

MOWBRAY NEWS

Term 1 Week 7
10 March 2022

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Our new playground is open!!

It has been a LONG project, but finally our new imaginative, digging playground area is open! Designed by the 2020 Student Representative Council (SRC) this is a new and exciting area for our students to explore and play.

Our students are now looking forward to the next sunny day so they can play in the new space!



Thank you to the Local School Community Fund, run by the Australian Government. They contributed \$15 000 to the project.

When issues arise

Throughout the year parents might have questions or concerns about their child's academic progress/achievement or social issues. If you have concerns, this is our Mowbray PS process:

1. Speak to your child's teacher first:

- Plan what you will say so you can clearly explain what the concern is. You might want to take some notes to help you.

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- Have some ideas about how the concern could be resolved realistically. Working with your child's teacher can clarify the situation and identify ways your concerns can be addressed.
- If you need an interpreter, the school can arrange one – please ask beforehand.
- Staying calm and clear about your concern helps you and school staff to discuss the situation and settle on an option or resolution that supports your child's education.

2. If you still have concerns after speaking to your child's teacher or if your concern is another aspect of school which is impacting your child, please speak to an Assistant Principal:

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) *Lauren Evans*

Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) *Jennifer Flynn and Kirsty Eccles.*

Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) *Jessica Van Amersfort and Emma Lockwood*

Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) *Heather Munro*

3. If your concern is still not resolved or is a concern about the conduct of a member of staff, please contact our Deputy Principal *Mandy Ryan* then/or Principal *Caroline Alford*.

Wet Weather

On rainy days, some younger students wear gumboots to school to keep their school shoes and socks dry. If you are sending your child to school in gumboots, please pack their school shoes to change into at school.

If the weather improves during the day, we take the opportunity to send students outside to play. Gumboots are not safe footwear for the playground or sport.

Zone Carnival

On Tuesday this week our MPS Zone Swimming Team represented us at the Zone Carnival held at Lane Cove Pool. A big congratulations to all our swimmers - they did us proud with their swimming efforts and cheering on their fellow MPS team members with gusto!

A special shout out to Matthew B who will be representing our Zone at the Area Carnival later this term!

Thank you to Jacinta Bradshaw, Melanie Thomas and Mandy Ryan who organised our school swimming carnival. Thank you Melanie Thomas, Jacinta Bradshaw and Rob Balcombe who organised our Zone team.

CAROLINE ALFORD - PRINCIPAL



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NAPLAN 2022

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All NSW schools will sit NAPLAN online in 2022. Our school will be participating in NAPLAN between **10 and 20 May 2022**.

In preparation for NAPLAN, our school will also be participating in practice tests between Tuesday 22 March and Friday 1 April. The practice test is a trial run and key preparation activity for NAPLAN in May. It is not an assessment of student ability, and the tests will not be marked. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not recommended. Students can use the [public demonstration site \(https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site\)](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in NAPLAN.

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Lockwood or Miss Munro.

CHECK-IN ASSESSMENT FOR YEARS 4 AND 6

Year 4 and 6 students will participate in a reading and numeracy Check-in assessment.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 4 and 6 students during Term 1 Week 10

Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

OFFICE NEWS

Term Accounts have been sent out earlier this week, through School Bytes. Thank you to all the families who have already paid. If you have not received your Statement of Account by email, please let the Office know but check your junk folder first.

Contact Details - Please ensure that your contact details are up to date. If you move house, please let the office know and we need proof of address - a lease agreement, proof of purchase or a utility bill.

SUE LEECE
ADMIN MANAGER

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

K - 2 GOLD AWARDS

1B	Mason F, Ernest H
1C	Maham F
1F	Saman M
1R	Clover A
1S	Jessica S
2B	Sophie C
2H	Bon Q, Astrid L
2T	Alexander M

STAGE 2 GOLD AWARDS

3M	Edward G, Caila N
4L	Zalia J

STAGE 3 GOLD AWARDS

5F	Georgia D
5/6M	Polly H
6HB	Natasha Z

K-6 BANNERS – presented at HARMONY DAY ASSEMBLY (Week 9)

3LA	William A
4L	Imogen W
4V	Sophie R
5/6M	Charlotte B
5FV	Oliver E
6S	Summer C

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DATES TO REMEMBER – Term 1 2022	
WEEK 8	
Tuesday 15 March	P&C Meeting – AGM 7.30pm in Library and online
WEEK 9	
Monday 21 March	Harmony Day Assembly – <i>Students and Staff only</i>

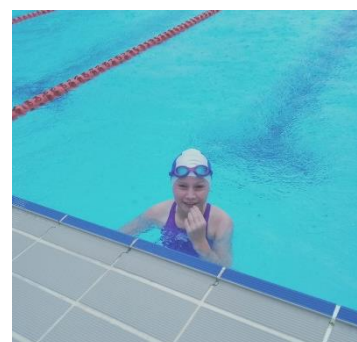
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Zone Swimming



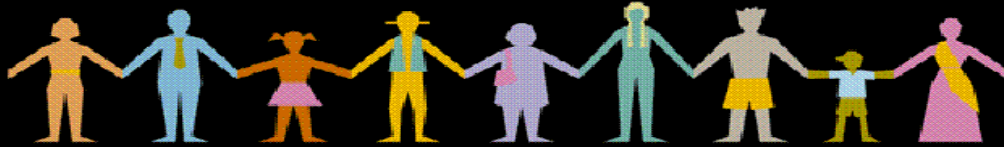
Congratulations to the students at Mowbray Public School who made it to the North Shore Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday at Lane Cove pool. We weathered the rain and wind to achieve some great results. The participation, positive spirit and camaraderie displayed is commended.

Well done to Matthew Balcombe for making it into Sydney North Regional Carnival next Wednesday. Good luck. – **Ms Bradshaw**



HARMONY DAY

everyone BELONGS



The message of Harmony Day is '**everyone belongs**', the day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.

Mowbray P.S. will be celebrating Harmony Day on Monday 21st March. The students will be entertained by a Mariachi band. In-class activities will support their understanding of the importance of Harmony Day.

All students are encouraged to wear orange clothing or a traditional national costume on the day.

EAL/D Team

**Fiesta Viva
Entertainment**





***Tell Them From Me* student survey:**

Information for parents and consent form for parents and carers

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar** which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has access to data from across NSW and is running a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research is looking at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students will not be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will **not** be disclosed by the department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want your child to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to the school by Monday 14 March 2022.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English at education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm

Caroline Alford

Principal

9.3.22

Mowbray Public School

Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the school by Monday 14 March 2022.

I DO NOT give consent for my child/children to participate in the ***Tell Them From Me*** student feedback survey.

Name of student 1

Roll class of student 1

Name of student 2

Roll class of student 2

Name of student 3

Roll class of student 3

Name of student 4

Roll class of student 4

Name of parent/carers

Signature of parent/carers

Date

Chocolate RAFFLE



15 delicious prizes to be won!

1st Prize - Mega Choc-alicious Hamper

2nd Prize - Medium Choc-tastic Hamper

3rd Prize - Small Choc-ariffic Hamper

12 x Runner Up Prizes - Choccy-treat Bag

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP...

BUY OR SELL RAFFLE TICKETS! Tickets are available online only. Scan the QR code or go to www.raffletix.com.au/mowbraychocraffle2022

Ticket sales close Monday 4 April, 2022

Draw Tuesday 5 April, 2022



DONATE CHOCOLATE TREATS to help fill the hampers! We will be accepting donations of chocolates in **Week 9 (Monday 21 - Friday 25 March)** at the office. Nut free only please.

The raffle winners will be drawn on Tuesday 5 April at Mowbray Public School, 635 Mowbray Rd, Lane Cove North using the raffletix platform. Winners will be announced at the school assembly on that day and contacted via email. Enquiries to fundraising@mowbraypandc.org.au

a fundraising event presented by Mowbray Public School P&C Assoc.



MINIROOS BOYS & GIRLS U6-U11 | JUNIOR BOYS & GIRLS U12-U18 | SENIOR MENS & WOMENS

PLAY FOOTBALL



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A TEAM THIS SEASON?

Lane Cove FC is currently taking players registrations for ages 5 and over for the 2022 season! Season commences 2nd April 2022 for Juniors and 9th April 2022 for Miniroos.

Lane Cove FC also have Youth coaching opportunities available! If you are interested in coaching or want to get some volunteer hours, this is for you!

For enquiries contact
admin@lcfc.com.au or call 9431 8648



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PLAY AFL
WITH...



2022

THE FAMILY FRIENDLY CLUB

We promote a positive, family-
friendly environment
welcoming all parents and
volunteers to the club.

We offer opportunities for boys
and girls aged 5-17. Parents
can also get involved via AFL9s



Auskick (Ages 5-8)
Girls and boys groups.
Training and games held
every Sunday at 8am.

Juniors (Ages 9-17)
Girls and Boys teams
Training: Wed/Thu/Fri
Games: Sunday mornings
(with some Fri night games).
Season starts on 18 April

LANE COVE CATS: AN AWARD WINNING CLUB

BEST NORTH SHORE CLUB: 2016 & 2018

AUSKICK COORDINATOR OF SYDNEY NORTH: 2013, 2015, 2017 & 2018

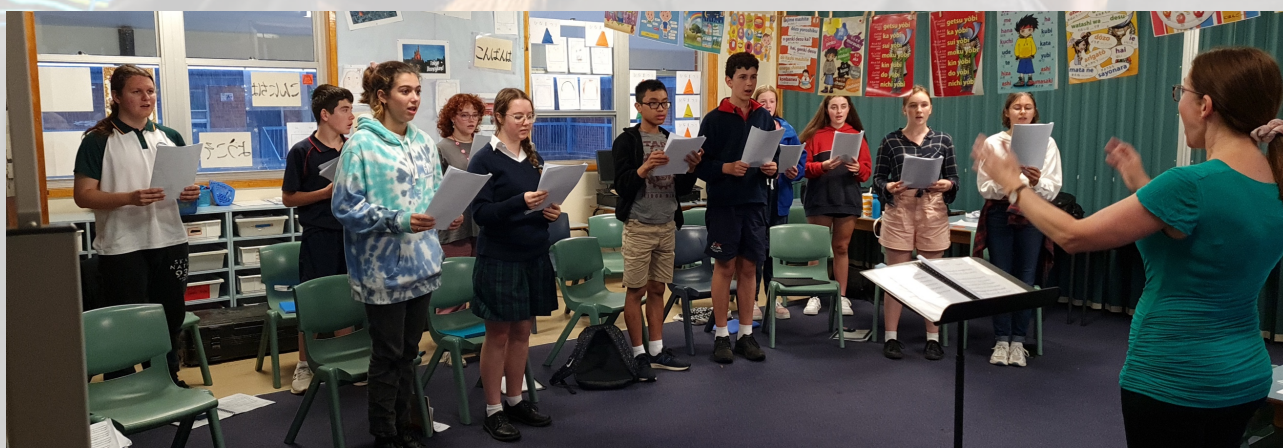
HOME OF AFL SYDNEY YOUTH COACH OF THE YEAR 2019

FOR MORE INFO, GO TO WWW.LANECOVECATS.COM/REGISTRATION

Sydney North Public Schools Vocal Ensembles

The **Sydney North Public Schools Vocal Ensembles** program consists of weekly ensembles for vocalists from public schools in Years 4 to 12 at two venues across Sydney's northern suburbs:

- Sydney North PS Primary Vocal Ensemble (Belrose and Epping West)
Years 4 to 6
Soprano and alto voices
- Sydney North PS Secondary Vocal Ensemble (Belrose and Epping West)
Years 7 to 12
Soprano, alto, tenor and bass voices.



The vocal ensembles encourage, nurture and inspire enthusiastic vocalists by providing high quality training and performance opportunities.

The ensembles are conducted by **Rachel Kelly** (Belrose and Epping West) and **Rachel Collis** (Epping West).

The Ensembles offer a range of performance opportunities – including at the Sydney Town Hall, the Sydney Opera House, Schools Spectacular as well as other occasions that arise through the year.

To find out more information about joining one of our ensembles please visit our website:

bit.ly/SNPSvocal



NORMANHURST BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Fostering excellence in young men through holistic education



Open Day

For Prospective Year 7 2024 Families

On the day, there will be a Principal's Address and free school tours.

Friday 11 March 2022

Registration by 9:00 am on Thursday 10 March 2022 is essential!

Register at: <https://normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au/open-day-2022>

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