

MOWBRAY NEWS

Term 4 Week 10 9 December 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Some reminders

It's been a busy term, so here are a few reminders to make sure we don't forget anything.

Presentation Days were recorded on Wednesday 8 December. These videos will be available ASAP and will be placed up on YouTube through a private link. They will be unable to be viewed without access to the link.

The link will be sent home via SchoolStream as soon as the videos are uploaded and available. All videos will be removed on 28 January 2022.

Reports will come home on Tuesday 14 December. The format has been modified, to comply with Department of Education expectations and the fact our students have been remote learning for more than a term this semester.

The Year 6 Graduation Assembly can go ahead, but will need to comply with current Covid restrictions. Information went home via email to all our Year 6 families this week.

Thank you

On Presentation Day I thanked our community for their support of the school and our staff during Semester Two 2022. I greatly appreciate that the majority of our community have been supportive and during what has been a turbulent time for all.

I would also like to thank our P&C President Aly Richards and her team. They have been a wonderful support for our students, families, staff and community this year. In the last term we have been able to run some Covid-restricted events, such as the Colour Run and Year 6 farewell and they have risen to the challenge with gusto.

Our school has qualified for a LED Lighting Upgrade program!

The **LED Lighting Upgrade Program** (LED LUP) commits \$157.8 million to replace inefficient lights with new LED lights, in up to 1,000 public schools across NSW over a two-year period. This is expected to reduce operating costs for schools as well as deliver over 1,200 jobs for NSW.

Schools have been selected and prioritised according to factors such as greatest impact on savings, educational outcomes and other benefits, and our school has been included in the first tranche of the program.

The benefits of LED lighting include:

- 1. Energy saving reduced electricity usage and lower bills over the long term by replacing inefficient fluorescent lights with efficient LEDs.
- 2. Lower maintenance and repair costs when compared with fluorescent lights.

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3. Improved learning outcomes in the classroom as a result of improved lighting.

The LED Lighting Upgrade Program will be planned to minimise interruption to school classes or learning. The installation will be planned outside school hours where possible and a typical installation program is expected to be completed within 4 to 8 weeks. We'll let you know as soon as we know more.

Reminder: school security

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

It's hard to believe that next week is the end of the school term. The last day for students will be **Thursday 16 December**. 2022 Year 1 – 6 students will start back on Tuesday 1 February 2022. 2022 Kindergarten will start at 9:30am on Friday 4 February 2022.

I hope that everyone has a restful and enjoyable holiday break.

CAROLINE ALFORD - PRINCIPAL

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	FULATIONS to the following students who will receive the Awards in class:
K - 2 GOLD /	<u>AWARDS</u>
KC	Aiden T
KE	Nabiha M
KH	Jackson G
KPE	Harper B, Elliot W, Braydon F
1F	Seijuro O, Mizuki O
1J	Noah P, Manon J
1HL	Lucas Y
1T	Ava G, Lachlan M
2D	Itay F P
2H	Liam d B
2S	Ella R, Jacqueline B, Joshua H, William A
STAGE 2 GC	DLD AWARDS
3A	Coco K
ЗТ	Riddho R
3V	Jake S, Aston W, Sophie R, Jaden H, Imogen W
1B	Emily X, Mila G
1L	Sienna W, Sophie T

Ollie T

6M

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DATES TO REMEMBER			
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 4 February	School commences for Kindergarten 2022 students	

SCIENCE - PHYSICAL WORLD

In Term 4, Stage 3 has been learning about energy and how it transfers and transforms. The challenge was to make a model toy boat that powers a motor, light and a switch. There were cries of excitement when students were able to make the globe light up and the motor propel simultaneously! Attaching a switch was the next challenge. Students followed the engineering process to plan, design, test, rebuild, test again and learned a lot about the roles each component played in the circuit. They worked collaboratively in groups and took their manager/director/speaker responsibilities seriously. Each group proudly met the challenge and had lots of fun with this hands-on project.

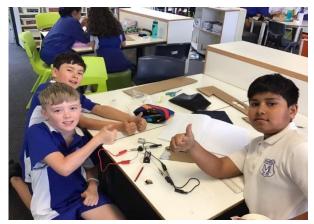












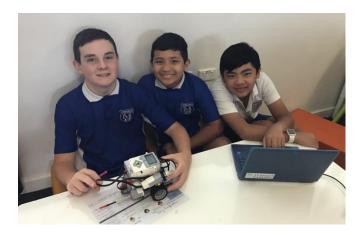




SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



This term, Stage 3 has been learning to develop solutions to a robotics challenge by coding algorithms. Working collaboratively in teams, students learned how to make a Lego Mindstorm Robot move exactly 84cm, execute a variety of movements and dance! There were advanced challenges which included moving objects, sensing obstructions, even making it play Happy Birthday! The driving base functions like real world robots in a factory. There was a lot of problem solving when it wasn't working the way students expected and tested their dispositions of resilience, teamwork and reflection. The creative disposition was also used – as seen by trying alternative solutions and some Lego embellishments such as wings! It was an enjoyable challenge for everyone.









SRC

Sponsor Children Fundraising Initiative 2021

The Student Representative Council and SRC teachers recommenced the selling of ice blocks this term. Each year, this initiative raises money for our SRC 'Sponsor Child Fundraising Initiative'.

This year Mowbray raised at total of \$2,431 to go towards supporting our Mowbray Sponsor Children.

Congratulations and well done Mowbray!









Thank you, SRC Coordinators (Miss Foster, Ms Thomas, Miss Dayoub).

DANCE NEWS

Congratulations to all our dance groups for their fabulous work!

This year, performance opportunities were limited for dance students due to COVID 19. However, the four performance groups were lucky enough to participate in two dance competitions throughout the year.

Boys Hip Hop, Stage 1 Dance group, Stage 2 Dance group and Stage 3 Dance group all competed at the Extreme Dance Competition at the beginning of the year. These groups also competed 'virtually' via video submission at the 2021 Sydney Eisteddfod. Boys Hip Hop, Stage 1 Dance group and Stage 2 Dance group were fortunate enough to receive a **Highly Commended** for their virtual performance with high scores and encouraging adjudicator reports. Stage 3 dancers received a high score of 89/100. However, they did not place with some tough competition in their section of more than 40 other dance groups! Well done to all of the Mowbray dancers for their tremendous effort and positive attitudes.

Parent and teacher support is pivotal in the yearly organisation of dance rehearsals and performances. A huge thank you to the parents who were involved in dance this year. Your time and assistance are greatly appreciated! Thank you also to the dedicated dance teachers of 2021: Ms Bradshaw, Miss Munro, Mrs Lima and Miss Maher.

We look forward to more wonderful dance opportunities for Mowbray students in 2022!

Thank you,

Miss Foster (2021 Dance Coordinator).

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Matters



Thank you for helping us by returning your child's outstanding library loans. It has been a tricky time locating library resources as books were borrowed in Term 2, before lockdown! A third overdue notice has been sent home this week with instructions for missing/lost books etc.

A huge thank you to our wonderful parents who have supported us this year by helping to shelve returned books or covering new ones. We are so very lucky to have such an awesome community that helps our school! Thank you!



Vale Mr Neil McDougall

Recently the library received \$1000 from the estate of former MPS Principal, Neil McDougall. We have used this charitable gift to purchase a beautiful selection of new books. Mr McDougall was particularly passionate about books that include themes on diversity, awareness of feelings/emotions and the joys of poetry. We have inserted a book plate in his honor, in the front cover of each book. Here is a photo to show some of the titles. We are very grateful to receive these. Thank-you to the McDougall family.



LIBRARY NEWS



Premier Reading Challenge 2021 – That's a wrap!

WOW! This year we had an incredible 461 students participating in the challenge! Congratulations! A special mention to those students who have received gold certificates signifying their 4th year of the challenge. Congratulations to **Beth L** and **Tom O** (Year 6) who have received a **PLATINUM** award for completing the challenge for the last 7 years! AMAZING!!

All certificates have been given to your child's class teachers and will be sent home this week.



Summer Holiday Activities @ Your Local Library!

There are lots of amazing FREE summer holiday programs at your local library.

Lane Cove Library -

READING The annual S

The annual Summer Reading Club has commenced. A fantastic reading program with incentives and prizes just for reading books!

https://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/Community/Library/Pages/JuniorLibrary.aspx

CODING KITS - If your child is into coding and robotics you can borrow kits to take home!

Chatswood Library-

There are so many activities to choose from! Have a look and book in advance so you don't miss out! (Yu-gi-oh Club, Code Club, Reading Club just to name a few!)

https://libraries.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Events-Programs/Childrens-Programs

Have a super and safe holiday MPS families!

Happy Reading Adventures MPS.

Mrs Dana Duveck-Steele, Mrs Jennie Neil-Smith

THANK YOU to all the Mowbray families who have supported the COLOUR EXPLOSION fundraiser for 2021. Together we have raised

\$21,770

and planted 1416 trees!

All profits will go towards building the new shelter over the basketball courts.



TOP INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISERS

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NATASHA (3T)

\$100 REBEL SPORT VOUCHER

2nd

ALUYN (KC)

\$50 REBEL SPORT VOUCHER

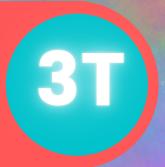
3rd

HAZEL (2H)

\$25 REBEL SPORT VOUCHER

TOP FUNDRAISING CLASS

CLASS PARTY
EXTENDED LUNCH BREAK
COLOUR BOMB THE
PRINCIPAL





COLOUR EXPLOSION

a fundraiser presented by the Mowbray Public School P&C Assoc. www.mowbraypandc.org.au/colourexplosion/



Tickets on sale NOW for...

The Big Mowbray Raffle

A Mowbray P & C Fundraising Event

*** HURRY ONLY 5 DAYS TO BUY ***

Winners will be drawn on Monday 13th Dec 2021 at 9am

Ticket Prices:

Nontray Public Schoo

1 for \$5
3 for \$15
5 for \$20
15 for \$50
30 for \$100

Buy tickets NOW



https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=nym4g

10 Amazing Prizes Including...

1st Prize:

\$450 Lane Cove Dining Package. Vouchers for Garcon, The Alcott, Sunset Diner, The Longueville and Sayulita PLUS a bottle of Veuve Clicquot (rrp \$550)

2nd Prize:

Luxury Pamper Package Including a \$200 Sloans hairdressing voucher, a Zhoosh gift pack and a a bottle of Veuve Clicquot (rrp \$350)

3rd Prize:

Limited edition 20 inch Hyper Nitro Circus Ryan Williams Pro Jet fuel PLUS a \$75 Rebel Sport Voucher

... See website for full list of prizes









We raised approximately \$2,100* at the Election Day BBQ held on Saturday 4 December. We could not have done it without the time and effort of our school parent volunteers!

*based on event financials at the time of printing

Thank you to all our volunteers!

michael sharon sarah angela veronika yok amanda maya sara fiona janine denise cliff mary catherine yokayali johanna june caitlin

Thank you to our supporters!













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

Spanish Classes

Mondays from 3.15pm to 4.15pm Mowbray Public School

2022-We are enroling NOW!



DRAMA WORKSHOPS DECEMBER AND JANUARY



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Saturday 11th & 18th December

Order Online at

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Free tree trimming and care instructions

Same day delivery - \$20 within 5km radius





HATFIELD STREET WOMBAT CROSSING

A new pedestrian crossing on Hatfield Street improves road safety for the Mowbray Public School community.

Make the safest choice for everyone and remember to cross at the wombat crossing.

PEDESTRIANS

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND THINK when crossing the road. Make sure drivers have seen you.

ONLY CROSS WHEN THE TRAFFIC HAS STOPPED. Make sure drivers coming in the other direction have

also stopped before you cross.

STAY ALERT. Be aware of the traffic environment: distractions such as wearing headphones or playing with friends on the way to or from school can make you more vulnerable to danger.

HOLD HANDS! Transport for NSW recommends children under ten years old should always hold an adult's hand when walking near traffic. Children over ten years old should be closely supervised by an adult near traffic and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.

