Aqua because she is kind.

I am purple

Full of hope in people.

My family can never be separated
once
we are a rainbow

My Family

By Elena S. 3A

My mum is a rose, so sweet and nice.
My dad is a sunflower
Like loyal but twice,
My brother is a dandelion
So cuddly and thoughtful
My friend is a leaf
So cute and nice.
But when they're a garden all together
They're unstoppable and kind forever.

Recess

By Oliver F. 3A

Belly rumbles
Running quick
Playground waits
out for fun
Eat my food
Bell rings
Recess done.

SCHOOL NEWS

My School is a Concert

By Ariana B. 3A

Sometimes very loud,
Sometimes it's a mess,

Children always laughing,
Giggles fill the hall,

Sometimes there is disaster,
People sometimes fall,

Kids all having fun,
Under the bright sun.

Strict rules to follow,
Otherwise big trouble.

Lots of fun games ,
Come play,

When we are in harmony,
We are strong forever.

My School is a Concert

Gum Tree

By Annabelle A. 3A

I glow as the sun
Paints me yellow and red.
My leaves do not fall
But my bark does shed.

I whistle in the wind
I wave in the storms.
My leaves face down,
As the rain starts to pour.

I've survived in the heat.
I've survived the cold.
I've survived
As my branches turn old.

Now as the midnight stars cover the
sky.

I disappear into the shadows of night.

My Family is a Christmas Tree

By Elaria G 3A

My sister is the light,
Shiny and bright.

My brother is the baubles,
He always makes us laugh.
My parents are the tree itself,
Their hugs are very tight.

My birds are the tinsel,
Their feathers are very ticklish.
I am like the shiny star,
I am always happy.
Although we are not perfect,
We are a very happy family.

Mowbray Strings 2022

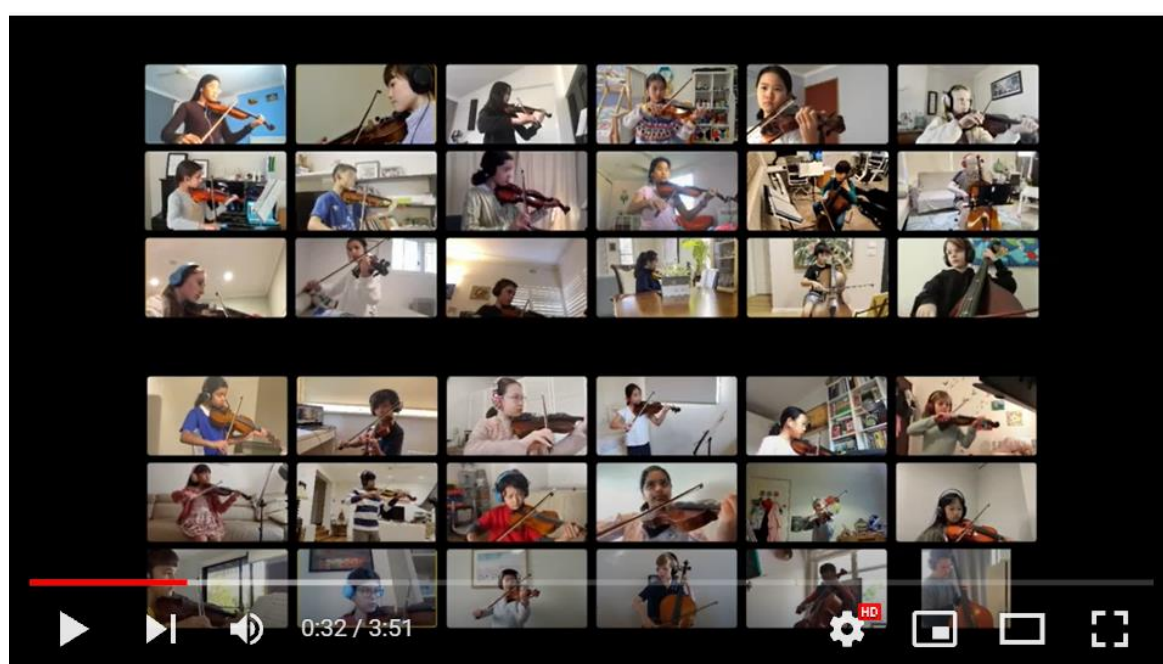


Weekend of Music: Junior, Chamber, Camerata &





Covid Lockdown couldn't stop the music!



MPS Camerata and Chamber Strings Virtual Orchestra- "Great Dividing Range" by Timo Jarvela



Please click the link below to hear us play!



[Link to all Strings Concert videos](#)

[MPS Zoom Concert - YouTube](#)

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5T7bq8Kypy5sux-Hy_gCh0-IFHFYECaL

MOWBRAY PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C

JOIN MOWBRAY STRINGS 2022

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PLEASE VISIT



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COM.AU/MOWBRAYPSSTRINGS](http://portal.msmusic.com.au/mowbraypsstrings)**





MOWBRAY P&C



ELECTION DAY BBQ



Saturday 4 December 2021
8am-3pm (until sold)



VOTE with us

(Both Willoughby and Lane Cove council elections)
635 Mowbray Road Lane Cove North

Best Local Sausage Sizzle
Krispy Kreme Doughnuts
Garçon Coffee Cart

GARÇON



Mowbray Public School P&C Association

COLOUR EXPLOSION 2021

Supported by
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K-2

Thursday 9 Dec

2.30pm

3-6

Friday 10 Dec

2.30pm

**Fundraising
closes**

Friday 3 Dec

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

1ST

\$100 REBEL SPORT
VOUCHER

2ND

\$50 REBEL SPORT
VOUCHER

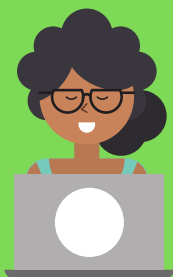
3RD

\$25 REBEL SPORT
VOUCHER

CLASS PRIZE

CLASS PARTY
EXTENDED LUNCH BREAK
COLOUR BOMB THE PRINCIPAL

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COLOUR EXPLOSION

a fundraiser presented by the
Mowbray Public School P&C Assoc.

www.mowbraypandc.org.au/colourexpllosion/



JOIN OUR MOWBRAY P&C FACEBOOK GROUP

'Mowbray Public School Families and Friends'
www.facebook.com/groups/MPSFF

*Connect with other Mowbray families and
become part of our school community.*

*News, people, conversations, volunteer opportunities,
event photos, competitions, special offers, buy/sell/trade*



**Kindy 2022
parents/carers**
Join us, after the final
Kindy Orientation
→ 1 December 2021



To ensure the group members remain legitimate, you will be asked to provide
your name, email address, child's name and child's class,
to join this closed-access Facebook Group.

These details will be confirmed with the school and **not** retained by the P&C.



Ethics classes at Mowbray Public

Dear Parents and Carers,

Could you be an ethics teacher for Mowbray Public?

We are seeking volunteers so that we can provide ethics classes for all the families who have requested it for their children.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available at 11:25am every Tuesday.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au



Come teach ethics at Mowbray Public School

We are building an ethics program at Mowbray Public School with lessons delivered by Primary Ethics volunteers.

Ethics lessons are now offered to students in years K-6. In ethics, students explore everyday issues suitable for their age. They learn to listen closely to each other, to disagree without putdowns and to think carefully as they form their opinions.

We always need more volunteer ethics teachers so that all parents have the option of choosing ethics classes for their child.

You can teach ethics if:

- You're interested in what children think and you have an interest in learning
- You're willing to learn how to use our lesson scripts to ask children ethical questions
- You can remain neutral and give the children space to think
- You're available each school week at 11:30am on Tuesdays – you'll need about an hour each week to prepare and give the scripted lesson
- You complete our free training and pass background checks.

You will join a great community of Primary Ethics volunteers – at Mowbray Public School and across NSW. You'll have the rewarding opportunity of listening to the fantastic students at our school and helping them grow. You'll develop new skills yourself – facilitation skills, plus skills in communication and active listening.

Primary Ethics provides free, comprehensive training with online self-paced learning plus trainer-led workshops (by Zoom or face-to-face).

Curious?

Visit www.primaryethics.com.au

Or contact Melissa on 0415 136 448 or melissajayne04@gmail.com



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Longueville Rd, Lane Cove
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Child Car Restraint fitting vouchers

Willoughby City Council is offering free child car seat fitting vouchers to residents and ratepayers.

A voucher entitles the recipient to have a restraint checked, refitted or fully fitted by a designated local Authorised Restraint Fitter.

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