

Newsletter

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**Mount
Lawley**
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Strive for Wisdom

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Dates for the diary

5 Feb	In-term Swimming Yr1-6 starts	9 Feb	Admin Assembly
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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 a brand new year and the first newsletter that will be coming to you *fortnightly* from now on! We are extremely excited to welcome all of you, old and new families, to Mount Lawley Primary School. We have had an excellent start to the school year with two professional development days for the whole staff where we consolidated our plan for the year ahead. This newsletter will be a bit of 'housekeeping' so that you are all aware of the 'workings' of the school and how we go about our core business of teaching and learning.

Firstly, it gives me great pleasure to welcome our new staff who have joined us for this year and who, I'm sure, will become an integral part of the Mount Lawley Primary School fabric. In Kindy we welcome Mrs Kate Gillies, Miss Melissa Fondacaro and Ms Kiara Leeuwangh. In Year 1, we welcome Mrs Taryn Underwood, and in Year 2 Mrs Stanna Keers, Miss Natasha Ruggiero and Ms Roslyn Grimes. We are also offering Italian this year from Pre-primary to Year 5 and welcome Mrs Christine Ashkenazy as our new Languages teacher. We also offer our heartiest congratulations to Year 5 teacher Theshani Siriwardena who got married at the end of last year and has returned as Mrs Kaler. Please find the complete list of all our staff at the conclusion of this newsletter.

We certainly ended last year with a bang and quite an increase in new enrolments. Due to this, we made the decision to restructure the school and include an extra class for 2018. It is certainly great to see so many new families moving in to the area and joining our school community. As part of this restructure, we renumbered the classrooms as well. The P&C plan to host our Welcome Back BBQ on February 9 and this is a wonderful opportunity for new families to come and meet our community and build connections (more details to come soon from the P&C regarding this event!).

We are especially delighted to announce the formation of Student Services and the team that will work with the children in a variety of areas. Sandra Martin is our Learning Support Coordinator, new team members Sheldyn Garnaut, our School Psychologist and Domenica (Dom) Casci our School Chaplain and their role is to work as an integrated unit where appropriate to address the needs of our students.

Our Board has some new members as well and we congratulate Dr Christina Grey, Derek Watt and returning Board member Mei-Ling Day to the roles of parent representatives. We look forward to the year ahead with our Board working together to start moving through our Business Plan. The Business Plan was delivered in the last week of school and we are incredibly proud of the finished product. If you haven't already, please collect one from the office to see the plan for the school for the next three years. Congratulations to the staff, the Administration team and the School Board for the extensive work that went in to producing such a solid plan for our school.



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

It has been a lovely day welcoming back the students today. Everyone settled in quickly and calmly and the teachers went right to work getting to know the students and setting the routines and structures of the classroom, which is the focus for the next few weeks. I want to congratulate the teachers for the incredible work they have done at the end of last year leading in to the start of school in organising the classes. Some parents have asked how we determine who goes in to each class, which is a very good question. Our teachers work collaboratively with the Administration team to talk about each and every student in the school. We discuss their academic, social and emotional needs and we look closely at friendship groups and where the students will be best placed to have all of their needs met. It is a process that takes weeks and many hours of staff time to formulate the classes. I am proud of the way the staff have made each class and the robust discussions and evidence (such as reports and classroom data) to make these decisions using their expertise. Therefore students will not be moved to other classes except in the most exceptional of circumstances. As a public school we will always have composite or “split” classes. As all children are on a learning continuum, the curriculum delivery will cover a range of year levels. Our teachers are well qualified to deliver the range of teaching and learning that each student needs, of that I am confident. The teachers will be talking to you more about their teaching and learning programs when they have their classroom meetings over the next couple of weeks.

That leads me in to our next topic of “Differentiation”. This is where teachers are planning for the students based on interest, readiness and learning profile and use the curriculum and outcomes to provide rich and engaging lessons for the class. Over the coming weeks and months, you may notice a different ‘style’ of learning going on within the classroom walls. Your child may come home and tell you that they are working on something completely different to another student in the class or they may be working in small groups that have been organised in a range of ways. This is what real differentiation looks like, which is why teachers are spending these first weeks getting to know their students so well. Differentiation in the classroom is a whole school focus from K-6 and I look forward to your feedback when you see it start to gain momentum and the increased engagement from your child.

A reminder about parking around our school because as you know it is extremely limited, and causes great angst to our lovely neighbours when you park on their lawn or in their driveway at the start or the end of the day, or when there is a special event on at the school. I urge you all if you want to park and pick up your child, to please take advantage of the space at Hamer Park and make the small walk up to school. Our neighbours are tired of having to wait for parents to move their cars because they can’t get in or out of their drive way or not have their lawns mowed because a car has parked there. It’s not the right thing to do and doesn’t fit with our value of Respect. I have received emails from our neighbours about their frustration and anger over this issue and I am powerless to do anything apart from appeal to your conscience and ask that you please park *only* in the designated parking areas, at Hamer Park or make use of the Kiss n Drive, which is always supervised by Mrs Adam or one of the Administration team. Thank you for your kind assistance with this ongoing issue.

This year I would like to invite you to come and have a “coffee with the Principal” in Week 5 and 10 of each term in the staff room on Friday mornings at 9.30am. This is just an informal chat where you are able to meet parents and ask me any questions you may have about curriculum or the Business Plan or other topics of interest. I hope that you will join me so I can also get to know you better.

As you keep reading this newsletter you will see some exciting things are happening this year! I look forward to sharing the year with you and your family. Welcome back to our great school!

~Ms Cavelle Monck, Principal

Performing Arts

Starting in Week 2, every Thursday afternoon from 3.15pm – 4.30pm, Performing Arts will be on offer to students from Years 2 – 6 in the covered assembly area. Students who are interested in singing, dancing, acting and putting on a show are invited to attend. They will be working on an original show called, “Shine” which has a focus on building resilience and empathy. Cavelle Monck will be directing the show, with Anthea Baros as the choreographer. Students will come directly to the covered assembly area from class at the end of the day, have a quick snack (which parents will need to provide) and then rehearse until 4.30pm, where parents then need to collect their child promptly from the assembly area. Students have a two week grace period where they can come and have a go and decide if they wish to continue. Once the two weeks is up, the expectation is that the student will stay for the duration. Rehearsals will be every Thursday (except Week 9, 29 March due to Easter) and then start again in Week 1 of Term 2. Students will perform two shows in Week 5 – one during the day for the whole school (K-6) and then one in the late afternoon for parents. The cost for Performing Arts is \$ 25. Forms will go onto the website tomorrow for you to fill in and send to the office with the payment.

Before School Activities

We have always had a range of students who arrive early to school in the morning. For those who do, they will have the opportunity to participate in some before school activities from 8am – 8.30am each morning. Starting in Week 3, there will be activities such as independent reading, fundamental movement skills, times tables practice, just to name a few. This assists with “tuning in” to learning for the rest of the day.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons start on Monday 5 February for two weeks. Swimming lessons are a regular part of the school program, so it is anticipated that all children will participate understanding that these lessons will replace their usual Physical Education programme for those two weeks. The cost for the 10 lessons is \$50. It is vital that the In Term Swimming Enrolment Form (permission slip) is completed and returned with your payment. Click [here](#) for the In Term Swimming note.

P&C News

Welcome Back Family Picnic – Friday 9 February – 5.30pm to 7.30pm

We look forward to welcoming the school community for 2018 with a family picnic on the main school lawn. There will be food trucks and entertainment to enjoy.

Icypoles sales every Friday Term 1 – Commencing on Friday 9 February

Icypoles will be on sale from next Friday lunchtime in the school canteen. Fruit Sticks – 50c and Lemonade Icypoles – \$1

Annual Dad and Kids Campout – Saturday 24 February 4pm

The annual Dad and Kids campout held on the main school oval will be held on Saturday 24 February with tickets on sale from next week.

Progressive Dinner – Saturday 17 March – 7pm

2018 marks the 30th year of the annual progressive dinner! This year promises to be extra special 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 Mt 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 will be on sale from next week. If you are able to make your house available to host a course on the night please contact Georgina on 0423665176 or mlpspc@outlook.com

Volunteers

All P&C events are coordinated by the P&C Social & Fundraising committee, which is currently looking for new members. If you would like to join our team please contact Georgina on 0423665176 or mlpspc@outlook.com

P&C Facebook Group

A closed facebook 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 2018 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 2018.

Programs

Parenting Courses – Relationships Australia

Relationships Australia WA has been providing relationship support services for individuals, couples, families and communities. A non-profit community service organisation that are providing Parenting Courses throughout 2018. For more information please click [here](#)

PLAYTENNIS @ Mt Lawley Tennis Club is offering a **FREE** first lesson to new players! Hot Shots tennis programme with accredited tennis coaches offering lessons Monday – Friday after school and Saturday mornings. Start from age 3 +.

For more information, click [here](#) , call Rhys 0401 873 440 or Email rhys@playtennis.com.au

Play Soccer with Inglewood United

Inglewood United invites aspiring young soccer players, boys and girls, ages 6 through to 18, to join us for the 2018 season. Playing soccer at Inglewood is all about having fun, learning new skills, developing personally and making life-long friends. For more information on our Junior Registration Day on Sunday 4th February (9am-12noon) visit <http://inglewoodunitedfc.com.au/junior-registration-day-2018/>

Mount Lawley Staff 2018

<u>Room</u>	<u>Year Level</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Ed. Assistant</u>
K1 (Gold)	Kindy	Melissa Fondacaro	W,T,F	Julie Wilson W-F
K2 (Green)	Kindy	Jessica Clifton	M,T,W	Paula Annesley M-W
K3 (Red)	Kindy	Kate Gillies	M,T,W	Jenny Sara M-F
K4 (Blue)	Kindy	Kate Gillies	Th, F	Jenny Sara Sherie Robertson (SN)
Kindy DOTT	Kindy	Kiara Leeuwangh	W	Jenny Sara
20	PP	Debbie Taylor	M-F	Caroline Praetz M,T,W,F
19	PP	Daniel Jensen	M-F	Anne Neretlis M,T,W,alt.Th,F
18	Music	Judith Walpole	M-F	
17	PP	Jenny Gordon	M-F	Sue Stott M,T,W,F
16	4	Michelle Mildern	M-F	
15	4/5	Anthea Baros	M-F	
14	Art	Jennie Downie	M-F	
13	1	Taryn Underwood	M-F	
12	1	Jasmine Praizelin	M-F	
11	1	Tina Moone	M-F	
10	2	Lee Jasper Tash Ruggiero	M-Th F	
9	2	Roz Grimes	M-F	
8	2	Tash Ruggiero Stanna Keers	M-T W,Th,F	
7	3	Helen Summers	M-F	
6	3/4	Sandy Collins	M-F	
5	3	Sheryl Green	M-F	
4	5	Theshani Kaler	M-F	
3	5	Elizabeth Gibbs Sandra Martin	M-Th F	
2	6	Greg Ash	M-F	
1	6	Ali Roberts	M-F	
	Italian (PP-5)	Christine Ashkenazy	M,T,W,Th	
	Phys. Ed (PP-6)	Nathanael Howard	M-F	
	EA	Dianne Quinn		
	EA	Linda Humble		

	EA	Alex Ridgway		
	EA	Linda Gobby		
	EA	Patricia Tan		
	Principal	Cavelle Monck	M-F	
	Deputy Principal	Sandra Martin	M-F	
	Deputy Principal	Grace Adam	M-F	
	Manager Corporate Services	Lisa Freegard	M-F	
	School Officer	Lesla Mileto	M,W,Th,F	
	School Officer	Cherie Johnson	M-W	
	Library	Nicola Brodie	M,T, Th,F	
	Chaplain	Domenica (Dom) Casci	W,F	
	School Psych.	Sheldyn Garnaut	T,W,Th	
	Gardener	David Graham	M,W,F	
	Cleaners	Tadlesh Debas Smitaben Patel Tekeste Okbagabir		