

MOWBRAY NEWS

Term 1 Week 9
24 March 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Harmony day

On Monday 21 March we had our annual Harmony Day Assembly. Harmony Day acknowledges and celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. The theme of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs'.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of idea and encouragement of mutual respect. On Harmony Day our students could choose to wear something orange or traditional cultural attire.



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Attendance Matters

Education in NSW is compulsory for all students from the age of 6. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

Having students arrive on-time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is officially recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by a parent/carer.

It is important to remember that 5 minutes late each day is 3 days of education missed per year. This can have serious impact on your child's ability to learn and make friends.

On occasion, your child might be away from school. The NSW Government justified reasons for student absences may include:

- Being sick, or having an infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment
- Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstances (e.g. attending a funeral)

Families are encouraged to travel during the school holidays.

Following an absence from school, parents are asked to give written explanation via School Stream (school information – absentee form 2022) or email your child's teacher.

As part of the new school plan the Department of Education is expecting us to raise school attendance for all our students at over 96%.

What a star!

Well done to Matthew B who represented our Zone at the Area carnival last week. Now he goes on to represent our Area at the state swimming championships for the 50m freestyle! A champion effort Matthew – good luck!!

CAROLINE ALFORD - PRINCIPAL



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

K - 2 GOLD AWARDS

1C	Matthew W
1F	Terrina T
1R	Edward T, Kiera A
2B	Basia Z
2H	Ariana B, Arvin B
2PE	Mia N
2T	Forest J, Jayden C

STAGE 2 GOLD AWARDS

3LA	Barin E, Noah C
3M	Connor S
4S	Burte T, Naomi O, Raiyaan T

STAGE 3 GOLD AWARDS

5F	Ada W
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DATES TO REMEMBER – Term 1 2022

WEEK 10	
Thursday 31 March	Selective High School Placement Test
WEEK 11	
Friday 8 April	ANZAC Assembly Last day of Term One - students return Wednesday 27 April

OFFICE NEWS

Term Accounts – Thank you to all the families who have paid their term accounts so promptly. They are now overdue, and reminders will be sent out for those that have not paid. It would be appreciated if they could be paid promptly.

Lunch Orders – When placing a lunch order for your child on Flexischools, please ensure that you receive a confirmation email from Flexischools. If you do not receive a confirmation, then the lunch order has not been placed. Orders need to be placed by **9.30am**.

Contacting the School – When emailing the school about your child please ensure you give your child's name and class to allow us to assist you with your enquiry.

SUE LEECE
ADMIN MANAGER

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day

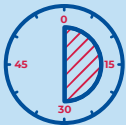


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3 days

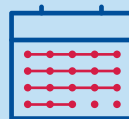


30 mins
per day



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18 days



**Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.**

Harmony Day Monday 21st March





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A Message from the President

I am honoured to have been elected President of the P&C for a second year. While 2021 was a challenge for bringing people together we were able to proceed with some events – Welcome BBQ, Colour Explosion, 2nd Hand Uniform Pop-ups and the Year 6 Farewell. We also raised \$22,936 thanks to the efforts of our Yr3 Fundraising team. The P&C were still able to meet our target of funding \$250,000 towards the new covered outdoor learning area (COLA). While we were hoping that the COLA project would be completed in 2021, Department resourcing has set us back to a completion date of the end of 2022.

2022 has started off with a more optimistic outlook. We were able to successfully hold the Welcome BBQ despite the rain and are underway with our first fundraiser for the year, the “[Chocolate Raffle](#).” We are still looking for volunteers to organise the [Mother's Day](#) event in Term 2 and look forward to bringing back the Adults event in 2022.

P&C events and fundraising are enjoyed by many – students, family, staff and community members alike. Events bring us together as a community, they create opportunities to meet new people, reconnect with familiar faces and they are also a time of celebration. Events can not happen without the people who volunteer their time and effort. The last few years have seen a significant decline in volunteer numbers. 2021 was the first year since the tradition began that we had to cancel the end of year Carols event because we could not get enough volunteers. It was disappointing that an event that brings our community together for a final hurrah at the end of the year was missing. Let's try and turn the tide. I urge you to step up and [VOLUNTEER](#) for events, fundraising, canteen or on any of our subcommittees. We cannot do it without you.

Speaking of volunteers, the P&C is made up of people just like you – parents and community minded people who want to help our school. In March each year we hold elections to establish the P&C Executives and Representatives for the year. I am pleased to introduce the 2022 Executive Team

- President – Aly Richards
- Treasurer – Rachel Johnson-Kelly
- Secretary – June Banerjee
- Vice President – Di DeBelin
- Vice President – Cristina Villamayor
- Executive (Band Convenor) – Izabela Marczyk
- Executive (Strings Convenor) – Maryann Mak
- Executive (Online Coordinator) – Suzanne Varrall
- Executive (Events & Fundraising Lead) – VACANT
- Executive (Environment and Sustainability Lead) – Eddie Stanton-Cooke
- Executive – Juliet Steptoe

and Representatives

- Canteen Coordinator – Juliet Steptoe
- Compliance Officer – VACANT

For more information about the P&C and how you can get involved, head to www.mowbraypandc.org.au or contact info@mowbraypandc.org.au. Look out for information and updates through your class parents, school stream or visit us in the [Mowbray Public School Families & Friends Facebook group](#) to get the latest news and join in related discussions.

I look forward to meeting you at the Mother's Day Morning Tea,

Aly Richards

President – Mowbray Public School Parents and Citizens Association

***HOW ARE WE GOING TO
ORGANISE A CLASS GET
TOGETHER?***

***HOW CAN I MEET THE
OTHER FAMILIES IN MY
CLASS?***

***HOW DO I GET TICKETS FOR
THAT FUNDRAISER?***

CLASS PARENTS

***WAS THERE A P&C EVENT
COMING UP?***

***WHO WILL ORGANISE A
TEACHER GIFT AT THE END
OF THE YEAR?***

THANK YOU TO OUR CLASS PARENT VOLUNTEERS FOR 2022!

CLASS PARENTS KEEP US CONNECTED. IF YOU WANT TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OTHER FAMILIES IN YOUR CLASS, ORGANISE CATCH UPS AND FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE SCHOOL AND P&C - ASK YOUR CLASS PARENT. EVERY CLASS HAS ONE, IF YOU'RE NOT SURE WHO YOURS IS, ASK YOUR TEACHER!

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.



The background of the poster is a soft-focus image of pink and purple cherry blossoms. A large white circle with a dark purple border is centered in the upper half, containing the text 'Mother's Day'. To the left of this circle is a smaller black circle containing a red hand cursor icon pointing at the text 'CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER'.

Mother's Day

CLICK HERE
TO
VOLUNTEER

MORNING TEA
FRIDAY 6 MAY



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

NURTURE ENRICH INSPIRE

ART WITH ROS: HOLIDAY PROGRAM

fun and enriching art experiences
for kids aged 5-12

AUTUMN DATES

Wednesday 20th April 9am-12pm

Thursday 21st April 9am-12pm

Friday 22nd April 9am-12pm

Location | Lane Cove West

LIMITED SPOTS LEFT!

Make the next school holidays both fun and enriching by giving your child an inspiring art experience courtesy of the Art With Ros Holiday Program.

With a small group guarantee, kids are led by artist and art educator Ros Gervay to discover famous artists and paint their own artworks in response.

Art With Ros is a wonderful way for kids to express themselves, ignite their creativity and build their confidence.



PRICING

3 half-day program \$180

Single half-day booking \$65

BOOKINGS

www.permissiontopaint.co/artwithros

info@rosgervaycreative.com

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NEW LOCATION LAUNCH

OFFICIAL TRIAL DAY APRIL 8
FREE TRIAL NEW CLIENTS ONLY

Sign up on the
day to receive
35% off your
first month's
payment



BLACKMAN PARK, LLOYD REES DR, LANE COVE WEST | FRIDAY APRIL 8 | 4:30 - 6PM | BOYS & GIRLS 4-15 YEARS | PLAYERS OF ANY LEVEL
REGISTER FOR YOUR FREE SESSION ONLINE AT [JUSTFOOTBALLACADEMY.COM.AU/LOWERNORTHSHORE](https://www.justfootballacademy.com.au/lowernorthshore) | ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON **1300 724 189**



EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNT
EXPIRES MAR 25

APR '22 SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

Thur Apr 14th, 9am - 3pm

Blackman Park Lloyd Rees Dr, Lane Cove West

BOYS & GIRLS 4-14 YEARS \$120 ^{EX GST} | New players will receive a complimentary training jersey

Register at justfootballacademy.com.au/lanecovecamp | Enquiries can be made on 1300 724 189