

Newsletter



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Dates for the diary

15 Feb	P&C Welcome Back Night	23-24 Feb	Dads and Kids Camp Out
20 Feb	Going Green Day – Free Dress	25 Feb	Kaboom Percussion In-School Activity
22 Feb	Class Assembly – Room 15, Yr 4	4 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday

Focus for 2017 – 2019

Our focus over the next 3 years is to develop a whole school approach to learning, with academic rigour through rich and engaging learning experiences, in conjunction with developing the whole child (with parents as partners), to make our school a school of choice within the community and for every child to be empowered and reach their full potential.

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Community Members,

Welcome back to the start of another exciting year! We hope everyone has had a fantastic holiday and have settled back in to the first week of Term 1. It gives me great pleasure to welcome all our new families and staff and hope that your experiences with Mount Lawley Primary School are positive.

There are a number of new initiatives that will be happening throughout the school this year and we will keep you informed as they are rolled out to the school. We were very happy with our Semester Two reports going online for the first time at the end of last year and we will be using the CONNECT platform extensively this year as our main route of communication. This means our website will become our 'marketing' site, where people looking for information about the school can go to, but for our school community, Connect is where you will find all the updates, calendars, notices and information. Each parent has their own login details so you can access Connect, so please contact the school office if you haven't yet received these details. Each class will have their own Connect page and there will be a weekly notice from each teacher to let you know what is happening in the classroom. Years P-6 will be sent on a Friday afternoon, and Kindy notices will be available on Wednesday afternoon. We are all learning how to use Connect and would appreciate constructive feedback as staff become more familiar with the way it works. Students will also have access to Connect as teachers are able to make "flexible classes" – for things like sport, differentiated homework groups, before school Extension and so on, so we look forward to the students accessing this and working on their own digital technology skills. Connect is a Department of Education platform and is supported by them.

We would like to welcome our new staff to our school. We have already had the opportunity to get to know them during our school development days and are very grateful to have them as part of our team. A full staff list can be found on our website and Connect so you can see the teaching teams for this year. A warm welcome to Mrs Brooke O'Brien in Room 20, Pre-primary, Mrs Karen Wright in Room 9, Year 2, Miss Danielle Quelch in Room 11, Year 2 and Mr Joshua O'Keefe in Room 2, Year 6. We also welcome Miss Emma Black who is teaching in Kindy whilst Ms Debbie Taylor is away on Long Service Leave for the term. Miss Black will also be teaching Pre-primary HASS (History and Social Sciences) and will be in Mrs Jasper's class in Year 2 on a Friday. We also welcome to our staff for this term, Mrs Emma Bibra who will be teaching Digital and Design Technologies as a Specialist teacher (not as Educocode). Mr Luke Fogliani is here working in the Digital Technologies role for the next four weeks whilst Mrs Bibra has been unexpectedly called away. Please make all our staff feel welcome when you are on the school grounds and help them settle in. Please note, due to the increase of in boundary students we have had to add another classroom, which meant the Art room has been reclaimed for the Year 1 room. Art will now be taught in the classroom by the classroom teachers, with support and mentoring from Mrs Downie, who is teaching Year 4.



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Please join the Mount Lawley P&C Facebook page to stay abreast of all P&C information.

On a more personal note, we send our sincerest condolences to Mrs Lee Jasper on the passing of her dear mum yesterday evening. For many of us across the community with aging parents, this is a time where we need to lean in together and offer support where we can. We know the community will do so with Mrs Jasper when she returns.

To our new families and to all of you returning to school, I hope this year is a great one for you and your families. My door is always open and I hope you take the opportunity to come and see me at any time with any questions or concerns that you may have. We will be having "Coffee and a Chat with the Principal" again this year in Week 5 and 10 of each term and that is also another opportunity for all of us to connect.

Look forward to seeing you all in the playground!

~Ms Cavelle Monck, Principal

Parent Information Meetings

Each teacher will host a parent information meeting in Week 2, 3 or 4. Days, dates and times will be sent out shortly.

School Supervision from 8am

Last year we had a range of fantastic parent volunteers who assisted us with before school supervision, which starts at 8am each morning. As you may be aware, in 2017 Mount Lawley PS formed a sub-committee of the school Board and completed a feasibility study to see if we could have before and after school care here on site. Unfortunately, due to the lack of space, the service providers were unable to commit to having care here. The only potential site was the use of the undercover area however when we mapped what this area was used for on a daily basis, both before and after school with the activities we provide, it was not a viable option. We don't provide any after school care however we are able to supervise students from 8am if you need to go to work early. Parent volunteers are a crucial element to the success of this, especially on a Tuesday morning when teachers have an 8am meeting which the Admin. staff also need to attend. If any parents have a morning free and would like to assist us with supervision, we would be most grateful. From Monday to Thursday the students have access to skipping ropes, although many of them just like to sit and talk to their friends or read a book. On Friday, when we set up for assembly, there is no skipping and students are expected to sit and chat with their friends.

Please note that skipping takes place on the main basketball court and students can also sit in the undercover area. Students are not allowed to be at their classes, standing by the stairs or playing in any other playground or play area.

After School Play

We believe that after school is a lovely time for parents and children to have some time together in the playground if you wish, to catch up with friends and have a chat. We do expect that after school play is fully supervised by parents at all times, as this is time that teachers use for preparation for the following day and are unable to be on duty from 3.10pm. Students are expected to follow the same rules after school that we have during the day. We expect their behaviour to be kind and civilised and for students to continue to be in a safe environment and treat our playground with respect. Play equipment is not to be accessed after school, either in the playground or in the undercover area. Please endeavor to leave the school grounds by 3.45pm.

Protective Behaviours

Every year we teach Protective Behaviours to students in every class from K-6. The 'formal' program is usually done in Term 2 however we teach elements of the program all year round through our health curriculum. These include helping students identify the people they can talk to if they need help, that no secret is ever "too secret" to tell and the importance of personal space. We encourage students to have personal agency and don't refer to protective behaviours as "stranger danger" as the research tells us that it is often a relative, friend or peer who may act inappropriately rather than a stranger. You can assist us with this learning by having similar conversations with your child so that we all work together to keep our children safe from harm.

Board Elections

At the end of last year, one Parent Representative position and two staff member positions became available on our School Board. We are running an election process which will call for nominations from interested parents from **Friday 8 February until the close of the election on Friday 15 February at 4pm.**

If you are interested in nominating as a Parent Representative, please email your name and details with a 100-word bio of yourself to Lisa Freegard, Manager Corporate Services – lisa.freegard@education.wa.edu.au. Parent bios will then be posted in the Board section of the school website: www.mountlawleyps.wa.edu.au

The Education Department has developed an online election system using School Survey, which we will be using for the first time this year. Please expect an email after the close of the nomination period containing the link to the online election 'survey' and your unique voting code. If you don't have an email address registered with the school, please contact the front office so we can provide you with a paper form.

Online voting will be open from 18 February to 22 February, closing at 4pm. Follow the instructions on the online survey to vote for your preferred candidate.

I have included the Board Members names below so you can speak with any of them or the Principal, if you wish to find out further information about the role of the Board. Meetings are in Week 4 and 8 of every term on a Thursday afternoon from 5.30pm-7pm in the staff room.

Cavelle Monck (Principal)	Albert Tassone (Board Chair)	Cara Davis (Secretary)
Derek Watt (Parent representative)	Mei-Ling Day (Parent representative)	Mark Burns (Parent representative)
Christina Gray (Parent representative)	Annalise Grubisich (Coopted member)	Grace Adam (Staff representative)
Helen Summers (Staff representative)	Lisa Freegard (Staff representative)	

Dogs

Just a reminder that under the Education Act, dogs are NOT allowed on our school site unless they are a registered therapy or guide dog. Please don't tie dogs to the surrounding fences and leave them unattended. We thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Nature Playground

We endeavour to have a range of nature playground spaces built this year. Our Nature Playground Committee has met a number of times and is now working to develop a series of plans for our Nature Playground. We have invited teachers and students to submit their ideas to the committee and we welcome all suggestions from the parents and community. If you go to the P&C page on the website, you will find the minutes from the committee meetings and we will use this space to give you the latest updates.

Kiss and Drive & Traffic

We remind all parents and people in our school community that traffic is a significant issue at Mount Lawley PS. We ask all of you to be vigilant and have the safety of our families at the forefront of your mind when dropping off and picking up your child. Please do not use the staff carparks as a pick up or drop off point. We encourage you, while the weather is warm, to park at Hamer Park and walk to school from there. Please don't park on our neighbour's verges or in their driveways as this creates great upset. We also encourage you to utilise our Kiss and Drive. Please make sure if you do, to keep the 'loop' going one way. Once you have picked up/dropped off your child please continue down Second Avenue. Please don't reverse in the school driveway or do a U-turn to go back down the street as it causes havoc with the traffic and for families trying to cross the road. Most importantly, Third Avenue is not to be used as a Kiss and Drive – the traffic needs to be free flowing at all times on this road.

The P&C completed a traffic survey at the very end of last year. We will be looking at the results and then organising a public forum to discuss measures to make our school safer. You can assist now by abiding by the traffic rules.

Attendance

Attending school during the term is compulsory. From our school's point of view, taking a child out of school during the term has a massive impact not only their academic learning but also their social peer group and beyond. In academic terms, teachers plan an ongoing sequence of lessons around a concept that often involves many facets that can only be done in the school setting. The conversations or 'unpacking' of a concept, the hands-on activities, the group work and collaboration can't be captured in a work sheet or text book, which is why we don't have many nowadays in our school. For the time your child is away, they are missing significant concepts that may be the very stepping stone that will take them to the next level of the curriculum. Once the child returns, they may struggle with new concepts without that foundation to build on. More importantly, the social circle your child is a part of doesn't stop changing or evolving just because your child has gone on holiday. Often the group dynamics change because your child has missed those moments that have been bonding the group together. It may be hard for your child to re-enter their peer group and find their place, increasing anxiety and impacting on that sense of belonging.

Families take holidays for all kinds of reasons and I understand that. I would ask that you give it serious consideration before you embark on a holiday during term time as the research also indicates the negative impact it can have on your child and their future success. Please also be aware that holidays are marked as an "unauthorized vacation" and this does show on your child's

attendance record. We want all our students to have every opportunity to reach their full potential at school and ask that, as we move into a new year, that you partner with us on this.

Performing Arts

Performing Arts will return with a brand new show and start rehearsals in Week 3. Rehearsals will be every Thursday afternoon from 3.15pm – 4.30pm in the undercover area for interested students from Year 2 – 6. We look forward to another incredible year of all singing, all dancing, all acting talent!

Other “Stuff” coming soon!

Keep your eyes on the newsletter for other exciting ‘stuff’ coming soon! We need a week or two to settle in and then we will be letting you know of some other wonderful activities that will be on offer this year – before school, after school and during lunch or recess. We look forward to the students accessing some great opportunities.

Going Green Free Dress Day

Mount Lawley primary school is working to become a sustainable school. We have worm farms, composting of all food scraps, recycling, glasses repurposing, battery collection just to name a few of our sustainable projects and not to mention the Nature Playground which is well under way in planning. To celebrate this journey we are taking, on Wednesday 20th February we are having a "Going Green Day". Make a statement and wear green for the whole community to see we are serious about living a Sustainable lifestyle.

Sustainability Committee

Introducing Qkr

Introducing Qkr! – a new payment platform for parents

This year we are introducing Qkr!™ by Mastercard® which is a mobile phone payment app designed for Australian schools. Parents will be able to use the Qkr! app to make payments to the school and the P&C all in one handy place. Qkr! will improve the payment experience for parents in the following ways.

- Make faster, more convenient payments from a secure mobile app anywhere and at any time
- Website payment alternative for parents and carers without a smartphone or tablet
- Pay direct from a credit or debit card without pre-loading funds to a third party account
- Track transactions easily with online receipts

We are also looking forward to using Qkr!’s capabilities in managing school permission slips electronically. We hope to streamline the permission process for parents by having acknowledgements and electronic signatures received through the app allowing the school to produce reports for teachers, saving teachers and parents time in keeping track of hard copy forms.

The Mount Lawley PS Qkr! app is open for business so please download from the App Store or Google Play today. Information about how to set up your child’s profile is available on our website and on our Connect School Space. If you have questions about using the app, please come and see us in the front office.

Library News

Welcome to a new school year, I hope you all found a good book to lose yourself in over the holidays. Library classes will commence in week 2, your teacher will advise you of your child’s library day. Please ensure they have a library bag on library day as we have a ‘no bag, no borrow’ policy. This was put into place due to the large number of books being damaged while being transported to and from school. The uniform shop sells very sturdy library bags for \$8 that will last the time at primary school and protect the books from school bag mishaps (MLPS bags are not compulsory but highly recommended).

Book Club

The first Scholastic book club catalogue of the year went home this week (there are two catalogues per term). All orders through Book Club earn valuable rewards for the school which are redeemed for library resources that all students benefit from. You have two options for ordering

1. Internet – Go to <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx> click on Register if you are new to Book Club LOOP (ensure you select Mount Lawley Primary School) or sign in if already have a login. This way you have no forms to fill in and payment is by using credit card.

2. Cash – simply fill out the form at the back of the catalogue and place the form in an envelope with the correct cash and drop off to the Book Club box in the library (NOT the office).

Orders using both methods will then be delivered to your child's classroom. If you wish for the purchase to be a gift at any time of the year, tick the GIFT option in LOOP or clearly mark the top of the order form with GIFT. I will contact you when the items arrive for collection from the front office.

Happy Reading
Nicola Brodie – Library Officer

Netball Enrolment News 2019

A warm welcome back to the start of a new and exciting season for the Mount Lawley Primary School Netball Club (Club). If you have a child who is interested in participating in netball, this newsletter will provide you with the information you need for enrolments, training and playing. We are looking forward to seeing our returning players and also encourage all boys and girls who haven't played netball before, but are interested, to sign up.

The Club seeks to provide children from Years 3-6 with an opportunity to participate in extra-curricular sport whilst representing our school. Netball teaches gross motor, fitness, team playing as well as fun and friendships developed from participating in sport. Last year all of our eligible year groups were represented and it would be wonderful to continue in this strong tradition of such high participation.

Player Fees

The cost of \$180 per player comprises of team registration fees; individual player fees; cost of an umpire for each game; additional equipment, bibs and specialist coaching clinics offered throughout the season. MLPS is a non-profit making organisation. All funds are used for the MLPS Netball Club. For first time players an additional fee of \$50 will be required for netball club uniforms (dress or sports top). Please make your selection at the time of payment so we can order the uniform in advance. We will contact you to arrange sizing.



Please make your payments via as soon as possible via our Trybooking link below:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BARNV>

As the number of teams per year group and team player numbers are limited by Perth Netball Association, the club will do its best to provide you with a team allocation, subject to the availability of numbers on a team for a given year group.

This may not be possible if all places are already filled from returning players who will be given first preference to remain in their existing team in consultation with coaches. Alternative places will be offered depending upon the number of teams registered.

Payment does not guarantee a place so please get in early. Payments close on 23 February 2019. Once numbers have been finalised and teams are selected, you will be requested to make an enrolment online with PNA. Details will follow with your team selection. This is an important step, so please look out for the PNA enrolments e-mail in due course.

Uniform Sizing

Once you have made a selection to order a netball uniform, the club will contact you regarding sizing. For those who will order tops, the design is represented in the same colours. The uniform will consist of blue school shorts / skirt.

MLPS Netball Training Agenda

To assist parents/guardians with afterschool planning in preparation for the netball season please see our training days below. Our coaches will advise their teams of the training starting dates and times once teams and players have been finalised.

Years	Training Location, Date and Time	Competition Commencement
6	School Hard Courts – Before School - Friday	Saturday 11 May 2019
5	School Hard Courts – After School - Wednesday	Saturday 11 May 2019
4	School Hard Courts – After School Friday - TBC	Saturday 11 May 2019
3	School Hard Courts – After school Tuesday	Saturday 11 May 2019

Game Times

This year the netball competition season commences on Saturday the 11th of May 2019, the table below indicates the Saturday morning game times. Competitions are held at Matthews Netball Centre, 200 Selby Street, Jolimont.

Year	Time - Saturday
NetSetGo Year 3	7.45am
NetSetGo Year 4	8.40am
Junior Year 5	8.00am
Junior Year 6	9.00am

MLPS Netball Club relies on the goodwill of our fantastic volunteer coaches. Our umpires are often students that give up their leisure time to make it possible for such a large number of players to participate in the competition. They depend on and deserve positive support from parents/guardians and players. In an effort to ensure an enjoyable and smooth season for all participants, the school has provided a Codes of Behaviour for both players and parents/guardians at games and training. Acceptance of these codes is mandatory for your child to participate. A copy of the code will be provided to each player by their coach, this must be completed and returned prior to the first game. We also ask that you support your child's team and coach by being on a roster to time keep or score. Training is compulsory.

Players must be able to attend all training sessions unless they are sick or injured.

To our coaches and parents interested in coaching this year please email your details, preferred training days and general queries to Thelma at thelma@tassone.com.au

For all registration enquiries and information please contact Suzie at suzie.foreman@athenacorporate.com.au

We will continue to inform you of any netball updates in the coming newsletters and thank you in advance for your cooperation and support of the MLPS Netball Club in 2019.

Thelma & Suzie

MLPS Netball Club Coordinators

P&C Social & Fundraising News

Welcome Back Family Night Friday 15 February 5pm to 7.30pm

We look forward to welcoming the school community back for 2019 with a family picnic on the main school lawn. There will be food trucks on site – Pasta Truck, Chris's Paella & Selena Malaysia, a silent disco, face painting, live music and much more for everyone to enjoy. We extend a special invitation to those families that have joined our school community this year.

Icy Pole Sales – Every Friday Lunchtime for Term 1

Icy pole sales will commence on Friday 8 February in the school canteen.

Fruit Sticks – 50c

Lemonade Icy pole – \$1

If you are able to help out with icy pole sales from 12 noon to 1pm on any Friday in Term 1 please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e48a4a72da2f49-icypole1>

Annual Dad and Kids Campout Saturday 23 February 4pm

The Mount Lawley Primary School P&C Association is pleased to present the Dads & Kids Camp Out for 2019. This will be held on the school grounds on **Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th February**. This is our seventh Dads & Kids Camp Out, designed for Dads and Father figures to spend time with their children.

Tickets are now available at <https://www.trybooking.com/468549> for \$20 per family group. Tickets are only available through the online service. There are no cash sales. The ticket provides access to the venue and a simple cooked breakfast on Sunday morning.

The event is open to all families with children at Mount Lawley Primary School: if Dad isn't available then please come with Mum. This event is run by the P&C Association, with the support of The Fathering Project. We hope you can join us for another great Camp Out.

If you have any event queries, please contact event organiser Bradley Farrell on 0414 552 626 or bradley.farrell@au.ey.com

Progressive Dinner Saturday 16 March 6.30pm

2019 marks the 31st year of the annual progressive dinner and we encourage all parents to come along and join in the fun! This event has long been the highlight of the social calendar for parents of Mount Lawley Primary and offers a fun way to spend the night with friends and meet new members of the school community. A special invitation is extended to new parents of the school to attend.

Tickets are now on sale at <https://www.trybooking.com/BAQIP>

\$35 per person (includes drink on entry)

Hosts + Partners are Free

The progressive dinner would not be possible without the generosity of hosts making their homes available. If you are able to make your house available to host a course on the night please message Georgina on 0423665176 or mlpspc@outlook.com We would love to have some NEW hosts this year!

Information for Hosts

- You are not required to provide any food – the food is brought to your home by other diners on the afternoon of Saturday 16 March.
- You will be entitled to 2 free tickets as a host valued at \$70.
- You will be hosting a group of around 25-30 people. We will try to keep numbers as low as possible.
- You do not need a seated table setting for each diner and it doesn't need to be inside the house, back yards, front yards and court yards are all suitable.
- Extra chairs, cutlery, plates etc can be sourced via the P&C Social & Fundraising committee, if required.
- A couple of P&C Social & Fundraising committee members will be on your circuit on the night and are available to answer any questions in the lead up and they will assist you with clean-up on the night.

Information for Guests

- If you are attending the dinner we ask you to **provide either a soup, main course or dessert which would cater for 10 – 12 adults**. Please list your preferences so if we get too many of one course, we can go on to second choices.
- You will be contacted in the week leading up to the dinner about what course you are cooking and where it should be delivered. You will NOT be dining at the place where you send your food!
- Requests for small groups who wish to be allocated on the same circuit will be considered and wherever possible accommodated.

If you have any queries or would like more details about the night please message Georgina Hurst on 0423 665 176 or email mlpspc@outlook.com. This popular event is limited to parents and staff from our school.

Novelty light up wine glasses for the Progressive Dinner are also on sale which can also be purchased on Try Booking. Place your order for \$10 and they will be available for pick up on the night. The Light Up wine glasses are made from clear plastic. Each glass has three bright LEDs in the base (Blue, green and red).

Call for New P&C Social & Fundraising Committee Members

All P&C events are coordinated by the Social & Fundraising committee, which always welcomes new members. If you would like to join our fun team please message Georgina on 0423665176 or email at mlpspc@outlook.com.

P&C Facebook Group

A closed face book group has been created to assist the P&C to communicate with the MLPS community and to help promote parent and community involvement. The group is called Mount Lawley Primary School P&C. Please join to stay abreast of all P&C information and events.

P&C School Lunches



The P&C are pleased to confirm that the **School Lunch Online** service will continue in 2019 for the benefit of all families, students and staff at the school. You can now register at <http://www.schoollunchonline.com.au>, choose from a great list of lunch options and pay online – all without the last-minute morning hassle.

**Please ensure your child's year and class has been updated for 2019.
You will need to go to MY ACCOUNT, USER DETAILS and click on EDIT to make the change.**

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Please note that our school does not endorse nor recommend any product or service that appears in the Community Notices section. This is a service provided for our local community.

Redhage Basketball

The Redhage Basketball Program will resume in Term 2 on Wednesdays. Registration details will be in the Week 9 Newsletter.

Positive Parenting Seminars – Teen Series @ Mount Lawley Senior High School

Parents/carers/grandparents are invited to attend free parenting seminars to learn practical, positive and effective ways to strengthen bonds with their teenagers, encouraging them to develop the skills to become independent and to successfully connect with the wider community. For more information please see the flyer [here](#).