



MOWBRAY NEWS

Term 1 Week 10
3 April 2025

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

HARMONY DAY

In Week 9 we celebrated Harmony Day at Mowbray.

Our students wore orange or cultural dress to celebrate our diversity. All our students participated in a free Footsteps Dance session, where they learned a dance that was inspired by another country. At the assembly, members of our SRC presented their class thoughts on the meaning of Harmony Day which was wonderful.

Thank you to our EAL/D team – Mr Horsley, Mrs Tam, Mrs D'Cunha and Miss Havron - who organised that day and the Footsteps Dance Program to get our students up and moving!



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PLEASE HELP!

At school classroom teachers have class reward systems to acknowledge student effort and achievement.

To add to these class systems, we have a whole school system which is designed to reward a colour house each term.

The school system is token based. When a student is awarded a token, they should be 'posting' it into the colour tubes in the office foyer.

Sadly, our token numbers seem to be dwindling at a shocking rate. I am guessing that there are some home collections, and possibly some collecting on laundry shelves as they have been through the weekly wash.

If your child has any of the tokens (pictured) at home, could you please support them to visit the office foyer to put them in their colour house container (pictured).



NETWORK Student Representative Council (SRC)

The Minister's Student Council meets with the NSW Education Minister to provide student voice that contributes to positive change in the NSW education system.

Our network (22 schools) has an SRC which has two student members from each primary and high school who meet as part of the Network SRC.

Two Network SRC representatives are selected to be part of the Directorate SRC, and two representatives from the Directorate SRC are chosen to join the State SRC (Minister's Council) to advise the current minister, Prue Carr.

Alice and Robin were our representatives at the Network Council meeting this week.

The students shared their ideas around transition points in education (Kindergarten, each year, Year 6-7 and Year 11-12) with the Director of Educational Leadership.

Alice and Robin confidently shared their ideas and impressively even volunteered to represent our Network at the next level.

Although not voted in, I was very proud that they were willing to nominate – it was a courageous decision in an unfamiliar setting!

We look forward to the next Network SRC meeting in Term 2.



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THANK YOU

A huge THANK YOU to our parents/carers who have paid their Term 1 account. At Mowbray we endeavour to provide our students with additional opportunities and resources above and beyond a base education, such as excursions, incursions, sport days, camps etc. All efforts are made to keep the costs as low as possible while increasing educational outcomes and individual resources.

If you are having financial difficulty paying the term account, please do not hesitate to get into contact with me in the strictest of confidence.

Next week is our last week of term, I wish everyone a safe and fun-filled holiday break and look forward to seeing all our students back on **Wednesday 30 April** for the first day of Term 2.

CAROLINE ALFORD - PRINCIPAL

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CONGRATULATIONS to the students who will receive Awards:

K – 2 GOLD AWARDS – presented at Assembly on 13 May

1B	Stacey C
2B	Eleanor A
2L	Michael S, Mia D
2R	Clementine S, Sascha F
2W	Bonnie B, Lucas T

STAGE 2 GOLD AWARDS – presented at Assembly on 20 May

3PB	Erin C
3/4F	Myles F
4C	Michaela C
4R	Aiden F, Madison U

STAGE 3 GOLD AWARDS – presented at Assembly on 17 June

5BL	Sophie C, Seijuro O, Emma T, Ziggy P
5H	Arvin B
6B	Lachlan P, Alexandra S
6G	Aadya G
6T	Joshua C

DATES TO REMEMBER – Term 1 2025

WEEK 11	
Thursday 10 April	SRC Fundraiser for Epilepsy Action - Mufti Day Wear purple & bring a gold coin donation
Friday 11 April	K-2 Easter Hat Parade - 9.20am – 10.00am ANZAC Day Assembly – 11.40am – 12.00pm <p style="text-align: center;">LAST DAY OF TERM ONE <i>Students return on Wednesday 30 April in winter uniform</i></p>

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DATES TO REMEMBER – Term 2 2025

WEEK 1	
Wednesday 30 April	Term Two commences
Thursday 1 May	Cross Country Carnival at Blackman Park (Year 3-6 and competitive Year 2 runners who turn 8 this year)
WEEK 2	
Friday 9 May	PSSA Gala Day – AFL, Soccer, Netball for selected students

OFFICE NEWS

Term Accounts are due and can be paid via the School Bytes Parent Portal. We appreciate prompt payment. If you have not received it, please check your junk mail.

Stewart House Donation Drive 2025 will be closing soon. Envelopes must be handed to the school office by **Friday May 2**.



STEWART HOUSE CHARITY DRIVE



Stewart House provides essential medical care, confidence-building activities, and a supportive environment where public school children in need can reset, thrive, and embrace a brighter future.

Envelopes must be returned to enter the draw!

Draw: Friday, 23 May 2025

Important:

Online payments ARE NOT an automatic entry into the draw.

Please return your envelope(s) to your school with a receipt number (if paying online) for entry in the draw.



MOWBRAY OFFICE TEAM

SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA OzTag - Gala Day fun

Mowbray Public School took part in two exciting Oz Tag Gala Days in Week 6 and 8 this term. All four teams had a great time competing against other schools in our local area, demonstrating excellent teamwork, sportsmanship and skill development. Mowbray should be proud of their efforts this term!



SRC Fundraising



Epilepsy
Action
Australia



Epilepsy Action Australia is a leading non-profit organisation in Lane Cove West. They provide support, information, and services for people who have epilepsy and their families, trying to improve the lives of people affected by epilepsy through education and research. Your donation will go directly to work towards the care and support of people with epilepsy and their families!

Thursday 10th April

Mufti Day!

- Wear purple clothing, whether it be one item or multiple items.
- Accessorise with purple hair, face paint, hair ribbons or a hat!

Make a gold
coin donation!

This is an SRC fundraising initiative for
not-for-profit charity, Epilepsy Action Australia



*thank
you*





K-2 EASTER HAT PARADE



9.20-10am
Friday 11 April 2025
(last day of term)

Decorate an Easter inspired hat and wear it to the parade!
K-2 students only.
Parents and carers are welcome to watch.





Get GRIT Program – Term One

The introduction of the Get GRIT program for K-6 students at Mowbray this term has been a great success. Well done to all of our students for developing their GRIT skills:

Getting Along,

Resilient Thinking,

Identifying Emotions, and

Taking Charge.

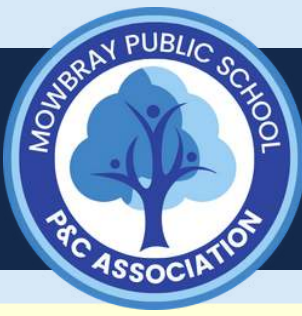
A reminder that there is a Get GRIT parent engagement app available to download. The app contains a short 2-minute podcast each week, allowing parents to reinforce their child's learning and create a common language that bridges home and school environments.

This shared activity not only enhances understanding and reinforces learning but also encourages meaningful discussions between parents and children. It provides an opportunity for parents to ask questions, offer additional explanations, and actively support their child's educational journey. Moreover, this engagement through the podcast is a wonderful way for parents to stay informed about what their child is learning and to contribute positively to their mental health and well-being.

The Get GRIT Program App is offered at no cost at all to parents and can be downloaded from the App Store and Google Play Store.

Over the holiday break, we encourage you to listen to the podcasts in the 'Getting Along' module and reflect on these with your child to support their learning.

- ***Mowbray Teachers***



P&C Picks

Mowbray Public School P&C Newsletter

NEXT P&C MEETING

Tue 13 May, 7:30pm
(in the library and online)

UPCOMING P&C EVENTS

		Event Coordinators
Term 1		
9/4 Wed	Chocolate Raffle (Winners Drawn) 	P&C
Term 2		
3/5 Sat	Election BBQ and Cake Stall 	P&C
16/5 Fri	Colour Rush 	Stage 2
26/5 Mon	The Mowbray Vivid Cruise 	P&C
TBC	2nd Hand Uniform Shop 	
Term 3		
30/7 Wed	Parents & Carers Breakfast & 2nd Hand Uniform Shop 	Stage 1
8/8 Fri	Glow Disco 	P&C
13/9 Sat	Adult Event 	Stage 2
Term 4		
24/10 Fri	World Teachers Day Lunch 	Stage 3
29/10 Wed	2026 Kindy Orientation Morning Tea & 2nd Hand Uniform Shop 	Kindy 2025
11/12 Thur	Year 6 Farewell 	Stage 3
13/12 Sat	Celebrate Mowbray	Whole School



chocolate

RAFFLE

A BIG **Thank you** to all the families who have already purchased raffle tickets - your support has been amazing!

Thank you to all the families who donated chocolate for the raffle - we really appreciate the generosity of our Mowbray families!

Ticket Prices	Price
1 TICKET	\$5
3 TICKET BUNDLE	\$10
8 TICKET BUNDLE	\$25
17 TICKET BUNDLE	\$50
40 TICKET BUNDLE	\$100



MEDIUM CHOC-ARRIFIC HAMPER (RRP: \$102.00)



MEGA CHOC-ALICIOUS HAMPER (RRP: \$230.00)



MEDIUM CHOC-TASTIC HAMPER (RRP: \$107.00)

TOTAL PRIZE POOL VALUE \$800+

TICKETS ON SALE NOW and can be purchased via RaffleTix

BUY NOW

Ticket sales close on **Wed 9 April 2025** at 1:59 pm (Australia/Sydney)

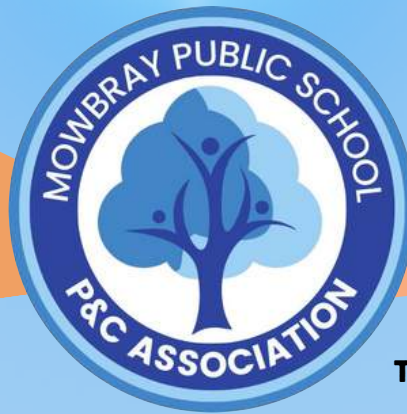
18 DELICIOUS PRIZES TO BE WON!
RAFFLE IS DRAWN WED 9TH APRIL

ELECTION DAY

BBQ and Cake Stall 8am-1pm (or until sold out)

3rd May 2025

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



AS ELECTION DAY APPROACHES SO TOO DOES THE MOUTH-WATERING MOWBRAY BBQ AND CAKE STALL.

WE ARE SEEKING THE SUPPORT OF OUR MOWBRAY FAMILIES TO HELP BAKE SWEET TASTY TREATS, TURN THE SAUSAGES, SERVE UP THE DELICIOUS DELIGHTS AND ENJOY THE FABULOUS FOOD!

HOW CAN YOU HELP...



BAKE OR DONATE SWEET TREATS THAT CAN BE SOLD AT THE CAKE STALL. OUR MOWBRAY HOME-BAKED SWEET GOODIES ARE MUCH LOVED BY OUR COMMUNITY AND FLY OFF THE TABLE! THIS YEAR WE WILL ALSO BE SELLING SHOP BAKED GOODS, SO THESE ARE ALSO APPRECIATED.

SWEET TREATS CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE CANTEEN ON FRIDAY 2 MAY BETWEEN 8:30AM AND 9:30AM OR BETWEEN 2:30PM AND 3:30PM OR PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO THE CAKE STALL ON THE DAY. PLEASE INCLUDE AN INGREDIENT LIST FOR ALL OF YOUR SWEET TREATS.

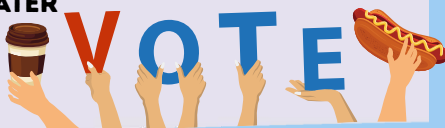


FIRE UP THE BBQ AND COME AND TURN THOSE SAUSAGES AND ONIONS ON THE DAY.

TO VOLUNTEER ON THE DAY

SIGN UP NOW

VOTE AT MOWBRAY AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL BY PURCHASING A SAUSAGE SIZZLE, SWEET TREAT OR DRINK. CAFE NINJA WILL BE SERVING COFFEE AND SLUSHIES, WHILST JUICE, SOFT DRINK AND WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE BBQ.



SERVE THE HUNGRY VOTERS. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AT THE BBQ AND CAKE STALL. WE ALSO NEED CASHIERS - YOU WILL BE PROVIDED WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON THE DAY.





MOWBRAY MUSIC

Email: music@mowbraypandc.org.au



Over the last two weekends, Mowbray Music has held Kickstart for our students. Kickstart brings our newly formed ensembles together for an afternoon of tutoring and rehearsals. The event ends with a special concert for family and friends which is the first performance of the year. We thank our Conductors, Mr Rix and Ms Skala for their hard work and dedication, to our Music Committee who put such a wonderful event together and to Tango who hosted an amazing Hip Hop Creative workshop which everyone loved. Well done to all of our Music students, you sounded incredible!



COLOUR RUSH 2025

SAVE THE DATE
16TH MAY FRIDAY

This fun, colourful event will not only bring our school together, but it will also raise funds for a much needed upgrade to our school hall - NEW FANS!

If you're a FAN of this idea, fly on board with fundraising for our COLOUR RUSH. We can't raise the roof, but we can certainly raise some funds. This year we are aiming to raise \$20,000.

Like last year, fundraising will be on a class basis, with the class raising the most funds having a pizza party and colour bombing Ms Alford! Prizes will also be on offer for the second, third and fourth placed classes.

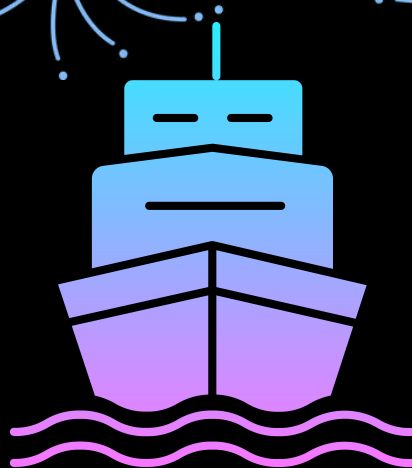
A \$10 VOLUNTARY contribution will be added to each students Term 2 account to contribute toward the costs of running the event (inflatable obstacle course and coloured powder). If you do not wish to pay this, you can uncheck the box when paying your account through School Bytes. It is not a requirement of participating in the Colour Rush. The \$10 contribution goes towards the cost of holding the event, whereas the funds raised by the students will go toward the upgrading of the fans in the school hall.

Every class that raises \$250 will receive chupa chups and for \$500 class zooper doopers.

Information on how to donate and support this event will be provided via School Bytes and Class WhatsApp chats on Monday 7 April.



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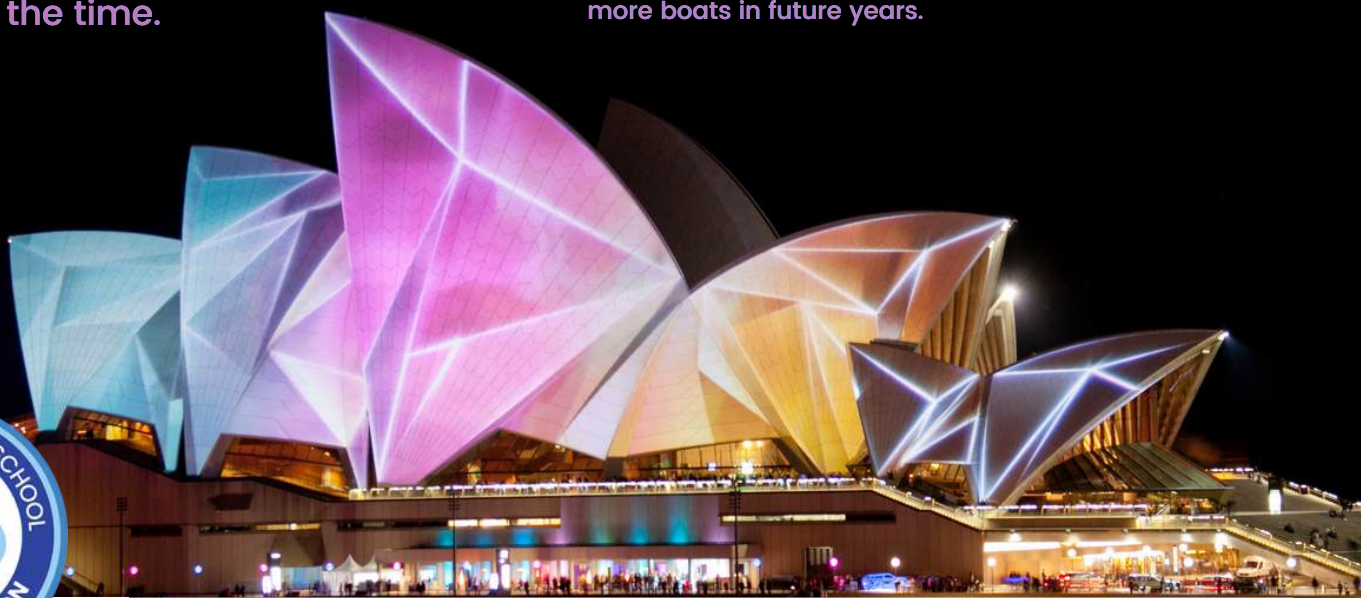
THE MOWBRAY VIVID CRUISE

MONDAY 26 MAY 5:40PM – 7PM

This year the P&C are launching a new event - The Mowbray Vivid Cruise. Tickets are limited to 150 sold on a first come first served basis. Tickets go on sale at 9am Monday 12 May. More details to follow via Class WhatsApp chats closer to the time.

Families are most welcome to bring their own food and drink aboard and enjoy the light display! Please note that there WILL NOT be food or drink available for purchase on the boat. Toilets will be open for use on the boat. The cruise will depart Northwood Wharf.

This year we are trialing the event and if demand is high enough we will look to book more boats in future years.



A Fundraising Event Presented By Mowbray Public School P&C Assoc.

NOTABLE MENTIONS

MPS would like to congratulate:



Stella W (6B) who recently came 1st in the 11yr Girls' 1100m Racewalking event at the NSW State Athletic Championships.

Willow E (6B) who came 1st in the 11yr Girls' Freestyle relay at the NSW State Swimming Championships.



**ENROL NOW FOR
TERM 2**

Limited vacancy!

LEARN MUSIC AT SCHOOL

**MUSIC KEYBOARD CLASSES AT MOWBRAY PS
LESSON ON MON OR WED 8.15-9AM**

- *45-minute weekly sessions in small groups.*
- *Instrument not required initially.*
- *\$33 per session – follows the school term. New students are welcome to join mid-term.*
- *Ideal for beginners!*

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APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

**15TH, 16TH & 17TH OF APRIL.
THOMSON PARK, ARTARMON
(SYNTHETIC)**

\$60/DAY (10% OFF 3-DAY BOOKINGS)

ELITE CLINICS (U9 – U14)

JDL, Super League, Diamond
League & NPL players

HOLIDAY CAMPS (U7 – U12)

Community/Social and B-Team
players

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Knit-In Save the Date

PLEASE REGISTER FOR OUR KNIT-IN

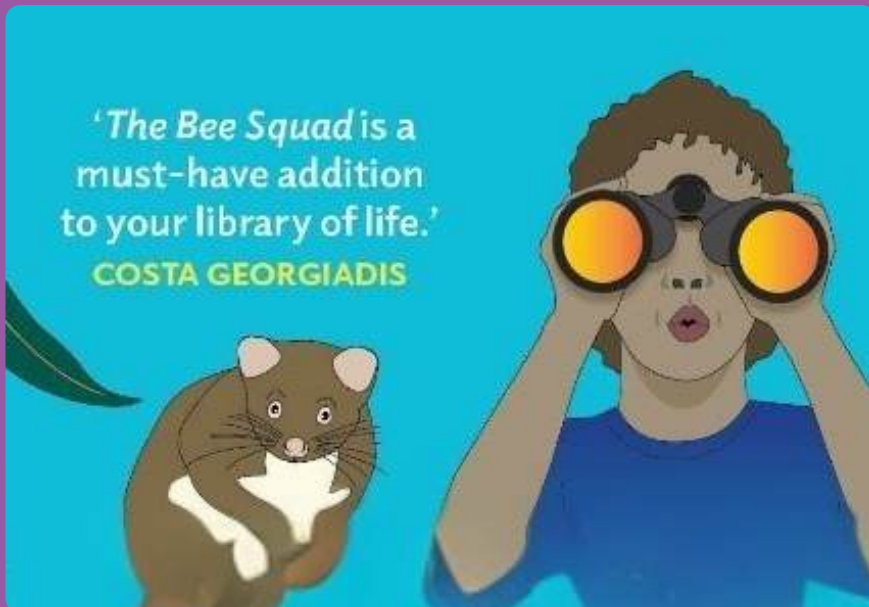
We will be hosting a knit-in at the Scots Church in Sydney on 10 May from 10am to 1pm. Please keep the date and register via the button below. Registration is free. We will put some wraps on display, there will be some short talks from some of our partner volunteers and knitting groups and morning tea will be available.



[Register for Knit-In](#)

What's on at Willoughby City Library

Autumn school holidays 2025



The Bee Squad: Boosting Biodiversity in Your Neighbourhood with author Judy Friedlander (8-12 years) at Chatswood Library.



Whose scat is that? (5-9 years). Join us for a nature craft activity using clay at Artarmon, Northbridge and West Chatswood Libraries.



Stamp collecting workshop for kids (ages 9+ years) at Chatswood Library.



Mike & Teddy's Litter Awareness Show (4-7 years). Using story, song and dance, Mike and Teddy teach us where our litter ends up! at Chatswood and Northbridge Libraries.

Visit our website to register,
and for more information on upcoming events.

libraries.willoughby.nsw.gov.au

