At Mowbray Heights we use a range of school based assessments to guide the teaching and learning program in our school. We also have a range of external assessments to support our school based data. Recently we received a summary of our NAPLAN results and whilst we acknowledge that this is just one piece of assessment around student performance, we are once again absolutely delighted with our results.

In all areas (Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, and Numeracy) in both Year 3 and 5, our results are above similar schools with regard to the percentage of students at or above National Minimum Standard and in the mean scores.

In six out of the ten assessments we are above Tasmania with regard to the percentage of students at or above National Minimum Standard and equal to Tasmania in two out of the ten areas.

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The absolute highlight of our data is in the area of Writing. In Year 3 and Year 5 not only did we exceed Australia with regard to the percentage of students at or above National Minimum Standard but we also exceeded the Australian mean score!

A consistent plan for improvement, explicit teaching, high expectations for learning and your support from home, have significantly contributed to improved student learning outcomes for the students at Mowbray Heights Primary School. Together we can justifiably celebrate this work.

The NAPLAN 2016 Individual Student Reports will be sent home to families with this newsletter. If families have any questions regarding your child’s assessment do not hesitate to contact your child’s classroom teacher.

**Maths Relay**
Best wishes to our Maths Relay Teams. Rosalla Pike, Troy Saunders, Blake Pyke, Cody Kearnes-Lyons, Logan Gardiner, Hayden Pitt, Paige Nicholas and Sianan Luck will be participating in the Primary Division of the Northern Maths Relay Competition on Sunday 21st August at Scotch Oakburn College.

**Sharon**
# Diary

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# Grade 1/2 Excursion

All Grade 1/2 classes are going to Royal Park as part of their Geography unit. Students must wear full school uniform and will need a packed recess and lunch, and plenty to drink. They will need appropriate shoes for walking and a warm coat.

The bus will be leaving school at 9.30 am and returning by 2.30pm.

- 1/2 Holmes & 1/2 Atkins  **Monday 5th September**
- 1/2 Adams & 1/2 Ayers  **Tuesday 6th September**
- 1/2 Donald Mahar  **Thursday 8th September**

# Geography Walk

Children in Kinder/Prep Fletcher Saunders, Prep Wley Boyden and Prep Adams will be completing a walk and mapping the Mowbray community as part of our Geography unit. Prep Adams will be completing their walk on **Tuesday 30th August** and Kinder/Prep Fletcher Saunders and Prep Wley Boyden will be completing theirs on **Thursday 1st September**.

Children will need to wear school uniform and bring a warm coat in case the weather is cold. The walks will take place during school time so children can still order lunch from the canteen if they wish.

Annette Wyley, Lara Boyden, Kristie Fletcher, Rebecca Saunders and Kelsey Adams

# Student Awards

**Merit Certificates**: Last week’s Early Childhood winners were - Kobi Knowles, Kobi Marshall, Trung Nguyen, Shai-Lee Riley Gardiner, Tajaya Brown, Chayse Tuthill, Tye Currant, Kyrin Quinn, Mahima Subedi, Kesab Khadka, Sylvia Clarke, Aayliah Smith, Angela Fakes, Taj Smith, Rylen Tuthill, Ester Soe, Chase Mijts and Krishal Gurung.

# Dollarmite Award

Last week’s winner was - Dakota Cole from Grade 1/2 Holmes.

# Grade 2/3 and 3/4 Excursions

Students from the 2/3 and 3/4 classes will participate in a full day excursion involving a:

- boat cruise on the Tamar River (Tamar River Cruises)
- walk around the boardwalk area near Royal Park
- walk into the Cataract Gorge

Excursion dates are:

- **Tuesday 30th August**: 3/4 Boon Smith, 3/4 Paulsen and nominated students from 2/3 Towns
- **Wednesday 31st August**: 3/4 Leader, 3/4 Quigley and nominated students from 2/3 Towns

Students will be required to wear full school uniform and will need to bring a recess snack, lunch, a drink and a warm coat.

A permission form has been sent home with students and it must be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. Please note, if the permission form is not returned, your child will not be able to attend the excursion.

 Supervision has been carefully considered and organised. For students in the 2/3 class, Mrs Towns will accompany her students on both days.

# Dress Up for Book Week

This year Book Week is from 20th - 26th August. On **Tuesday 23rd August**, as part of Book Week, students are invited to come along dressed up as a favourite book character or as a reader.

There is no cost involved to dress up. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 2/3 are asked to bring along the book which shows their dress up character.

If you are having trouble deciding on a book character or finding a book to match your costume, talk with your Class Teacher or come and speak with our Library Staff.

There will be a parade for Kindergarten to Grade 2/3 students at 9.30 am in the PAC, not 9.00 am as advertised in last week’s newsletter. Families welcome!

If families are intending to stay at school after dropping children off to attend the Parade at 9.30 am, you are most welcome to join us for a cuppa in the Staffroom, in the warm from 9.00 am.
Family Planning Tasmania will be visiting our classes from Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th August to provide The Growing Up Program – a relationships, sexuality and protective behaviours program. The program will be available for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Kindergarten students will participate in one session, Prep to Year 4 students will have two sessions, and Year 5 and 6 students will have three sessions plus an all girl and an all boy session.

Growing Up aims to provide your child with knowledge, skills and attitudes to help them make choices for positive emotional, physical and social health. You are invited to attend a parent information session to find out more about Growing Up so that you can feel confident about discussing the program with your child. The session will also include tips, strategies and resources for talking about relationships and sexuality.

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There is no 5/6 Sport this Friday due to the North/South Exchange. Also there will be no Dance Fever.

### Canteen News

From Tuesday 16th August until Friday 26th August our Canteen will be offering a restricted lunch menu due to staff absence. The following items will be available for lunch -

**Everyday Hot Food**

- Nuggets - maximum 6
- Corn Cobbette
- Magnificent 7 Party Pie
- Sausage Roll
- Magnificent 7 Large Pie
- Pizza (Cheese, Ham & Pineapple)
- Hawaiian Chicken Burger (lettuce, cheese & pineapple)
- Savaloy
- Toasted sandwich - ham & cheese
- Tomato Sauce
- BBQ Sauce

**Turkish Bread**

- Ham, Cheese, Pineapple
- Chicken, Cheese, Tomato
- Lamb, Cheese, Tomato, Onion

We welcome Vanessa Holohan to our canteen whilst Tanya is on leave.

### Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016

The Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes NEXT TUESDAY the 23rd August.

Thank you to those students who have already read 10 books and have returned their Reading Logs. All completed Reading Logs must be returned to Mrs Tolputt in the Library by Friday 26th August so that certificates can be arranged.

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![Singfest 2016 Poster](image-url)
Jeans for Genes Day
On Tuesday 9th August the SRC hosted Jeans for Genes Day to raise money for the Children’s Medical Research Institute. We raised over $330. Thank you to all who contributed. Here are some of the photos taken on the day.