

# Newsletter



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Edition 1, Week 1, 1 February 2022

| Dates for the diary                            |  |                              |  |
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| P&C Welcome Back Event<br>Saturday 11 February | Year 6 Camp<br>14 February – 17 February | Board Meeting<br>23 February | Kaboom Percussion Incurion<br>Friday 3 March |

Dear Parents, Staff and Community Members,

Welcome back one and all, for what we hope is going to be a great year! A special welcome to all our new staff and families. We hope you enjoy being part of the Mount Lawley Primary School community. Thank you to everyone, staff, families, and students, who have worked so hard to make the beginning of the year so smooth and seamless. It has been a joy to walk around the school today and see so many happy students.

We worked hard at the end of 2022 and the beginning of 2023 to structure our classes, make class placements, and ensure we had staff ready to teach. I'd like to particularly acknowledge Ms. Lesa Mileto, Manager Corporate Services, for the many hours she spent during the holidays helping with the recruitment and contracting of staff and ensuring our school was ready for day one! We have several new staff faces around the school, hopefully you will get to meet them all over the course of first term.

We'd also like to welcome Casey Neame (School Psychologist) and Julee Clark (School Officer) to our team. We sadly said goodbye to Gina Ierace after the holidays, we wish her every success in her new position at TAFE International. Updated staff details are on our Webpage.

| 2023 Classes    |      |  |            |      |                     |
|-----------------|------|--|------------|------|---------------------|
| Year Level      | Room | Staff Member                             | Year Level | Room | Staff Member        |
| 6               | 1    | Joel van der Meer                        | 2/3        | 9    | Sheryl Green        |
| 6               | 2    | Nathanael Howard /<br>Faye Baros         | 2          | 13   | Natasha Ruggiero    |
| 6               | 3    | Ali Roberts                              | 2          | 10   | Chloe Wu            |
| 5               | 4    | Isabella Greco                           | 1          | 12   | Kyle Cameron        |
| 5               | 5    | Elizabeth Gibbs /<br>Caoimhleann O'Leary | 1          | 11   | Jasmine Praizelin   |
| 5               | 6    | Mable Wong                               | 1          | 14   | Elizabeth Martin    |
| 4               | 15   | Alexia Pinto / Luke<br>Fogliani          | PP         | 19   | Dan Jensen          |
| 4               | 16   | Jennifer Downie /<br>Michelle Mildern    | PP         | 20   | Debbie Taylor       |
| 4               | 17   | Anthea Pheonix                           | K          | K1   | Sam Cottee          |
| 3               | 7    | Richard Murphy /<br>Emma Shaw            | K          | K2   | Jessica Clifton     |
| 3               | 8    | Roz Keays / Helen<br>Wilcox / Emma Shaw  | K          | K3   | Kate Gillies        |
| Music           | 18   | Judith Walpole                           | Sport      | -    | Dylan Cruz          |
| Digital<br>Tech | -    | Alison Hawkesford                        | Italian    | -    | Christine Ashkenazy |
| PP HASS         | -    | Emma Shaw                                |            |      |                     |

If you have any concerns or queries about your child, in the first instance please organise a time to speak with your child's classroom teacher. Please be aware that first thing in the morning is the busiest time for a teacher with all the students arriving, so this time is only suitable for a quick relay of information. If you need a longer time, please email the teacher to arrange an appointment time, along with the reason you would like to meet so the teacher can be well prepared to assist you.

Early Childhood, Middle and Upper Years have Line Managers who they work with and who oversee these year levels. You can also get in contact with them if you need to:

Early Childhood (K-2): Grace Adam [Grace.Adam@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Grace.Adam@education.wa.edu.au)

Middle (Years 3 & 4): Jared Lawson [Jared.Lawson@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Jared.Lawson@education.wa.edu.au)

Upper (Years 5 & 6): Ali Roberts [Sandra.Martin1@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Sandra.Martin1@education.wa.edu.au)

As a service to working families we will again be offering Before School Supervision for parents who need to drop their child off at school before 8.30am. Starting from 8am, PP-6 Students can be dropped off to the undercover area via the Second Avenue gate. All students arriving before 8.30am are expected to meet in the undercover area. Students are required to sit and talk or read quietly at this time. When the bell goes at 8.30am, students go to their classes. We will monitor the number of students accessing this service and may need to make changes if our numbers grow as they did towards the end of 2022.

From 8.30am, the Centenary Gates on Third Ave will also be opened. As the supervising staff member leaves the gate it will be locked. The gate on Third Avenue closest to Room 20 will be unlocked at this time to allow late comers to enter and parents to leave. This will assist us in keeping our students safe. Please make sure this gate is closed as you leave. The gate will be locked at 9.15am. Please note the gate outside Rooms 11 and 12, adjacent to the mud kitchen, is locked at all times for the safety of students.

No students should be at their classes before 8.30am. Students are not permitted upstairs until the 8.30am bell, even if accompanied by a parent.

Once students go into class, please assist us by helping them settle quickly and then leave so we can start the day. Prolonged goodbyes often cause more worry for the child, making it more challenging for them to settle. A few nerves or worries are completely normal for children to experience and the best way to support your child is to say a cheery goodbye and head out into your day. Our staff are able to engage with the children and help them settle reasonably quickly. Please feel free to give the office a quick call if you wish to check in and please be reassured that if your child is really in distress, the teacher will contact you immediately.

At pick up we request parents do not meet their child upstairs, please wait for them at the base of the library stairs in the undercroft. We are also asking that parents leave the school grounds no later than 3.45pm each afternoon. A reminder that the students are not allowed to access any school equipment after school or play in the nature playground. Students must be supervised by a parent at all times when playing after school. We thank you for your support with this.

Our assemblies and Honour Certificates will remain the same as last year. There will be class assemblies of a Friday. We will have a schedule placed on the website calendar as soon as it is finalised, of special events, junior primary (Year PP-3) and senior primary (Year 4-6) assemblies. Parents are invited to attend. Each class will have responsibility for an assembly during the year, separating the juniors and seniors so we all fit into the undercover area safely. The students will perform a modest item that is in line with the curriculum they are studying. These assemblies will also include the recognition of exemplary students with the presentation of Honour Certificates. We will continue the whole school celebrating and observance of special events (for example Italian Week, NAIDOC Week, Harmony Day and Book Week) and also showcase our choirs, instrumental music students and dancers. A revamped format of assemblies on a Monday afternoon, for students only, has been timetabled.

Honour Certificates will be awarded at each class assembly and awarded on merit. It is possible that all students in a class may not be awarded a certificate. Parents will be notified if their child is receiving a certificate.

Thank you to the P&C who have organised our first school event, the Welcome Back Afternoon. We hope to see you all 2.00pm - 5.00pm Saturday 11 February. We encourage all families, especially those new to the school to come along as it's such a lovely way to get to know each other. More information is in this newsletter. An enormous thank you to Tara Kelso for organizing this event. It sounds like so much fun.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the welcome back event as I am taking some leave. I will be absent from Thursday 9 February to Monday 27 February. In my absence Mrs. Grace Adam will be acting in the Principal role, ably assisted by Mr Jared Lawson and Mrs Helen Willox (Monday, Tuesday and Friday)

Remember to check our website for the school calendar which keeps an up-to-date record of the events happening at school.

Please feel free to come and see me any time, my door is always open. If you're a new parent and would like to come and introduce yourself, that would be lovely too. Welcome back, everyone!

Take care  
Sandra Martin

## Library

The library opening days for 2023 are Tuesday to Friday and will be closed on Mondays. All books are to be returned in the morning and any borrowing outside of class library time can be done during lunch Tuesday to Friday.

Library borrowing will commence in Week 3. Please ensure you have a library bag to safely take books to and from school. Great sturdy library bags can be purchased through the uniform shop. We do have a no bag no borrow policy to ensure books are kept in the best possible condition. Students in Year 1-3 will also take their home readers during library so will also require a green homework folder on library day. Your library day and time will be advised by your teacher next week.

If anyone still have library books from 2022, can they please be returned to the library by the end of the week.

Looking forward to seeing the students and hearing what their reading adventures were over the holidays.

### Scholastic book club

Mount Lawley Primary School participate throughout the year in Scholastic Book Club. Each term 2 catalogues go home for students to purchase books and stationery. Ordering can be made online via LOOP (ensure when registering that you select Mount Lawley Primary School) or cash by filling out the form on the back of the catalogue and placing correct money with order form in the book club box in the library. When orders arrive, they will be delivered to the student's classroom. If you wish to order a surprise order anytime through the year, mark the online order or form with GIFT and you will be notified on arrival that the order can be collected from school reception. All orders made through Book Club earn rewards that the library redeem for resources for all students to enjoy.

Issue 1 catalogue is out now and will be distributed by classroom teachers by early next week. Orders are due by Tuesday 14 February.

[www.scholastic.com.au/loop](http://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

Mrs. Nicola Brodie

## Green Warrior Club

The Sustainability team will be running a Green Warrior club this year. Each term expressions of interest will go out to students. From these applications 10 students a term will be selected to assist the green team in keeping our school sustainable and waste wise. Keep an eye out on Connect for more information and expressions of interest soon.

## P&C

Welcome back to all the Staff, Students and Families. A big and warm welcome to the new students and families that are joining us this year. Our school and community is fantastic and you are in the right place.

I hope everyone will join us on Saturday 11 February from 2pm to 5pm at the School for our Welcome Event. I am sorry I will not be there as I will be in Melbourne. However, there will be members of the P&C there so please do go and say hi. Keep an eye out around the School to purchase raffle tickets to win some gift hampers. You can also purchase on the day of the event. Prizes will be drawn at the event. If you have some clothes you would like to donate, please bring them to the office. We will be selling used clothes at the event with all proceeds going to the P&C. Please direct any questions to the fantastic Tara Kelso who is running the event. Thank you Tara, I know it will be amazing.

We will have a new social and fundraising committee this year so keep a look out for the calendar which is likely to be circulated after the AGM.

The P&C AGM and first general meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday 2 March 2023 in the Staff room. At the AGM, all office bearer roles, executive roles and committee chair roles are available. If you are interested in nominating for a role, forms will be circulated via Connect in the coming weeks. If you would like to join as a member for this year, please come along to the first meeting to sign up and bring a \$1 coin. Meetings are held once a term on the Thursday of week 5 of the term. Please come and show your support in any way you can, big or small, it is all appreciated.

We are still on the hunt for a Canteen 2IC. If you know anyone who might be interested, please contact me. We would like to open the canteen an extra day as soon as possible but cannot find anyone to employ. This is a paid position.

If you are on Facebook, please find the P&C page as there are lots of updates and information posted to the page. Please ensure you answer the questions to join or you will not be accepted.

I look forward to all 2023 has to bring to the School and hope everyone has a wonderful year.

Breanna Catania, President

## P&C 2023 Welcome Event

Saturday 11 February 2pm-5pm

Join us for a relaxed afternoon to celebrate 2023 together.

Kids please remember to bring along your adults, as this is not a drop and leave event.

There will be beverages from [The Little Retro Rascal](#) and Nunzio's world famous mobile pizza. [Nunzio's Mobile Pizza](#) Families are also welcome to bring their own picnics and set up a rug on the lawn.

A mini market in the undercover area with an incredible array of businesses including:

[ookie creations](#) - lanyards, bag tags, necklaces & more

[Ok Bloomer](#) - Plants, plants and more gorgeous plants

[gumdots](#) - Cards, nature based tasks and original art

[Bonjour Goods Co.](#) - Bespoke, delicious muesli

Art by Imogen - Original art, brooches and more from a talented former MLPS student

A second hand clothing stall to promote sustainability.

And a stall from Beaufort Community Centre to show the opportunities they offer, including Spoonville...!

We will also have:

2pm-3pm Drumming to join in or just listen to

3pm-4pm Learn some basket skills with Redhage basketball coaches

4pm-5pm Hone your netty skills with our netball coaches

Bring the family including the grandparents, aunts and uncles!

CLOTHES DONATIONS: please donate any quality clothes items that you have for our eco store. There is a box in reception

RAFFLE: keep an eye out for our raffle sales during the week and on the day

Tara Kelso

P&C

## Student Leader Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a new year. We are delighted to announce the student leader assembly will be on 10 February, Week 2. The student leaders will be hosting their first fundraiser for Heart Kids. Heart Kids focusses on young children with heart conditions. We are working with Dom Casci who is the School Chaplain. It is very important to her as she has personal experience with this worthwhile charity. To raise money for this charity we would like to encourage children to wear pink or red on the day and kindly provide a gold coin donation. Your generosity means heart kids and their families will continue to receive on-going vital support where they are at their most vulnerable.

The student leaders will collect the donations after the assembly from the classrooms.

Student Leaders,

Eliza, Harrison, Sophia and Cohen.

*Sweetheart  
Day?*



## Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open ODD WEEKS of Term (i.e. Week 1,3,5,7,9) on Thursdays from 8.30am-9.30am.

### Uniform Shop dates for Term 1:

2 & 16, February

2, 16, 30 March

### Volunteers

The uniform shop is run entirely by parent volunteers, from ordering to deliveries to running the shop. If you would like to help out and meet new people and gain new skills, please contact Katie at [mlpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:mlpsuniformshop@gmail.com)

Cheers

Katie

## WELCOME BACK

The Traffic Management Group (TMG) hopes you have had a **safe and enjoyable** holiday.

The TMG would like to welcome the **new and existing** school community to MLPS.

The **aim of the P&Cs TMG** is to assist in improving road safety around MLPS and promote active transport such as walking, riding and scooting to/from school with the aim of minimising car use.

Refer to the TMG's  
Traffic Management Plan  
[here](#)

### The Plan includes:

- Kiss 'n' drive etiquette & the informal one way system
- Respecting your neighbours and their verges
- Abiding by the City of Stirling's parking rules.

A huge thank you to Manjusha Thorpe!

The TMG would not be able to do the above without the support of the school community and volunteers.

Manjusha has been with the TMG for over one and a half years & some of her efforts include:

- holding a successful walking bus trial and leading it to a point where they may come into fruition
  - compilation of the Your Move stories and the creation/vetting of TMG messages
  - coordination of the colouring competition and selection of student winners
    - her honesty and ideas for the meetings, emails, and events.

- Thank you -



Please email the team (Kirsten, Alan and Sharnie) on [contact@mlpspc.org](mailto:contact@mlpspc.org)

## Year 6 Leavers Shirts

It is a lovely Year 6 tradition to have all the names of the graduating class printed on the back of the Leavers t-shirts.

If your child would like one (or more), please purchase from the Uniform Shop asap, you can do so using the QKR app, and it will be delivered to your child's room, or the next Uniform Shop day is tomorrow, Thursday 2 February if you prefer to go in person and try on sizes.

At 8.30AM THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY we will be collecting shirts to be printed, plus money (\$7 per shirt, cash only) in the undercover area and then in each of the Year 6 classrooms. Shirts must be CLEAN and clearly LABELLED with your child's name.

We will be checking with your child that their name is spelled correctly on our form. Should they wish to have a different preferred name to what is on the school list, please contact me to confirm this. Any changes will need to be approved by the relevant parents before going ahead (we will contact you if you haven't contacted us). Should you not want your child's name printed on the Leaver's Shirt, please contact me.

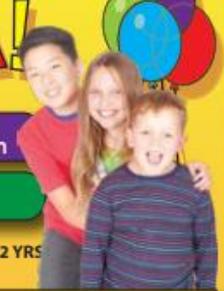
Please do not let your child wear a shirt that is to be printed on. Any body odour in the nylon material will be strongly sealed into the garment, and surrounding garments during the printing process FOREVER, and apparently is pretty bad.

As this is a one-off printing process, we cannot proceed until every student who wishes to get a shirt printed has submitted their shirt/s and money.

Thank you for helping us get the shirts in on time, so they can be printed (while they are at camp) and returned to the Year 6 students as soon as possible. If you know your child is not going to be at school on Thursday 9 February, please contact Bria on 0478 615 862 and we can arrange a drop off time.

Bria & Rhianna

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