



MOWBRAY
PUBLIC SCHOOL

MOWBRAY NEWS

Term 4 Week 2
23 October 2025

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The new play space is OPEN

It's been much anticipated, but our new playground space is OPEN.

Thank you to Cullen and Erin who officially cut the ribbon on Monday 20 October, allowing Kindergarten and Year 3 to be the first grade to spend eating time in the new equipment.



The new space was well tested at lunchtime!



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



World Teachers Day

Yesterday at Mowbray we celebrated World Teachers Day (slightly early).

A big THANK YOU to our P&C and parents who supplied a home cooked lunch for all our staff. The chef skills of our parents were on display, and very impressive!

It was lovely for all our teachers to get together in the staffroom, while enjoying a relaxing lunch. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Returning late or not returning in 2026?

Documentation of student movement is essential for the school executive to make 2026 classing structure decisions. There is a form to fill in (located on SchoolBytes in the FORMS tab) 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 Monday 2 February 2026 (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 2026

The link to the form is –

[K-5 Leaving Mowbray in 2025 or returning late in 2026](#)

I would politely request that any families who fit into these categories please complete and submit the form as soon as possible.

The form was sent to all K-5 families via email on Monday 20 October.

2026 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 2025 classroom teacher is unaware of, or there are significant extenuating circumstances that need to be taken into account in 2026 classing, you can contact me via email or phone by Friday 21 November.

Emails should be sent to mowbray-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the subject line 'Attention Principal re: 2026 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 21 November 2025 will not be able to be considered.

Requests are not to be sent to classroom teachers.

CAROLINE ALFORD – PRINCIPAL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CONGRATULATIONS to the students who will receive Awards:

K – 2 GOLD AWARDS – presented at Assembly on 28 October

KCJ	Remi L, Lily L, Ella de B, Julian S, Ella J, Madeline B
KM	Avyan D, Jesslynn L, Finn B, Varen P, William R
KF	Andy U, Lachlan A, James M, Adrian Z, Olivia B
KG	Alexander M, Issei J, Lila U, Ari S, Noah S, Isla K
KS	Zoe G, Adam E, Yuvaan K, Jasper P
KT	Wyatt C, Sofia T, Avery C, Alejandro J R, Charlie C
1B	Cassandra F, Vanessa C, Iris X, Deniz D, Luca F
1D	Noah D, Marcel O, Angela S, Emma B
1F	Harvey T, Oliver I, William G, Orson G, Nicholas C, Justin P, Lachlan C, Sophie K
1S	Liam T, Anne R, Henry S
2B	Yerin C, Charlotte M
2EK	Thiago L
2L	Toby A, River J, Matilda W, Elliot S
2R	Hana B, Natalie G, Clara H, Samuel G M, Owen W
2W	Mason L, Arya S, Saskia B

STAGE 2 GOLD AWARDS – presented at Assembly on 2 December

3JS	Tarnia T
3PB	Rocklan R, Ashton C, Mira U, Harry J
3/4F	Julieta A R, Ernest H, Lucy H
4C	Mia E
4H	Chloe C, Elliott S, Olivia C
4R	Harper B

STAGE 3 GOLD AWARDS – presented at Assembly on 11 November

5H	Sophie L, Shanaya S
6G	Dylan K

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

DATES TO REMEMBER – Term 4 2025	
WEEK 3	
Monday 27 October	Grandparent’s Day 9.30am – 10.30am
Tuesday 28 October	K-2 Assembly hosted by KM & KS at 2.00pm
Wednesday 29 October	Kindergarten 2026 Orientation session 3 commences at 9.30am
WEEK 4	
Tuesday 4 November	Year 1 – 5 Assembly – Meet the Band & Strings
Friday 7 November	PSSA Gala Day – OzTag and T-Ball – for selected students

OFFICE NEWS

Correspondence – When contacting the office by email please ensure that you state your child's name and class to enable us to deal with your request promptly.

Labelled uniforms – Please ensure you label your child's clothes, especially hats and jackets that could be left on the playground or school bus. We make every effort to return labelled items to the correct classroom, and the bus company's lost property office contacts us to report any lost items that have names on them.

- ***Mowbray Office Team***

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club Issue 7 – Orders will close on Wednesday 29 October. Books can be ordered online using the link:

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Gardening Club

This year in our Gardening Club the participants have been harvesting and learning about lemon myrtle.

The lemon myrtle tree leaves have been used by First Nations peoples for many reasons.

Some reasons include unclogging noses and making tea...(very yummy tea)!

We have handed out a lot of leaves to the staff.

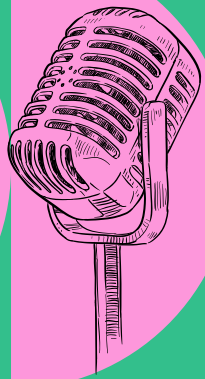
- ***Clover (4H), Hannah (4H) & Benji (4R)***

Gardening Club members



PAN 2025

PERFORMING ARTS NIGHT



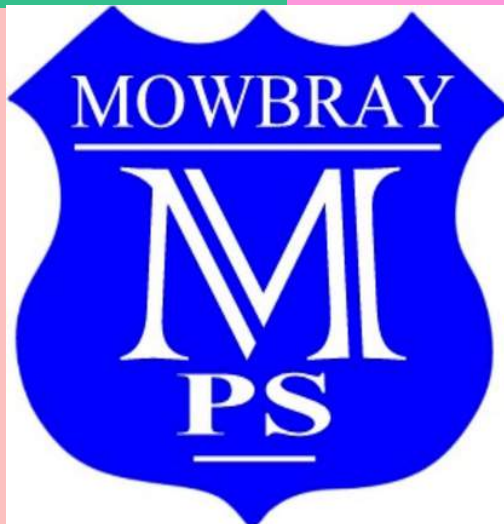
CHATSWOOD HS

24 Centennial Avenue
Chatswood

**Band
Strings
Dance
Choir**



**14
NOV**
2025



6PM-8PM

What is an ethics class? Join one of our free online information sessions

Primary
ETHICS



12.30 - 1.30 pm, **Friday**
24 October 2025

6 -7 pm, **Tuesday**
11 November 2025

6 -7 pm, **Thursday**
11 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ethics classes are weekly/fortnightly discussion-based lessons for students who don't attend Special Religious Education (SRE/Religion).

In these classes, students explore topics such as the risks of AI, how emotions influence behaviour and making good decisions - among many others. With over 80 topics in the curriculum, there's always something new to think about and discuss. Students learn to listen to others, think carefully about different ideas and reasons, and share their views in a respectful and supportive space.

We're holding a 1-hour **online information sessions** for anyone interested in finding out more:

In the session, you'll:

- See what an ethics class looks like in action
- Have your questions answered
- Hear from current volunteer ethics teachers
- Learn about our free, comprehensive training and support

Choose a session and register here:

events.humanitix.com/host/60ee553cb18142000ad526df

Ethics classes (officially called *Special Education in Ethics*) can be held at schools when trained volunteers are available. At Mowbray Public School, there are currently 5 volunteer ethics teacher helping to make this possible.

Whether you're simply curious, considering becoming a volunteer, or seeking a deeper understanding of what happens in ethics classes, this session is designed for you.

For more information, please get in touch with Tatar at Tatar.morales@primaryethics.com.au

Or visit: <https://primaryethics.com.au/>



P&C Picks

Mowbray Public School P&C Newsletter



**P&C
MEETING**

Tue 28th Oct, 7:30pm
(in the library and online)

Everyone is welcome to join!

UPCOMING P&C EVENTS

Term 4



**Event
Coordinators**

29/10 Wed	2026 Kindy Orientation Morning Tea & 2nd Hand Uniform Shop	Kindy 2025
8, 9/11 Sat, Sun	Family Portraits	P&C
11/12 Thur	Year 6 Farewell	Stage 3
13/12 Sat	Celebrate Mowbray	Whole School



 info@mowbraypandc.org.au

 www.facebook.com/groups/MPSFF

 www.mowbraypandc.org.au

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

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY LUNCH

Wed 22 Oct 2025

Each year we show our appreciation for the teachers and staff at Mowbray Public School by putting on a lunch catered by parents and carers!

Thank You

all volunteers who signed up to
help on that day!



Wine Wanted

FOR WINE
PULL LUCKY
DIP AT
CELEBRATE
MOWBRAY



donate a
bottle of wine
or sparkling
any brand
any value

Please drop off donations to the School front office
BY FRI 31 OCT

Only adults may drop the wine off

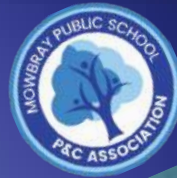
DONATION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



GRAND OPENING

NEW SCHOOL PLAY SPACE



Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting
Have you noticed our new play space is open?
Thank you very much to the Conway Family for their generous
donation - the highest bidder at the adult event auction for our
new school play space grand opening ribbon cutting! Thank you
Erin and Cullen for doing such a great job!



Our Gold Sponsor



Celebrate
MOWBRAY
SAT 13th DEC 3:30-9:10PM

2025

Save the Date



[CLICK HERE](#)

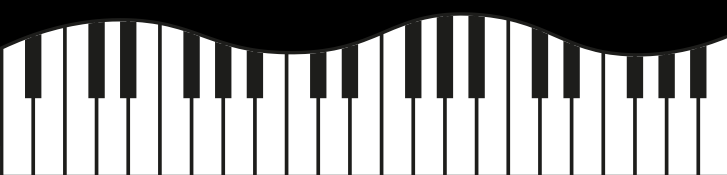
Click to like and follow us on our Celebrate Mowbray Facebook Page. This is where you'll be the first to know about ride ticket sales, stall and food offerings, and all the fun!

LEARN TO CODE

TRY 2 WEEKS UNLIMITED CODING OR
MATHS CLASSES FOR JUST \$49

START NOW





**ENROL TO
START NOW!**

or REGISTER FOR 2026

LEARN MUSIC AT SCHOOL

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

Limited vacancy!

- *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!*



**Music helps build confidence, focus,
creativity and it is a lot of fun too!**



**To enrol, call 9411 3122 or visit:
www.learnmusicatschool.com.au**



CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students in Year 1-6 at Mowbray Public School is held on:

Intermediate: Tuesdays from 3:10pm to 4:10pm, starting on 14 October 2025

Beginner: Tuesdays from 3:10pm to 4:10pm, starting on 14 October 2025

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

TERM 4 ENROLMENT

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- 10 weekly classes per Term
- Discount for bookings between 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Monday to Friday
- No Chlorine - Ozone Purification System
- Indoor heated pool (32 °C)

1 to 1 Private classes

- Faster learning with personalised attention
- Result in water independence quicker than group class.
- Become safer sooner.

PRIVATE
1:1 or 2:1



CLIENT REVIEW

ADA TONG



My 6 and 4 year olds have progressed really well since starting swimming at SDA. The instructors are kind but work them hard. The pool is great too - no chlorine so the kids skin doesn't get irritated and quieter and less overwhelming than a public pool, if you've got a child who's a bit sensitive.

SDA INSTRUCTORS AIM TO BUILD TRUST WITH OUR SWIMMERS, SO EACH INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPS CONFIDENCE IN THEIR OWN ABILITIES. WE BELIEVE LEARNING TO SWIM FOSTERS INDEPENDENCE, FITNESS, AND APPRECIATION FOR THE WATER.

