

# **MOWBRAY NEWS**

Term 1 Week 5 24 February 2022

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Covid Guidelines - an update

The NSW Government has relaxed Covid restrictions in the community as of this week. The NSW Department of Health and Department of Education have worked together to revise the restrictions in NSW Schools.

This is a summary of the key highlights:

### From Monday 28 February:

Cohorting is no longer required

Students will no longer be required to be kept in year groups or other cohorts. This means schools can remove staggered start and finish times as well as reintroduce cross-year group activities and events such as assemblies. Schools should continue to apply the layered Covid-smart measures for minimising risk when planning activities and events.

· Visitors allowed on school sites

Schools can invite visitors – including parents, carers and families – onto school sites regardless of their vaccination status to allow greater community engagement. Schools should continue to apply the layered Covid-smart measures for minimising risk when inviting visitors to come on site. Assemblies at MPS will start in Term 2.

Rapid antigen testing moving to 'symptomatic testing' only

A reminder that from Monday 28 February staff and students will move to 'symptomatic testing' as required. Schools are to provide a final allocation of 8 tests to support this for the remainder of term.

After this bundle, symptomatic students and staff should resume PCR testing or use their own home RAT kits, which are now readily available and accessible in the community.

### From Monday 7 March:

Masks no longer mandatory in primary schools

As of Monday 7 March, masks will no longer be mandatory in primary schools for staff. This staggered change recognises the lower vaccination rates in primary school-aged students.

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### Reminder: Mowbray has our support dog - DRAKE!

In Term 4, 2021 we trialled a support dog at Mowbray Public School. We have been lucky enough to have our permanent support dog – Drake, with us to start 2022.

Drake has been donated by the Guide Dogs Association and is highly trained.

A risk management plan has been developed and precautions put into place for any potential concerns. This will be modified in accordance to additional information received following this notice.

This is a very exciting opportunity, that has been made possible by the support of the Guide Dogs Association and Ms Bradshaw, who is welcoming Drake into her family and the school community.

If you have any concerns regarding the introduction of a support dog (medical, phobias, other etc.), please contact Jacinta Bradshaw at <a href="mailto:jacinta.bradshaw@det.nsw.edu.au">jacinta.bradshaw@det.nsw.edu.au</a> promptly so that your concerns can be addressed and the risk management plan updated accordingly.

### Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics (SRE/SEE)

Mowbray provides a range of Scripture and Ethics classes to fulfil the SRE/SEE requirement. These options are only available due to volunteers from our school and local community. At this time we have multiple students wishing to participate in Ethics classes, but a shortage of teachers.

If you would be interested in teaching Ethics, more details can be found at <a href="https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/">https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/</a> and in this newsletter.

### **CAROLINE ALFORD - PRINCIPAL**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who will receive the following Awards in class:					
K - 2 GOLD AW	<u>'ARDS</u>				
1B	Ryan S, Dolev Z				
1C	Enrique J, Oscar H				
1R	Abigail H, Emerson K				
2H	Poppy D-B				
2T	William G				
STAGE 2 GOLD AWARDS					
3M	Nava A				
3/4B	Robin L				

STAGE 3 GOLD AWA	<u>RDS</u>
5BH	Hirbod B

Emma v R

DATES TO REMEMBER – Term 1 2022					
WEEK 6					
Monday 28 February	Swimming Zone Trials – Ryde Pool				
Friday 4 March	Clean Up Australia Day				
WEEK 7					
Tuesday 8 March	Zone Swimming Carnival				
Thursday 10 March	Selective High School Placement Test				
WEEK 8					
Tuesday 15 March	P&C Meeting – AGM 7.30pm in Library and online				

### OFFICE NEWS

Welcome back to a new school year and a special welcome to all our new families. A few reminders:

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

**Term Accounts** will be sent out via School Bytes within the next week. Please pay your account promptly. If you do not receive it please check your junk mail.

**Correspondence** – When contacting the office by email please ensure that you state your child's name and class to enable us to deal with your request promptly.

**Contact Details** – Thank you to all the families that have returned the green Emergency Contact Sheet. Please ensure that the school has your up-to-date contact details.

### SUE LEECE ADMIN MANAGER

### LIBRARY NEWS

# **Library Matters**

# library Borrowing is Starting!!

It is wonderful to announce that with the easing of COVID restrictions, student borrowing will start from next Monday. Please check your child(s) library day to ensure they have a library bag. We are particularly excited to welcome Kindergarten students to the library next week!



### **Makerspace**

This week some students in Stage 1 started the Makerspace program. This program allows students to tinker, code and problem solve

through a variety of activities or challenges. Our initial session involved some students using STEM kits to build castles and skateboard parks, whilst others were harnessing their engineering skills to construct walking robots. In the coming weeks students will be mini—Lego Masters as well as participate in a group challenge.



### **Premier Reading Challenge starts soon!!**

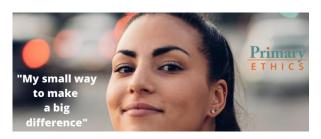
Get ready MPS students! Next month the NSW PRC will commence. Last year we had over ¾ of our students participate in this fantastic reading challenge! K-2 students participate in the challenge in library sessions. For 3-6 students it is an optional but recommended challenge. Here is the link to the official page for more information.

https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Happy Reading Adventures MPS. See you in the library next week!!

Mrs Dana Duveck-Steele, Mrs Belinda James, Miss Colleen Tringham.





### 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

# MOWBRAY PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C Picks











### **FUNDRAISING 2021**

Despite a year full of set backs, the P&C were still able to raise \$22,000! The team were able to adapt and run the Colour Explosion, two Raffles and the Election BBQ.

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Thank you to our 2021 Fundraising team led by **Janine Owen**.

### TERM 1 WORKING BEE

Thanks to everyone who came to the first Working Bee last week. With help from Mowbray teachers, parents, kids and Mowbray Bushcare volunteers, the Vegetable Garden is now ready for planting!

The uniform sorting team worked through a mountain of donations in preparation for the 2nd Hand Uniform Pop-up Shop. Thanks everyone!

### WELCOME BBQ

The annual Mowbray **Welcome BBQ** is a fantastic way to celebrate the new year, welcome new families, reacquaint with old and have some fun! Enjoy a FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE (limited quantity, so don't be late!) or bring your own picnic. Drinks and snacks available for purchase.

See you at the Welcome BBQ tomorrow!

### P&C AGM

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Mowbray P&C will be held on Tuesday 15 March, 2022 at 7.30pm in the school library and online. At the AGM, all P&C Executive positions will be elected for 2022. The AGM will be followed by a General Meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Please contact secretary@mowbraypandc.org.au for meeting details.

### CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

Next time you are at the shops, pop a little chocolate treat in your trolley for the **Chocolate Raffle**. If every child donates one chocolate, those chocolate hamper prizes are going to be HUGE!

STAY TUNNED for donation dates and ticket sales.



visit <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6j030PlyIBk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6j030PlyIBk</a>
for a sample of some of our recent performances and to meet the instruments

Register at <a href="https://portal.msmusic.com.au/mowbraypsstrings">https://portal.msmusic.com.au/mowbraypsstrings</a>

# STRINGS KICKSTART 2022

MARCH 26TH 2022 12:45-5:30PM @MOWBRAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

PLEASE BRING:
INSTRUMENTS
SHEET MUSIC
MUSIC STAND
WATER BOTTLE

AFTERNOON TEA WILL BE PROVIDED

WE HOPE TO CONCLUDE THE EVENT WITH A CONCERT FOR FAMILIES (TBC).

ATTENDANCE IS COMPUSORY FOR ALL MEMBERS OF CAMERATA, CHAMBER STRINGS AND JUNIOR STRINGS



# STRINGY BARK C·R·E·E·K

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

# Help us clean up our local bushland on



# Sunday 6th March 2022

Register between 8.00 am and 12 noon Meeting Point & Registration

Opposite 66 Johnston Crescent on the grassed area, adjacent Pedestrian Overpass Ramp

All participants are invited to a BBQ Courtesy of the Lane Cove Council

# What to Bring

Gloves, hats, sunglasses, sun protection, enclosed shoes, as well of lots of energy and enthusiasm!

Please bring water + Mask recommended at registration

http://sbcra.org.au



**CALLING ALL BOYS & GIRLS AGED 4 - 13** 



TINY TIGERS AGES 4 - 6 MINI FOOTY AGES 6 - 8 MOD LEAGUE AGES 9 - 12 GIRLS LEAGUE TAG AGES 10-16 INTERNATIONAL AGES 13 +

FREE! No obligation trial GREAT PRIZES TO WIN Fitness, Fun & Footy Friends Family Friendly Club

# GREAT VALUE PLAYER REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- PLAYING JERSEY, SHORTS & SOCKS
- -TRAINING JERSEY
- PLAYING INSURANCE
- NRL SEASON PASS\*

**ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER ACCEPTED** 

### **COME & TRY LEAGUE**

MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

**TUESDAY 1ST MARCH** 

4.30pm - 6.00pm

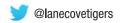
Tantallon Oval-Epping Rd, Lane Cove

**ALL WELCOME!** 

### **ONLINE REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!**

LANECOVETIGERS.COM.AU

registrar@lanecovetigers.com.au | community@lanecovetigers.com.au









# 2022 Classes!

LOVE to dance? DANCE SENSATION has been spreading the JOY of dance for 25 years in Lane Cove!

We would love to invite you to begin your dancing journey with us too!

You can check out our READY SET DANCE tv show on Nick Jnr or 10 SHAKE to get a feel for the awesome fun we have with our **preschoolers**.

For **Primary aged students** we have Funky Jazz/Hip Hop, BOYS Hip Hop/Breakdance, Acrodance (combination of Gymnastics and Dance), Ballet, Contemporary/Lyrical & Tap.

We offer **adult classes** for dancers of any ability! Don't let your kids have all the fun, grab a friend and join us for a free trial.

We value family friendly costumes, choreography & music.

Come and find out WHY we have been loved by local families for 25 years.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
6:30-7:30pm <b>Teen/Adult Tap</b> \$185/term	3:30-4:15pm 5-8yrs (K-Yr2) Funky Jazz/Hip Hop \$175/term	3:40-4:30pm <b>5-8yrs (K-Yr2)</b> <b>Ballet</b> \$180/term	4:00-4:45pm 9-13yrs (Yr3-7) Boys Hip Hop/Breakdance \$175/term	8:30-9:15am 5-8yrs (K-Yr2) Funky Jazz/Hip Hop \$175/term
7:30 - 8:30pm Adult Funky Jazz/Hip Hop \$185/term	4:15-5:00pm 5-8yrs (K-Yr2) Acrodance \$175/term	4:30-5:30pm 8-12yrs (Yr2-6) Lyrical/Contemporary \$185/term	4:45-5:30pm 5-8yrs (K-Yr2) Boys Hip Hop/Breakdance \$175/term	9:15-10:00am 5-8yrs (K-Yr2) Ballet \$175/term 9-12yrs (Yr3-6) Ballet \$175/term
	5:00-6:00pm 9-12yrs (Yr3-6) Acrodance \$185/term	5:30-6:30pm <b>Teen/Adult</b> <b>Acrodance</b> \$185/term		10:00-10:50am 5-8yrs Acrodance \$180/term  9-12yrs Acrodance \$180/term
	6:00-7:00pm 9-12yrs (Yr3-6) Funky Jazz/Hip Hop \$185/term	6:30 - 7:30pm <b>Teen/ Adult</b> <b>Ballet</b> \$185/term		10:50-11:40am 9-12yrs (Yr3-6) Funky Jazz/Hip Hop \$180/term
		7:30-8:30pm Teen/Adult Contemporary/Lyrical \$185/term		11:40am-12:30pm <b>5-12yrs (K-Yr6) Tap</b> \$180/term

### **ENROL NOW and JOIN IN THE FUN**

https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/dancesensation

Lane Cove Studio: Holy Trinity Hall, 46 Beaconsfield Rd, Chatswood (Entry via Dalrymple Ave)

\$\$\$ GREAT TERM DISCOUNTS FOR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS ATTENDING MULTIPLE CLASSES

Questions? Email admin@dancesensation.com.au





# **AUSTRALIAN SPORTS CAMPS**

AUSTRALIANSPORTSCAMPS.COM.AU

# 3-DAY SPORTS CAMPS NSW

- > 9am 3pm each day
- > High quality sports program for5-15 -year olds
- > Delivered by expert & qualified coaches
- > Children grouped on age and skill level
- > Bring your friends along and we can group you together!
- > Suitable for children of all skill levels











# **SPORTS**

Basketball - Netball - Soccer - Hockey - AFL

# **LOCATIONS**

Alexandria | Daceyville | Frenchs Forest | Hunters Hill | Moore Park | North Ryde | Ryde | St Leonards

Venues include ELS Hall Park, Ryde Aquatic Centre, UNSW, Perry
Park Recreation Centre and Gore Hill Oval

Call 1300 914 368 or visit australiansportscamps.com.au to book or for more information.



# Hunters Hill High School

Achieving excellence in comprehensive education



# OPEN DAY

### SATURDAY 5 MARCH 2022 12PM - 3PM

**COVID-SMART EVENT** 

Prospective families are welcome to attend - no need to RSVP. More information on the HHHS website and FB page soon!







# WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

A Leader in Girls Education



Meet our principal, teachers and students and discover opportunities for your daughter

### VIRTUAL OPEN NIGHT

2 March, 4.30pm

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### VIRTUAL TOUR

Simply go to our website and click on "NEWS" at top of the homepage.

www.willoughbg-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

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