



MOWBRAY
PUBLIC SCHOOL

MOWBRAY NEWS

Term 4 Week 2
19 October 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope that all members of our community had a fantastic holiday. As always we get ready for the whirlwind that is Term 4.

COLA – Covered Outdoor Learning Area

On Wednesday this week the fencing came down and our brand-new COLA is open!

A huge THANK YOU to the P&C for their contribution. The COLA was also funded by the Department's Assets Team as well as the school. As I am sure you will agree, this is a fantastic asset for Mowbray and will be well used by the school and community!



Principal for the Day

Each year at the P&C Adult Fundraising event they auction off the prize of being principal for the day of Mowbray! On Tuesday, I was lucky enough to get to spend the day with Thomas F from Year 4 who was our worthy winner.

Thomas has designed a recount of his day, included in this newsletter.

YEAR 5 PARENTS/CARERS – Selective High School 2025

Applications for Selective High School are now open for 2025. Any parent/carer of a child in Year 5 who wishes to have their child sit the entrance exam will need to fill in an application.

Applications open **9 October and close on 20 November**.

Information can be found at this website <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Applications can be made from the first page of the link above.

All applicants are expected to sit a test on Thursday 9 May 2024. Information on the test location will be provided through the Selective High School Unit next year.

Information has gone out via School Stream and email.

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Zone representatives at the Area Carnival

Congratulations to Ismail, Matthew, Sienna and Stella who represented our zone at the recent carnival.



A special shout out to Matthew and Sienna who will represent Sydney North at the State Athletics later this term. What an amazing achievement!

Kindergarten Orientation

Yesterday we had the second orientation for our 2024 Kindergarten students.

We would like all students enrolled to join us for our last session (Wed 25 Oct) - it is important to be enrolled well before this date.

<https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/schoolenrolment/?schoolCode=4015>

Returning late or not returning in 2024?

Documentation of student movement is essential for the school executive to make 2024 classing structure decisions. There is a form to fill in (located on School Stream in the 'School Information' Section) to inform the school if:

- your family will be taking extended leave over the December/January holidays and your child will be returning to school later than Thursday 1 February 2024 (it is essential we have documentation stating your proposed date of return) or
- your child in Kindergarten – Year 5 will not be returning to MPS in 2024

I would politely request that any families who fit into these categories please fill out the form electronically via School Stream.

Thank you for your support with our 2024 planning.

CAROLINE ALFORD – PRINCIPAL

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CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who will receive Awards:

STAGE 1 GOLD AWARDS – presented at Assembly on 24 October

KBC	Zayn T
KD	Michelle T, Madeleine G
KL	Tyson H, Thiago L
KT	Ruby H, Toby A
1B	Sabrina G
1F	Axel N, Kai V
1LJ	Sebastian M
1S	Charlie F, Maia K, Sahasra K
1/2H	Amelie B, Isla B
2M	Braydon F

STAGE 2 GOLD AWARDS – presented at Assembly on 28 November

3J	Faizan K, Bryan H, Kenzie M, Chloe T
3S	Undram E
3T	Rivah P, Alannah A, Mia N
3/4R	Ishara H, Owen W
4F	Mia C
4H	Edward G, William A
4PW	Aadya G, Rayaan R

STAGE 3 GOLD AWARDS – presented at Assembly on 7 November

5/6B	Aadhan S
5/6H	Daniel P, Jay F
5/6J	Max E-B
5/6M	Nathan R, Sara K

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DATES TO REMEMBER – Term 4 2023

WEEK 3

Tuesday October 24

K – 2 Assembly hosted by KS and KW

Wednesday October 25

**Kindergarten 2024 Orientation session 3 & parent morning tea
9.30am – 10.40am**

Friday October 27

Last day for Scholastic Book Club Issue 7 online orders

WEEK 4

Monday October 30

Life Education with Healthy Harold commences

Tuesday October 31

Year 2 – 6 Assembly – Meet the Band & Strings

OFFICE NEWS

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

Scholastic Book Club – please note the last day for placing an online order for Issue 7 is Friday October 27.

Ibises in the playground – We are unfortunately experiencing an increase in the number of ibises at Mowbray. They are very good at opening lunch bags that are left around the playground. Can we ask parents to ensure your child's food is packed securely in lunch boxes and please remind your children to keep their lunchboxes in their schoolbags whenever possible.

SUE LEECE
ADMIN MANAGER



***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 23 October 2023.

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

Caroline Alford

Principal

19.10.23

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 23 October 2023.

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

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Principal for a Day – Tuesday 17 October 2023

Dear Mowbray Community,

My name is Thomas and I was the Principal for a Day for 2023!

I started my day in a P&C Meeting, where we talked about plans for 2024. After this meeting, I needed a short break so Mrs Ryan, Mrs Falk, Ms Alford and I went to the café for a quick coffee.

Then Ms Alford and I visited classes across the school to check on student work and hand out some stickers. I felt that most children were working hard. I was impressed by the quality of work done in Year 5 and 6.

After lunch it was the 4H and 3T assembly. I performed with my class in the Magnificent 4H Game Show.

As principal, I then handed out the Gold Awards to stage 2.



After assembly we went to KD with Drake. We saw three amazing Kindergarten mathematicians, they were solving addition and subtraction problems over 1000! We brought them to the office and gave each of them a special blue award.

It was good way to spend a school day, but I don't think I want to be a principal when I am older as I think there would be more fun jobs to have.

- **Thomas F**



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Fun for Kindergarten at Calmsley City Farm

Last term, Kindy went to the farm. At the farm, we sat down and watched a working dog show and a whip show. We learned how the working dogs help to round up the sheep. We also got to the milk the cow which was a little yucky but also fun. The farmers told us about the fox fences to make sure they don't eat the animals. Our favourite part was patting the baby goats and chicks.

- **Alan, KS and Ashley, KL**



We went on a tractor ride, it was bumpy and we enjoyed seeing all the animals on the ride. We saw a scary snake and a giant brown bull at the farm. We liked milking the cow and seeing the ducks. We learned about nocturnal animals like wombats which means they sleep during the day and are awake at night.

- **Arya, KW and Benjamin, KBC**



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We saw lots of mummy and baby animals, we liked seeing the big pink mum pig and her little piglets. On the tractor ride, we saw big buzzing beehives. We learned about the word pasteurisation which is when they heat up the milk to help get rid of germs. We liked petting the baby bunny and the baby chick.

- **Clementine, KD and Antonio, KT**



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ChatzFest Film Festival 2023

Wednesday of Week One saw Miss Hales and Mr Ferguson attend Chatswood Public School to sit on the judging panel for ChatzFest film festival. They judged over thirty films, ranging from Stage 2 class entries to Stage 5 senior projects.

After a scrupulous assessment process, they were able to shortlist some finalists for different categories. These categories include junior and senior primary, whole class groups, as well as individual and small group submissions.

Finalists have been announced and invited to attend an evening screening premiere at HOYTS Chatswood on Monday October 30th.

Miss Hales and Mr Ferguson were so amazed at the quality of the entries and want to thank all staff and students for their contributions and preparation throughout.



Message to parents and carers
from elected Student Representative Council Leaders

Dear Mowbray parents and carers

We are alarmed at the amount of rubbish that is littered around the playground as well as the plastic and waste that fills the bins. We have had many students in our classes write to us via the suggestion boxes about tackling this growing issue, which is now becoming more urgent. Our beloved Drake the dog has been very sick from eating rubbish (possibly







plastic wrappers and chocolate food scraps) left on the playground. There are at least 17 ibis that patrol our grounds, confidently opening lunch boxes, snatching food (and plastic), leaving their poop smeared unhygienically.



As SRCs, we have introduced a regular schedule for all students to pick up their rubbish and left over food. However, we ask you as parents and carers to please support our efforts through the following ideas.

Thank you,
From the SRCs

We are trying to create a healthy, peaceful and sustainable world.			
How can parents and carers help?			
<p>Waste Free Wednesdays.</p> <p>When packing food, place items in reusable containers. Any rubbish will be taken home where there are better recycling</p> 	<p>processes. Get creative with a litter-less lunch!</p> <p>Encourage your child to bring their food rubbish (including plastic) home everyday.</p> 	<p>Provide lunch boxes which your child can easily and securely close. Water bottles should be reusable.</p> 	<p>Build on your child's independence by promoting they clean up after themselves; as well as develop their commitment to the environment by helping pick up after others.</p> 



Fundraising Friday

Iceblocks!



Term 4: Fridays from Week 1



Help our Sponsor Children by making a gold coin donation.



Mowbray's sponsorship makes a positive impact on these children's lives, helping them access education, health care, clean water and food.



Sun or no sun, celebrate the end of the week with a delicious iceblock! Money collected in class. SRCs will collect & hand out iceblocks.

Remember to put your rubbish in the bin!

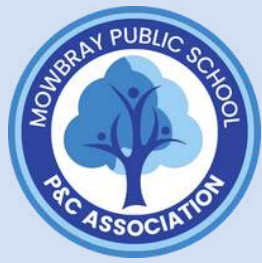


ChildFund
Australia

This is an SRC fund raising initiative for
ChildFund Australia

thank you





P&C Picks

Mowbray Public School P&C NEWSLETTER

BASKETBALL C.O.L.A. OPEN

The fences are off!

The Basketball COLA is finally open and it looks AMAZING! Jointly funded by the Department of Education, Mowbray Public School and the P&C, it was a long wait after COVID related delays but we now have an enormous undercover space for our kids to enjoy. Thank you to Ms Alford for guiding the requirements so we have the added benefits of power, lighting and sound. We are extremely grateful for the support of ALL Mowbray families and friends who have made it possible to build this amazing asset for Mowbray with their contributions towards fundraising. We look forward to our first community event to be held in the space - Mowbray Carols on Saturday 9 December!



Together is Better at Mowbray!

WORKING BEE

Friday 3 November

As the fences come off the new Basketball COLA, it's time to do some tidying up! If you can assist with tidying/clearing the vegetable garden or cleaning our amazing Mulga mural, we would love your help. Meet near the veggie garden after school on

Friday 3 November with your gardening gloves. Kids are very welcome but must be under adult supervision.



CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers needed!



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Volunteers needed for the remainder of Term 4. No experience necessary. No food preparation. No money handling... and your kids will LOVE seeing you at school!

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- Family Portrait Fundraiser

NEXT P&C MEETING

Tuesday 24 Oct,
7:30pm
(in the library and online)

info@mowbraypandc.org.au

www.facebook.com/groups/MPSFF

www.mowbraypandc.org.au

[@mowbrayfamiliesandfriends](https://www.instagram.com/mowbrayfamiliesandfriends)

SECOND HAND UNIFORM POP-UP

Last one for 2023!





**MOWBRAY SCHOOL
UNIFORM ITEMS**



**PLEASE DISPOSE OF
THOUGHTFULLY**

Wednesday 25 October is the last opportunity this year to pick up some pre-loved uniform pieces. The shop will be open during the last Kindy Orientation from 9am – 10.45am.

**ALL ITEMS \$5
EFTPOS PREFERRED**

 Donations of clean and wearable uniform items can be left in the school office 

If you can help with operating the shop, please

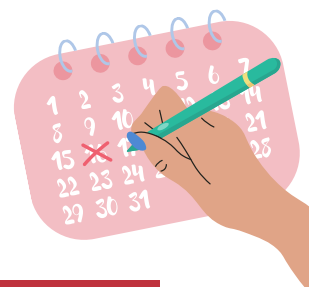
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MOWBRAY P&C EVENTS



	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	Oct 9 First Day for Students Canteen starts Music starts	10	11	12	13	14 FUNDRAISER Referendum BBQ	15
2	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
3	23	24 P&C General Meeting	25 Kindy Orient'n Morning Tea 2nd Hand Uniforms	26	27 World Teacher's Day Lunch	28	29
4	30	31	Nov 1	2	3 Working Bee	4 FUNDRAISER Family Portraits	5 FUNDRAISER Family Portraits
5	6	7	8	9	10 Performing Arts Night	11	12
6	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
7	20	21	22	23	24 Yr 6 Mini Fete	25	26
8	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2	3
9	4	5 P&C General Meeting	6	7 Year 6 Farewell	8	9 P&C EVENT Carols	10
10	11	12	13	14	15 Last Day for Students	16	17



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MOWBRAY MUSIC

Email: music@mowbraypandc.org.au

LEARN TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT IN 2024

If you are interested in hearing more details on how students can join the 2024 Music Program, come along to the

Meet The Music Program
assembly to be held on
Tuesday 31st October 2023
at 2pm



JOIN THE STRINGS

Strings is open to students in Year 1 and above.

Instruments available are the violin, viola, cello and double bass.



JOIN THE BAND

Band is open to students in Year 3 and above.

Instruments include the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone & percussion/drums



Register your interest and find out more by scanning the QR code or click on the links below.

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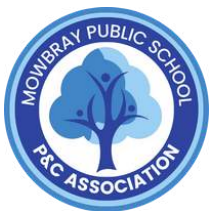


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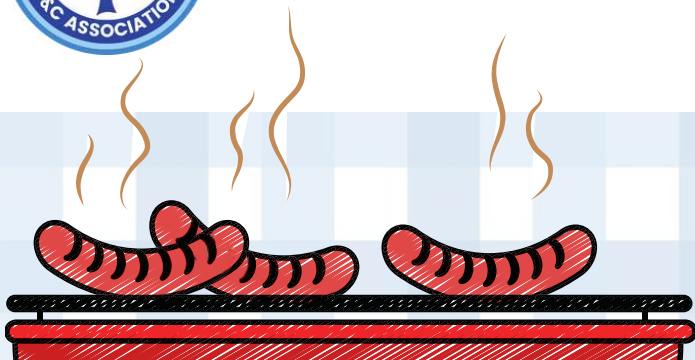
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SCAN ME





a fundraiser for Mowbray Public School



MOWBRAY REFERENDUM BARBECUE

Thank you!

WE RAISED OVER \$3,600!!

Many thanks to all our Mowbray parents who volunteered their time at the Referendum BBQ on Saturday 14 October. It was a fundraising success with approximately \$3,600 raised for the school!

It was a warm day and all the drinks donated by parents were very much welcomed and appreciated. We are very grateful for your generosity!

Thank you to our supporters... **Bakers Delight** - **Artarmon** provided delicious bread buns, **Cafe Ninja** again onsite with their coffees, teas, hot chocolates and extra treat of shaved ice slushies and the question heard multiple times in the ordering line: "are they **SONOMA** pastries?!?!" generously supplied by Mowbray dad Alejandro Luna.

Organising an event like this takes loads of planning with the leadership and guidance of P&C President Aly Richards, execution from the P&C exec team and loads of parent volunteers - we couldn't successfully run these events without "all hands" pitching in!



FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

NEARLY SOLD OUT!



The P&C is very excited to offer a Stine Baska Photography Family Photoshoot again in 2023 - Saturday 4 November and Sunday 5 November.

For a \$25 booking fee (100% donated to the school) participants will receive:

- Professional photographer
- 15 minute photo shoot
- One 8 x 12 photograph + digital file
- Option to purchase additional photos at a discounted price.

Stine Baska

photography

www.stinebaska.com

CLICK HERE TO
BOOK NOW

SPECIAL PRICE ONLY

\$25

per session
+ booking fee

Information & reservation: [CLICK HERE](#) | events@mowbraypandc.org.au





GROUP MUSIC KEYBOARD LESSONS AT MOWBRAY PUBLIC SCHOOL



- Lesson every MON or WED morning 8.15-9am
- Convenient at-school lesson venue
- 45-min weekly lesson, small group
- Fun introduction to music, ideal for beginners
- Basic music theory & practical skills on keyboard
- Instrument not required initially
- Competitive rate

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WWW.LEARNMUSICATSCHOOL.COM.AU

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✉ **Post** PO Box 428 Northbridge 1560

I would love to feature a drawing from a child within the Willoughby electorate on my 2023 Christmas card! So please get creative and get your entries in as the **competition closes Friday, 27 October 2023.**

Name _____ School _____ Age _____





4 & 5 NOVEMBER 2023 • SAT & SUN • 10AM - 4PM

Greenwich Village Arts Trail is on again!

A popular community event for all the family.

See behind the studio door, chat to the artist - and buy directly from them.

This year there are 28 artists to visit, with paintings, sculptures, pottery, children's book illustrations, hand-printed textiles, photographs, jewellery and more.

Local cafes and picnic spots available.

Maps at Greenwich local shops, FB, Insta or www.greenwichvillageartstrail.com

North Ryde RSL Youth Club

3:00PM
TO
8:00PM

NEW & IMPROVED

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

SAT | 25TH NOV

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