

MOWBRAY NEWS

Term 4 Week 6
21 November 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Performing Arts Night (PAN)

On Friday evening all our Mowbray extra-curricular performance groups performed at our yearly Performance Arts Night at Chatswood HS. It was fantastic to see all our groups come together for a final concert for 2024.



A huge thank you to Miss Graham, Mrs Booth and Miss Watson who organised the evening. Thank you to our staff and parent volunteers who supported the groups and to Chatswood High School who provided sound technicians (Year 11 students) and allowed us to use their amazing hall for the performance.



Willoughby Wildlife Storybook

Each year, our Year 5 students participate in the Willoughby City Council Wildlife Storybook Competition by sending in short stories, poems and/or artworks.

This year Ishara, Pranav, Joshua, Stella and Ema had their work chosen to place into the book. A big CONGRATULATIONS to these students!

Thank you Mr McElhenny for organising the competition and accompanying the student to the event.

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The current and previous books can be found here [Willoughby's Wildlife Storybook | Willoughby City Council](#)

2025 Classing

At the end of every year, teachers and executive staff put many hours into forming classes for the next year. Teachers take into account educational needs, who children work best with and friendship factors. As a school community we need to remember that children are in class for the best possible education, and classroom teachers have a deep understanding of class dynamics and how the students in their classes work best.

If you are concerned that your child has significant special needs that your 2024 classroom teacher is unaware of, or there are significant extenuating circumstances that need to be taken into account in 2025 classing, you can contact me via email or phone by Friday 22 November.

Emails should be sent to mowbray-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the subject line 'Attention Principal re: 2025 classing' explaining your child's significant needs or extenuating circumstances. All emails will be treated confidentially.

Any requests made will be considered, but are **not** guaranteed. Any request sent through after Friday 22 November 2024 will not be able to be considered.

Requests should not be sent to classroom teachers.

Reminder: Returning late or not returning in 2025?

Documentation of student movement is essential for the school executive to make 2025 classing structure decisions.

There is a form to fill in (located on the SchoolBytes dashboard and in the top menu 'Forms' 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 6 February 2025 (it is essential we have documentation stating your proposed date of return) or;

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- your child in Kindergarten – Year 5 will not be returning to MPS in 2025

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

https://online.schoolbytes.education/published_forms/7400/1b559ab9-d3a8-4a02-9a1a-81460e41f719

CAROLINE ALFORD – PRINCIPAL

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CONGRATULATIONS to the students who will receive Awards:

K – 2 GOLD AWARDS – presented at Assembly on 26 November

KB	Deniz D
KG	Mikki Q
KJH	Grace F
KL	Lucia M R
KS	Connor D D
1B	Rico Q, Felipe B Y, Charlie H, Theodora P, Matilda W
1EV	Mila R, Macy G, Mia B, Edwin H
1F	Elliot S
1/2M	Max O
2B	Avery P

STAGE 2 GOLD AWARDS – presented at Assembly on 3 December

3B	Aston C, Mason F, Olivia C, Niamh H, Rosie C
3J	Charli D, Selton T
3/4R	Ella C, Willow L, Evie H, Miranda C V, Austin D, Elliot W
4CP	Adrian K, Bryan H, Faizan K
4F	Gurrunggurr P, Yuvaan B, Veronica A

STAGE 3 GOLD AWARDS – presented in class

5AE	Joshua H
5L	Charlie H
6B	Ashley W, Karen E, Imogen W, Eve O
6T	Maggie W

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DATES TO REMEMBER – Term 4 2024	
WEEK 7	
Monday 25 November	Stage 3 – Surf Education excursion to Newport Beach
Tuesday 26 November	K-2 Assembly hosted by KS, KW & 2PH at 2.00pm
Wednesday 27 November	Stage 2 – Surf Education excursion to Newport Beach
Friday 29 November	Mini Fete & Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser coordinated by Year 6
WEEK 8	
Tuesday 3 December	Stage 2 Assembly hosted by 4CP at 2.00pm Volunteers Morning Tea 11.00am-11.30am

OFFICE NEWS

Book Club Issue 7 & 8– We have been advised by Scholastic that they are experiencing delays in delivering the orders from Issue 7 and apologise for the delay.

The catalogue for Issue 8 is coming home this week. Please place orders ***no later than Wednesday 27 November***. Issue 8 Books can be ordered online using the link:

[LOGIN \(scholastic.com.au\)](https://www.scholastic.com.au)

2024 Fees – are now due. Please pay your account promptly. If you have not received it, please check your junk mail. Payments can now be made via the School Bytes Parent Portal.

MOWBRAY OFFICE TEAM

Congratulations – to Matthew B for coming 3rd in Junior Boys 800m at the NSW PSSA State Athletics Championship. Matthew will be representing NSW as part of the NSW PSSA Track and Field team at the National Athletics Championships starting on 28 November. Good luck Matthew!



SCHOOL NEWS

Mini Fete and Sausage Sizzle – Friday 29 November

Buy your tokens now!!

The Mini Fete will run a K-2 session from 10:55am until 11:55am and a 3-5 session from 12:05pm until 1:05pm. The Year 6 students will be creating a carnival type atmosphere for the students to enjoy. Students in years K-5 are encouraged to bring a bag (labelled with their name) to carry any prizes they may win at stalls.

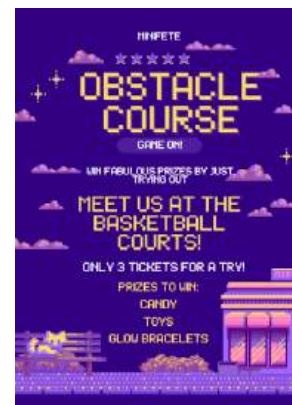
Tokens: Students will be able to purchase sheets of tokens prior to the mini fete. Stall activities cost between 50c and \$2.00, depending on the activity. Tokens can be purchased in multiples of \$5.00. (A \$5.00 sheet will allow students to participate in approx. 4-6 activities.) The token sheets will be distributed to the students on the day of the mini fete by their class teacher.

No cash will be collected on the day of the fete. All tokens must be pre-purchased on School Bytes. Any unspent tokens will not be reimbursed.

Sausage Sizzle: - Year 6 will be running a sausage sizzle for lunch. Students can purchase a sausage sizzle and juice popper pack these must be preordered via School Bytes. **Orders close Monday 25 November.** Cost of a sausage sizzle and popper pack is \$6.00.



A selection of stalls coordinated by our Year 6 students...



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How to purchase mini fete tokens and/or sausage sizzle

Log in to your School Bytes Parent Portal or App and follow these steps:

- Go to the Payments tab
- Click on "Add other item"
- Select the student you are purchasing for

For Mini Fete Tokens:

Nominate a dollar amount (minimum \$5, no more than \$20)

For Sausage Sizzle orders:

Select the beef or vegetarian sausage option. If you would like to purchase more than one sausage, click on "add items". If you have more than one child you will need to repeat these steps for each one, making sure you select each student.

And more stalls to visit.....



LIBRARY NEWS

Makerspace



Numerous kindergarten students have been having a wonderful time each week participating in the Makerspace program. Highlights for the students have included exploring the STEM kits, Lego challenges and participating in mini projects. The mini project included students designing and making a floatable vessel for a gingerbread man to get across the river.

boats/rafts to determine the strongest and most waterproof design. It was impressive to observe that two of the designs could withstand 1.6 kilograms! Whether the designs were the strongest or the most colourful, a lot of fun was had.



LIBRARY NEWS



The students must be commended for their infectious enthusiasm and inclusivity during group activities.

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

It is very exciting to report that in 2024 431,383 students across NSW took part in the Premier's Reading Challenge, with a record 323,328 students completing the Challenge. Students read a combined total of 9,115,211 books - with this year's most read book being *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker.

Certificates will be given to our student participants in the coming weeks. Special certificates including those for gold and platinum achievement will also be arriving soon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MPS PARTICIPANTS!

LIBRARY NEWS



Please ensure all library books are returned as soon as possible. We are about to commence our library stocktake for the end of year.

Outstanding loan reminders will be sent home soon. Currently we have 235 overdue loans across K-6 classes; with 142 students who need to return their books.

Happy Reading Adventures Mowbray!

"I had a lot of dreams when I was a kid, and I think a great deal of that grew out of the fact that I had a chance to read a lot." – Bill Gates

- **Mrs Dana Duveck-Steele, Ms Tetella De Lorenzo, Mrs Jennie Neil-Smith**

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PSSA OzTag Action

On Friday November 1 and 8, three boys' teams and one girls' team travelled to Blackman Park to compete in the PSSA OzTag Gala Days. We played against schools including Artarmon, Lane Cove West, Greenwich and Neutral Bay.

All teams played very well in each game. The boys were reasonably successful - with a mix of wins, draws and defeats. On the second day, the girls made it to the semi-finals, maintaining a winning streak and a commendable for / against ratio of points. Well done girls! A special shoutout to some of the following students with outstanding feats:

- Srihan K with a hattrick of tries!
- Jet H and Arjun K who were impenetrable in defence!
- Senna M and Sebastian G with some flashy footwork and dazzling skills!
- Meleiah M and Naomi O who were equal leading try scorers for the girls, and role models in sportsmanship!
- Alice L and Emily S who showed great ability and potential for next year.

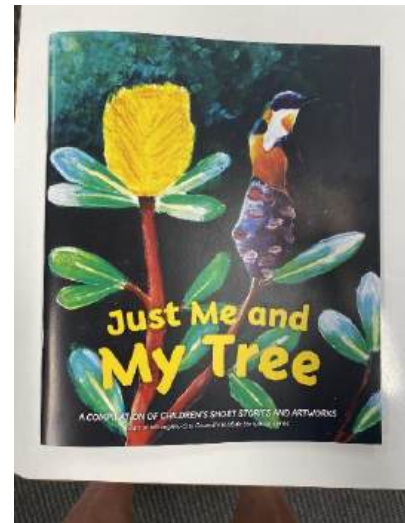
We are so proud of all those involved, and congratulate all participating students who persevered through the sun and heat and gave it their best!

- ***Mr Ferguson and Mrs Lyons***



SCHOOL NEWS

Wildlife Storybook Competition



Last term, Year 5 students from MPS and eleven other local primary schools, participated in the **2024 Wildlife Storybook Competition**. Students attended a presentation delivered by Willoughby Council and also went on several bush walks around our local area. Students then created wonderful stories and artworks about our local wildlife, special trees and unique habitats here in Lane Cove.

After viewing all the amazing stories and artworks submitted, members from Willoughby Council selected 5 students to have their work published in this year's Wildlife Storybook!

On Thursday, these Year 5 students attended the annual, '**Wildlife Storybook Launch Event and Project**', hosted by Willoughby Council at Chatswood Library. They each received a prize for their work being selected as well as Ishara being chosen to read her story to all who attended.

Congratulations Ishara H, Joshua C, Stella W, Ema L and Pranav P!





Getting to school by bus in 2025

Will your child be catching the bus to school next year? Applications are now open for a 2025 School Opal cards. As it's a busy time of year, we highly recommend you make this application before the end of this year. It's also good to check the bus timetable to make your child's journey to school as easy as possible. Here is how it works:

School Opal cards

- All students catching the bus in 2025 will need a School Opal card.
- Under the [School Student Transport Scheme \(SSTS\)](#), eligible students can apply for free or subsidised travel between home and school.
- For more information about the SSTS and how to apply for a School Opal Card, visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/> from a desktop computer, and click 'apply for a school travel pass'.

Bus timetables

Busways is the school bus operator that runs your schools' bus services. To find your child's school bus timetable visit the Busways website by using the following steps:

1. Go to busways.com.au/nsw
2. Click on 'school services' in the navigation bar and then proceed to '[school timetables](#)'
3. Enter the school's name in the field that says 'enter a school name'
4. Select the school's name and the timetable should open on your device. If you are unable to find or search for the school's name, use the drop-down menus on the same web page to find the school.
5. Once the timetable is opened, you will be able to identify which school bus services are available in your area for your child to use.



P&C Picks

Mowbray Public School P&C Newsletter

NEXT P&C MEETING

Tue 3 Dec, 7:30pm
(in the library and online)

P&C

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 8



3 Dec TUE

P&C Meeting

Week 9



12 Dec THUR

Year 6 Farewell



14 Dec SAT

Carols

P&C Executive Team

We are still looking for a community member!



Secretary

Our Secretary is responsible for creating meeting agendas, taking minutes at meetings, maintaining records and handling correspondence.

May be done
entirely from
home and
after hours!

Are you ready to join the team?
Contact president@mowbraypandc.org.au



info@mowbraypandc.org.au

www.facebook.com/groups/MPSFF

www.mowbraypandc.org.au

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

URGENT

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED

WE NEED
YOUR HELP



We need your help to sort lunch orders and hand them out through the canteen window. Just 1 parent is needed a week for the rest of the term!

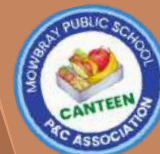
We have an urgent need for shifts to be filled on the 2nd, 9th, Dec - please help if you can between 12:30pm to 1:10pm.

SIGN UP



The viability of the canteen service at Mowbray Public School relies on parent and carer volunteers.

Contact
canteen@mowbraypandc.org.au
for any queries.



On Friday 8th November, P&C organised a GLOW DISCO. A big shout out to P&C President Jess Stubbs and many volunteers who have helped and organised this event! Thanks to @angelakohphotography for the incredible photos.



MOWBRAY MUSIC

Email: music@mowbraypandc.org.au



PERFORMING ARTS NIGHT

On Friday 15th November, our super talented Music students headed to Chatswood High to showcase a stunning collection of pieces to their family and friends at PAN. Congratulations to all of our students! A huge thanks to our Conductors, Will Hansen & Mike Rix and to our Music committee for their support on the night.



JOIN MOWBRAY MUSIC!

Registrations are still open to join Mowbray Music in 2025!

Strings is open to students in Year 2 and above.

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

Band is open to students in Year 3 and above.

Instruments include the flute, clarinet, trumpet & trombone

Register your interest and find out more by scanning the QR code or follow the weblink below.

www.portal.msrmusic.com.au/mowbray

SCAN ME





YEAR 6

FAREWELL

**THIS WILL BE
A NIGHT TO REMEMBER**

**THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024 ARE INVITED TO
A FAREWELL CELEBRATION**

THURS 12TH DEC 2024

5.00pm – 8.15pm

Mowbray Public School Hall

BOOK NOW

Click Here To RSVP
By Fri 22 Nov

drop off 5.00–5.30pm
pick up 8.15–8.30pm





YOU ARE INVITED TO
MOWBRAY

Carols

FAMILY PICNIC
DECEMBER

14 | 5:00
9:00PM



Win!

**Festive Costume
Competition**

1 of 5 Giant BonBons

Best Dressed Family
Best Dressed Early Stage 1
Best Dressed Stage 1
Best Dressed Stage 2
Best Dressed Stage 3



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Taekwondo success

Last week, Aaron participated in the National Taekwondo Competition in Brisbane, competing in three events. We're thrilled to share that he won a gold medal in the Team Event! Well done Aaron – an outstanding achievement!

- Ms Thomas
3T Class teacher



Willoughby Library Writing Success

Astrid L of 4H entered the Emerging Writers Competition this year and came runner up in the 9-year-old category!

Astrid is an extraordinary writer who has a passion for putting pen to paper to create imaginative stories.

Congratulations to Astrid - what a wonderful achievement! We hope you enjoy reading her wonderful piece of writing.

- **Mrs Hales**
4H Classroom teacher

