



MOWBRAY NEWS

Term 2 Week 6
1 June 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Bringing items to school

Some of our students bring items to school such as handballs, Pokémon cards, Beyblades, toys etc. Bringing items to school does pose some risks – items can be damaged, lost or sometimes accidentally broken. If students bring items from home, we expect the child to be responsible for keeping them safe.

We would ask parents/carers to make sure that their child does not bring any rare, expensive or special items to school.

If your child brings cards to school, they are encouraged not to 'trade', but it is not an enforced rule. If students do make trades, they do so at their own risk.

We would ask parents/carers to ask your child not to trade cards/items unless they have the knowledge and resilience to do so.

Attendance

Schooling in NSW is compulsory for all children between the ages of 6 and 17 years old. The NSW Government and Department of Education expect students to have an attendance rate over 95% each term.

Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- Being sick or having an infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment
- Being required to attend a religious holiday
- Exceptional family circumstances

Families must provide an explanation for absence within 7 school days, at Mowbray we use School Stream to make this process easier for parents.

Recently there has been an increase in the number of families taking overseas holidays during term time. Thank you to those families who contact our office to obtain and complete a *Certificate of Extended Leave – travel* form.

Please note that all days off for overseas holidays taken during term time are marked as *Absence Explained*, but *Unjustified*. It is a government expectation that all holiday travel will be taken during the official school holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances.

There is some additional information for parents in this newsletter.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Cross Country – Area Carnival

A huge congratulations to our Zone Cross Country Team (pictured).



These students went to Blackman Park to compete against students from other schools in our Zone. Thank you to Mrs Power and Mrs D'Cunha who supported our team on the day.

In exciting news we have Stella, Sienna, Matthew, Felix, Oliver and Archie competing in the Sydney North Carnival in Gosford later this term. We are the school with the highest number of participants for Sydney North. We wish our competitors the very best of luck!!

Canteen

At Mowbray our P&C organise our school canteen. Parents/Carers can order lunch every day for their child/ren if they wish using Flexischools.

This system does rely on a parent/carer volunteer to help distribute the lunches each day.

The lunches come individually bagged displaying each child's name and class. A parent/carer helper pops the lunches into the class tub and students come to collect the tubs at the beginning of lunch.

This term we have had Angela and Martin come in to do canteen together.



This is a wonderfully rewarding task – look how happy our lunch order collectors are!



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A big **thank you** to all our canteen volunteers who are essential to keeping this option available for our students.

If you can join the canteen team (even if you can't regularly commit, but are happy to do a day or two every now and again) please sign up at

<http://www.mowbraypandc.org.au/canteen/>

CAROLINE ALFORD - PRINCIPAL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who will receive Awards:

STAGE 1 GOLD AWARDS – presented at Assembly on June 20

1F	Erin C
1LJ	Sethe M
1T	Levi E
2PE	Nathan S

STAGE 2 GOLD AWARDS – presented at Assembly on June 27

3J	Arvin B
3T	Maddison L, Lachlan M, Vivienne L
3/4R	Astrid L, Caroline S, William A, Riya N
4PW	Alice L

STAGE 3 GOLD AWARDS – presented at Assembly on June 6

5/6B	Thomas McK, Luke F
5/6H	Connor C
5/6J	Imogen W
5/6S	Mila G, Nathan A

DATES TO REMEMBER – Term 2 2023

WEEK 7	
Tuesday June 6	Performance Band to Sydney Eisteddfod Stage 3 Assembly hosted by 5/6J
WEEK 8	
Tuesday June 13	Athletics Carnival at Rotary Field (Yr 3-6 students & competitive Yr 2 students turning 8 this year)
Thursday June 15	Sydney North Area Cross Country at Gosford Racecourse
Friday June 16	Book Club Issue 4 – final day for online orders to be placed
Sunday June 18	Mowbray Dance teams to Extreme Dance Competition

OFFICE NEWS

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

Term Accounts – were sent out via School Bytes this week. Please pay your account promptly. If you do not receive it, please check your junk mail. **Payments can now be made via the School Bytes Parent Portal.**

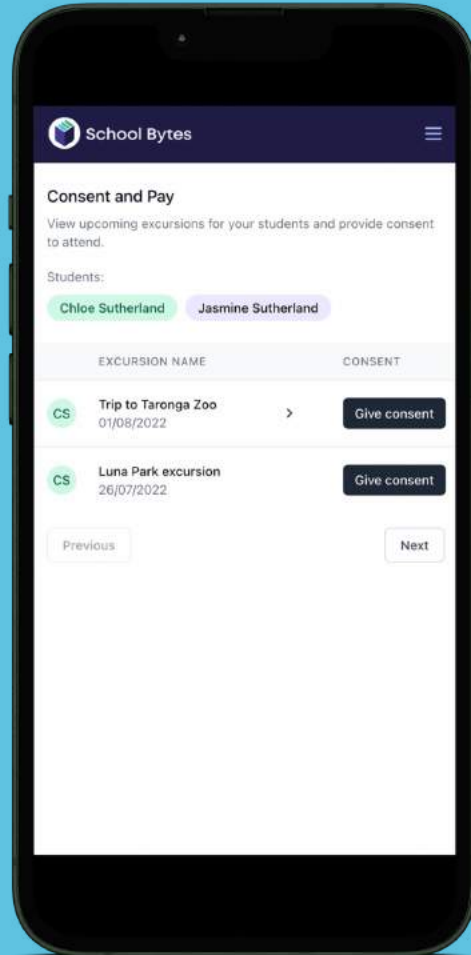
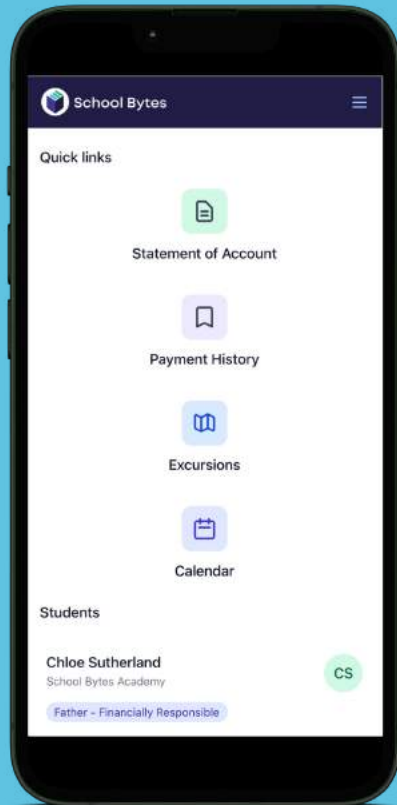
PSSA & Lunch orders – PSSA sport (AFL, Netball and Soccer) has commenced on Fridays until the end of term. If your child is participating in PSSA, **please do not place a lunch order for them on that day** as they leave for games before lunch orders are delivered.

Scholastic Book Club – please note the last day for placing an online order for Issue 4 is Friday June 16.

SUE LEECE
ADMIN MANAGER

AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Online payments are processed in real time

AVAILABLE DURING

TERM 2



School Bytes

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>





Compulsory school attendance

| Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

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

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. 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 circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.





Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that Mowbray PS will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS competition this year.

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills. Mowbray PS students will have the opportunity to participate in English and Mathematics competitions.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year.

Learn more about ICAS [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas). (<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>)

How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. read about ICAS subjects and prices [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas): ([icasassessments.com/products-icas](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas))
2. read the terms and conditions [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs_final.pdf): ([icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs_final.pdf](https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs_final.pdf))
2. go to Parent Portal to purchase tests [here](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps): (shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps)
3. enter our school's access code – **QLA842**
4. enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

Please note that the ICAS tests shown for selection are at the school's discretion.

After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.

ICAS Results and Certificates

We will notify you of the date(s) that we run ICAS at the school and when your child's ICAS results are ready. Once we have received your child's ICAS certificate, we will send it home

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with your child. The back of the certificate shows ICAS results and the login details, "TAP ID and Pin", that you and your child need to enter the **Results Portal** orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent

Privacy Collection Statement

The following information is a privacy notification about how your child's data is kept private and secure.

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LIBRARY NEWS

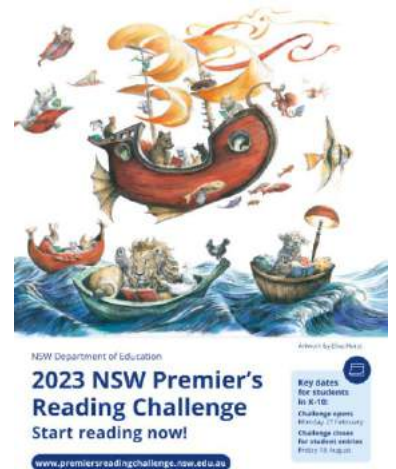
NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

This year's challenge is well under way, and it is fantastic to see the enthusiastic participation from students. K-2 undergo the challenge during their weekly library sessions. This term the books K-2 students are reading are also the shortlisted books in this year's Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) competition. We are using these books to delve deeper into character representations and narrative structure.

The winners (authors and illustrators) of the CBCA coveted prize are announced during Book Week in August. MPS students will have a chance to vote for their favourite book in the competition too.

Here is a glimpse at some of this year's CBCA's shortlist title:

<https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2023>



Makerspace Club



Stage 1 Makerspace students have commenced the club with gusto during Thursday lunchtimes. The STEM kits have been a big hit, and it was great to see students collaborating to find solutions to the problems. Magnetic play, creating circuits and robots were also popular. More recently we had a mini-Lego master challenge. Students enjoyed constructing their allocated build and

then having their peers try to guess their creation. Watch this space as the students participate in a mini project based on a well-known fairy tale!



LIBRARY NEWS

K – 6 Bookmark Competition

MPS Education Week and Open Day is early next term in Week 3! It is a day to celebrate and showcase all the wonderful learning experiences and opportunities in our school. Each year we have a Book Fair in our library as part of our Open Day celebrations. We are running a competition to *find 6 DIFFERENT BOOKMARK DESIGNS* in total. Bookmarks can be:

1. Best at capturing our wonderful Mowbray Public School
2. Best overall summary of why books are best

We are starting this competition now and it will run until the Thursday 29th June, Week 10, this term. The winners will be announced early next term.

Entry forms are available from the library. Don't forget to include your name and class on the back of the bookmark!

There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." — Walt Disney

Happy Reading Adventures! -Mrs Duveck-Steele, Mrs Appleby, Mrs Neil-Smith

SCHOOL NEWS

Mowbray represents at Zone Cross Country



Congratulations to our Mowbray students who competed at the Zone Cross Country carnival last week. It was great to see the support they had for each other.

The following students successfully placed at Zone and have qualified to compete at Sydney North Area Cross Country which will be held at Gosford Racecourse in Week 8:

8/9 Years Boys 2km – Matthew B (3rd), Felix (5th)

8/9 Years Girls 2km – Stella W (3rd)

10 Years Boys 2km – Oliver F (4th)

12/13 Years Boys 3km – Archie P (6th)

12/13 Years Girls 3km – Sienna W (1st)

Well done to all our Mowbray Runners, and good luck to our Area representatives!





COLOUR EXPLOSION FUN RUN

Fundraising closes Thursday 15 June

GET FUNDRAISING!!! Fundraising is entirely online. Simply follow the instructions in your child's sponsorship booklet to create a cybersafe, online profile page at www.plantadifference.com.au then share with friends and family!

<< COLOUR EXPLOSION VOLUNTEER SIGN UP >>

P&C EXECUTIVE POSITION

Could you be our next Event Lead?

The P&C currently have a vacancy on our Executive Committee. We are looking for an Event Lead to support volunteers organising events. If you have a willingness to learn, want to contribute to your school community and are happy to help with fundraising and events, please contact Aly at president@mowbraypandc.org.au



ATTENTION ALL AMAZING PARENTS!

Seeking Prize Donations

We kindly ask parents to consider donating prizes for our upcoming raffle and auction at the Adult Event in August. It could be anything from gift cards, event tickets, electronics, or even experiences like a spa day or a family outing. Your generous contributions will not only help our fundraising efforts but they are a fantastic way to showcase your generosity and support for our school community.

If you would like to donate a prize or have any questions, please contact fundraising@mowbraypandc.org.au

P&C MEETINGS

General Meeting: Tuesday 13 June, 7.30pm – 8.30pm

You don't need to be a member to attend a meeting! Learn what's happening with the P&C, and hear from Ms Alford who will be there to provide school updates and feedback.

Join us in the school library or online (check facebook for meeting link or contact secretary@mowbraypandc.org.au)

For more information head to www.mowbraypandc.org.au/pc-meetings/

Face-to-face
and Online



P&C General Meeting: Tuesday 13 June, 7:30pm (in the library and online)

2023 COLOUR EXPLOSION!

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

1ST
\$100 WESTFIELD VOUCHER
+ Google Backpack
+\$250 Dental Voucher

2ND
\$60 VISA CARD
+ YouTube Water Bottle
+\$250 Dental Voucher

3RD
\$40 VISA CARD
+ YouTube Water Bottle
+\$250 Dental Voucher

Friday 16 June
2-3pm

K-6

FUNDRAISING LEADERBOARD

\$2,635

raised so far

1st	Mason L
2nd	Noah D
3rd	Josef C

KBC is in the lead!

CLASS PRIZE

CLASS PIZZA PARTY PROVIDED BY DEL PIERO'S
EXTENDED LUNCH BREAK
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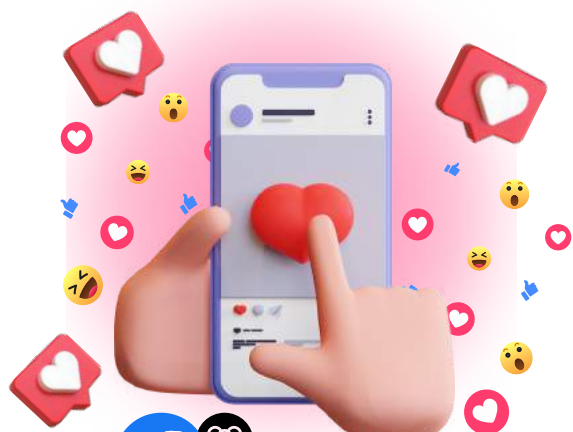
COLOUR EXPLOSION

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Hey there, wonderful Mowbray parents! We're looking for volunteers to lend a hand at our school canteen! This is a fantastic opportunity to be a part of our school community and support our students.

We need volunteers to sort the lunch orders into class tubs and hand them out through the canteen window. Simple as that! Volunteers are needed every day from 12.30 - 1.15pm.

So, are you in? [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up

Thank you in advance for your support!
canteen@mowbraypandc.org.au

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT ART AND ARE SUPER ORGANISED? WE HAVE AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!



The P&C is seeking a talented individual to organise an incredible art auction. We believe in the power of creativity and want to showcase the amazing artistic talent of our kids! Each class will be tasked to produce one amazing art work to be auctioned at the Adult Event on Saturday 19 August, 2023.

Responsibilities include:

- Coordinating with class teachers to create artworks for the auction
- Sourcing and delivering canvases to the classrooms
- Photographing the finished works to add to the online auction

If you have a keen eye for art, exceptional organizational skills, and a passion for creating memorable experiences, we want to hear from you! This is an excellent opportunity to make a positive impact in our school community and inspire a love for art among our students.

To apply or learn more about this exciting role, please contact events@mowbraypandc.org.au We can't wait to hear from you!

Mother's Day

AT MOWBRAY 2023

THANK YOU SO MUCH *

Thank you to the amazing volunteers who stayed late/ got up early to help with the Mother's Day event this year – all with big smiles on their faces... even the mums and dads in the canteen literally sweating from the overwhelming coffee / tea / pastry orders along with the 2nd hand uniform shop who were inundated with sales!

Special thanks to Amy H and Courtney W who led the event with a sensational team of parent volunteers.

We were blessed with beautiful weather, awesome vibes, photo booth memories, crafting with Primary OSHCare, Barista coffee from Cubby OOSH and treats from Sweet Temptations!

Thanks to our supporters:

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a free community event presented by
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WEEKEND OF MUSIC 2023

3-4
JUNE
2023



The time has come for our Annual Weekend of Music, Two fun-filled days of Tutorials, Rehearsals, and Special Musical Activities

This is a compulsory event for all students participating in the Mowbray Music Program.

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NRG 2023

Holiday Program

3rd - 7th July 9am-3pm

Kids Program: Yr K-6

REGISTER AT: northrydeanglican.org.au

\$200 Registration includes
Hat, T-Shirt, Morning Tea, Craft
and all electives

Onsite at North Ryde Anglican
Church (152 Cox's Rd North
Ryde - Opposite IGA) and also
North Ryde Public School

2023 Morning Electives: Cooking,
Craft, Dance, Drama, Nerf, Sports &
Stem

2023 Afternoon Electives:

Chess (New 2023 - Norwest Chess
academy Coaches) - Singing (New
2023 - Professional educators - inc
Australian Girls Choir experience) -
Basketball - Netball - Martial Arts,
Soccer (Kickstart sports coaches)

