

# Newsletter



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## Dates for the Diary

Friday 13 October Pre Primary Faction Carnival	Wednesday 18 October Yr 5/6 weekly Dance Sport Commences	Friday 20 October Room 9 Year 2 Assembly
Friday 20 October P&C Disco	Saturday 28 October P&C Progressive Dinner	Friday 27 October Pre Primary Excursion
Friday 27 October Room 5 Year 5 Assembly	Thursday 2 November Board Meeting	Thursday 9 November P&C Meeting

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was fabulous to see everyone back at school yesterday, ready for a jam packed 10 weeks of learning and celebration. After my extended leave it was so nice to catch up with the staff, students and families and hear all their exciting news. One thing that did make me a little regretful about the timing of my leave is that I was not here to see my beloved Green faction win the Athletics Carnival, the first time Green will be engraved on a shield that was inaugurated in 2012. Congratulations Green! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Jared Lawson who so ably filled the principal shoes in my absence, aided by the supportive and efficient Mrs Anthea Phoenix, Mrs Christine Ashkenazy and Mr Nathanael Howard. It does indeed take a village to raise a child and when one person is unavailable there are many others that take on the responsibility and ensure student's needs are met.

The staff started the term on Monday with a very full program of professional dialogue around behaviour management and developing individual behaviour plans. Taking the time to work collaboratively our teachers also planned for this very busy reporting term. It is always inspiring to work with dedicated professionals who put students first, always!

Our comparative NAPLAN results are now available. From 2023, NAPLAN results are reported against proficiency standards, with student achievement shown against 4 levels of proficiency. These proficiency standards are reported on reset NAPLAN measurement scales resulting in a new NAPLAN time series beginning from 2023. Results from 2023 on cannot be directly compared to results from 2008 to 2022. This means no NAPLAN to NAPLAN progress or previous proficiency levels will be reported until 2025. Together with the move to an earlier NAPLAN in March, these changes meet an initiative of the 2019 National School Reform Agreement. What this means for our school community is we will not be able to report on progress or trends in quite the same way as we have previously.

This is a very brief overview of the mean scores for our tested students compared to like schools and nationally.

Year 3 54 students	Numeracy	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation
School Mean	426	424	426	432	421
Like School Mean	446	444	446	442	452
National Mean	406	404	417	404	409
Year 5 75 Students	Numeracy	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation
School Mean	540	528	524	528	554
Like School Mean	541	536	522	531	543
National Mean	488	496	483	490	496
2022 Year 6 Year 7 Data 41 Public Students	Numeracy	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation
School Mean	591	570	564	582	567
National Mean	538	536	534	539	539

You will see from this our mean scores are, as expected, generally much higher than the national mean, but not meeting our goal of being like, or better than like schools. It is a goal we continue to aspire to.

We continue to look at the data and analyse it at an individual, cohort and whole school level to drive school improvement. If you would like gain a thorough understanding of our data, please come along to the MLPS Board Annual General Meeting on November 2, at 5.30pm in the staff room.

It is a little poignant as I start this term as it will be my last one at MLPS. After repeated urging from my retired husband, aging parents and children I have made the difficult decision to retire at the end of 2023. I have loved my time at MLPS and no doubt I will take the opportunity, as the term progresses and we have our many celebrations, to reminisce about my 21 years here as deputy and acting principal. We are speaking with Education Department representatives to ensure a smooth leadership transition occurs at the end of the year. You can be reassured that we will always work, following due process, to ensure the best outcome possible for the MLPS community. As news becomes available about the principal position for 2024 it will be communicated to you.

As always, my door is open. We value your feedback and value your opinions and contributions. We can't do something about things we don't know about. Sometimes we can't do anything about what you are concerned about, but we can explain our thoughts and processes in these cases.

Take the time to enjoy the last term of 2023 and the many events and celebrations to come over the next few months.

Take Care

Sandra Martin

## MLPS School Survey

### The MLPS School Survey is Coming Next Week!

We highly encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas to help us celebrate what we have done well as a school, as well as the areas in which we can improve. It would be fabulous if everyone in the school community participated to give us considered feedback to help us grow.

Once you have completed the survey, please drop in to the office so you can submit your child's name into the draw for one of four \$20 book vouchers from Beaufort Street Books. We will draw the winners at the school assembly on Friday 17 November. Please contact the office on 9238 0800 if you have any questions.

**We value all feedback but the most valuable, is feedback we can share.**

## Class Planning 2024

We have commenced developing our classes for the 2024 school year, and it is very important that we are working with accurate student numbers. If your child/children are not attending MLPS next year, please let us know as early as possible by emailing [mountlawley.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:mountlawley.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

If you have any educational exceptional circumstances that you would like taken into consideration for your child's class placement for 2024, please provide them in writing to [Sandra.Martin1@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Sandra.Martin1@education.wa.edu.au) by Friday 27 October (Week 3 Term 4).

## Term 4 Library Borrowing

Last library borrowing in Term 4 will be Week 6 for Year 6 and Week 7 for Pre Primary to Year 5. During the term any students with books overdue for more than 2 weeks will have a letter sent home requesting payment so the book can be replaced. If the book is found, please return and your account will be adjusted accordingly.

## Scholastic Book Club

Issue 7 of Scholastic Book Club will be sent home this week and orders are due by Monday 23 October by 3pm. This is a bumper issue with lots of great gift ideas and special prices. Orders can be made online via [LOOP](#) or cash by filling in the order form at the back of the catalogue and placing correct money in the box in the library.

All orders will be delivered to the students classroom on arrival. If you wish for the items to be a surprise, please clearly write GIFT on the order form or tick GIFT box when ordering online. You will then be advised when the GIFT order has arrived, and it will be available to be collected from the front office.

Thank you for your support with Scholastic book club. Each order earns points to the school to redeem for resources that every student can enjoy.

## MLPS LEGO Masters

We had an incredible 74 teams of two sign up for LEGO masters, so are now running 7 heats on Monday and Tuesday lunch times over the next 5 weeks. Heats lists can be found on the library notice boards outside the library and undercover area as well as attached [here](#). Please check carefully when you need to attend your heat.

On the day of your heat.

- Come to the library on the first lunch bell and eat your lunch on the verandah.
- By the second lunch bell all students must be finished lunch.
- On Mrs H and Mrs Brodie instruction everyone will enter the library.
- Theme for the heats will be given on the day.
- Two winners from each heat will move into the Grand Final in week 6.
- Winners of the heats will be announced at Friday's assembly.

Good Luck to all students taking part in this years LEGO Masters.

## P&C Traffic Management Group

October is WA Bike Month, and to celebrate active transport the P&C Traffic Management Group are organising the official launch of Walking School Buses!

### MLPS Walking School Buses

#### Date:

Week 3, Friday 27 October (fortnightly)

#### Time:

8:00am

#### Meeting points:

Woodsome St - Clifton St - Clotilde St (refer to map)

#### How to join in:

If you would like to join the Walking Bus, register your child's name and details using the form on Qkr! and look out for the Connect notice for further details.

We would love some extra volunteers to help those who have already put up their hand to be Bus Conductors. If you are interested in volunteering, please let the P&Cs Traffic Management Group know via Qkr!

P.S. MLPS is an advocate for active transport. During Term 4, MLPS will be conducting a Your Move 'Hands Up' survey to see how active we have been...so continue walking, scooting, and riding!



**A Walking School Bus is**  
a group of children who walk to school together  
from a designated location along a route accompanied by adults  
to ensure they arrive to school safely

## Board Meeting

**Q: What are you doing on Thursday 2 November from 5.30pm-7.30pm?**

**A:** Coming to the Annual Public Meeting for Mt Lawley Primary School Board!

Come along to keep up to date with important school issues, including presentation of the 2023 NAPLAN data. Parents/caregivers considering nominating for 2024 positions are particularly encouraged to observe meetings in action.

MLPS Board hope to see you in the staffroom!

## Summary of Board Meeting 7 September

### Mount Lawley Primary School Board Meeting was held 7 September 2023

**Welcome, Introductions & Apologies:** Apologies from Saul Karnovsky (SK), Catherine Pearce (CP) and Nathan Curnow (NC). Sandra Martin on leave.

**Acknowledgement of Country:** JL completed.

**Disclosure of Interests:** Nil.

**Decision – Minutes of Meeting 10 August 2023:** The minutes of the meeting on 10 August 2023 were accepted by AG and seconded by AH and approved.

#### Understand – Chair Report

- SZ will provide a summary of leadership update that is briefer than minutes to facilitate Board communication with community.

#### Understand – Finance Report

- LM reported tracking well with locally raised funds and cost centre managers and classrooms finalising spending.
- Just under 95% of goal of 85% collection of voluntary contributions.
- Board will **note** budget at next meeting and **approve** personal items, as well as **approve** voluntarily.

#### Understand – Principals Report

- JL update regarding Term 4 staffing.
- Discussion around Individual Disability Allocation (IDA) funding, including categories funded and clarification that funding was allocated to school for use as needed, rather than specifically for EA time.
- Projected enrolment for 2024 is 514 students. School is carefully considering classroom structures for 2024 to leave room for late enrolments, whilst creating class sizes that are financial sustainable.

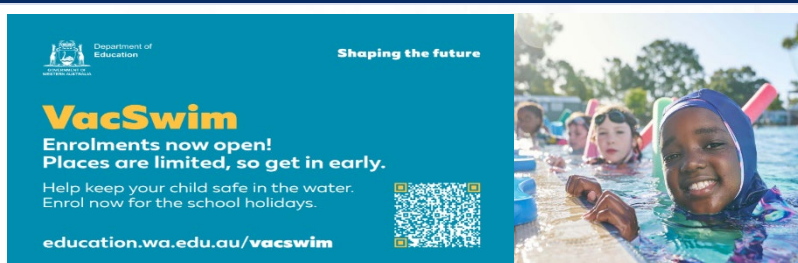
#### Understand – Parent Survey

- JL discussed questions changes affected data tracking over years, hence changes kept to a minimum.
- Discussed previous change of title from Board survey to Parent Survey as questions are operational. Board does not influence operational aspects of school.
- Discussion regarding use of comments
  - Can this data be measured and used?
  - Hope that families would be comfortable to have a face-to-face discussion with staff even if it feels uncomfortable.
  - Concerns about unnecessarily personalised comments that are negative and cannot be followed up effectively as survey is anonymous.
- JL discussed working on the school culture so that any concerns that can be addressed are addressed over the school year.
- Start, stop, continue require comments and elicit helpful information about needs/concerns/strengths.
- Suggestion was to consider removing comments from other sections as this tends to lead to pages of comments that cannot be actioned. This runs the risk of parents feeling they were not listened to.
- Consider asking school community to send in any additional comments via email so these can be addressed effectively.
- Additionally, remind families of the different avenues for feedback/concerns etc.

#### Make – Board 2024

- Discussed tenures. TK's tenure ends December 2023 and she will not be renominating. TK requested "lead" board member to manage Board visibility strategy including updating website with new member information. CA and AH will take on this role.
- TK also discussed vacancy for Secretary role, no EOI from Board members attending.

## VacSwim



The advertisement features a blue background on the left with white and yellow text. It includes the Department of Education logo, the slogan 'Shaping the future', and the 'VacSwim' title. Below this, it states 'Enrolments now open! Places are limited, so get in early.' and provides the website 'education.wa.edu.au/vacswim' and a QR code. On the right, there is a photograph of children swimming in a pool, with one child in the foreground wearing a blue swim cap and smiling.

**Referendum Sausage Sizzle – Volunteers Needed**

Help is needed to run the sausage sizzle and bake sale at the Referendum on Saturday 14 October. Please sign up [here](#) to assist on the day if you are able. It's usually a very busy day and we will need all the help we can get, so feel free to also turn up on the day even if it says spots are filled.

We would appreciate your support of bake goods donations too. Baked goods can be dropped to the canteen on Friday 13 October or early morning Saturday 14 October.

Any questions please email [events@mlpssc.org](mailto:events@mlpssc.org)

**Fluoro Disco**

Tickets are now available to be purchased on Qkr!  
Volunteers are also needed for the disco, please sign up [here](#).



**Community News**

Home / Workshops / Raising Children in a Digital World

### Raising Children in a Digital World

Participants will learn strategies to help them support their children in a digital world including how to best use technology to enhance their child's development, rather than detract from it.

Audience: Parents    Age: 4-12 years    Duration: 2 hours

Home / Workshops / Kids and Anxiety

### Kids and Anxiety

Whilst some feelings of anxiety can be a normal part of children's development, an increasing number of children are experiencing higher levels of anxiety that are impacting on their everyday life. This information session aims to assist parents and caregivers to understand anxiety and provides simple strategies for parents and caregivers to use at home.

Audience: Parents    Age: 2-12 years    Duration: 2 hours

Book here - [Raising Children in a Digital World - Ngala](#)

Book here - [Kids and Anxiety - Ngala](#)

Play Tennis are running before school tennis clinics again this term at Mount Lawley Primary School and have now added an extra day!

**PP-Year 2: Tuesday 7.45am - 8.30am and Year 3 – 6: Monday 7.45am - 8.30am**

**Cost:** \$140 per child

**Duration:** 8 Weeks

**To enrol:** go directly to this link <http://www.playtennis.com.au/primary-school-tennis/> and follow the prompts to Mount Lawley Primary School

**OR**

Fill out the form (available from the front office) and return it by email directly to [rhys@playtennis.com.au](mailto:rhys@playtennis.com.au) or call Rhys on 0401873440 and bring payment along to the first lesson or pay by direct banking from the emailed invoice.

**First session will commence Week 2 Monday 16 & Tuesday 17 October and runs for 8 weeks consecutively.**

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Start date: 20/10/23  
Time: 3:20pm  
Ages: 4-13yrs  
Cost (Incl Gst): \$140  
Venue: Mount Lawley Primary School Oval  
Mob: 0451 172 877  
Email: [perth@grasshoppersoccer.com.au](mailto:perth@grasshoppersoccer.com.au)  
Visit [www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au](http://www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au) to see the other Grasshopper Programs we offer!

**CHECKLIST**

- Parents need to remind children of starting date.
- All participating students need to fill in a form with payment attached.
- You will be notified if program has been cancelled & money will be refunded.
- Wet weather programs run if required.

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**ENROLMENT FORM**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ PCODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ MOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt, Shorts & Hat (Please Circle):  SM  M  LRG (Optional \$70)

**Medical Conditions:** \_\_\_\_\_

At the end of the afterschool clinics, does your child? **Go to aftercare?**  **Get Collected?**

Parents consent: I hereby authorise Grasshopper Soccer to act on my behalf if my child requires medical attention, and release Grasshopper Soccer from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Grasshopper Soccer Programs.

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit card.  
Credit Card: (please circle)  Visa  Mastercard  
Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card Expiry: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Payment Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Return your form before 17<sup>th</sup> Oct to Email: [perth@grasshoppersoccer.com.au](mailto:perth@grasshoppersoccer.com.au) OR ph: 0451172877

Enrolment forms will not be processed without payment. Do not leave enrolment forms at the school office.

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