



LEARNING ASSISTED PROGRAM (LAP) 2020

LAP has been running *in Australia for over 36 years*. It started as a program to support students who were struggling with reading by **recruiting parents and other community members to become involved in supporting** these students, so that they have a more **positive learning experience**.

LAP was created to **identify those students that required a little extra support**. Volunteers (parents/student community members) are **the essential element in making this program function** and be successful. If the volunteers/tutors give a child two **30 minutes sessions (or one 60 minute session) of one on one attention**, it can make a huge difference in the child's confidence and attitude to learning. The rapport that develops between the tutor and the student is primary to the program's effectiveness in **bringing about change**.

The **individual time spent** with a LAP child, making them feel important and having **positive learning experiences** enables the child to take these attitudes/knowledge/skills back to the classroom.

The program can be **as simple as reading a book to a child, having a chat about their weekend, playing educational board games, doing a jigsaw puzzle, completing educational computer games, assisting with sight words and sounds, working on basic maths operations with concrete materials or gaining confidence in writing**. Teachers provide guidelines as to what is expected.

What is important is the attention that the child receives!

LAP has been running for **25 years** at Mt Lawley.

To successfully run LAP at MLPS we need volunteers for two half hours a week to mentor students. Training and support is available. Volunteers can be parents, grandparents, older siblings or any other person interested in educating.

The LAP program is coordinated by Mrs Sandra Martin (School Coordinator) and Mrs Nicola Brodie (Parent Coordinator). For further information please contact Sandra on 9238 0800.

Please complete the attached LAP Helpers slip and return to school by **Friday 13 March**. Thank you.

Mount Lawley Primary School - LAP Tutor - 2020

Name: Your Child's name:

Room No.

Volunteers Name if different to the above:

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Preferred year/age to work with

Preferred day and times to tutor

Email:

Phone: **Mobile:**

Please return to the School Office by Friday 13 March, 2020.

Thank you considering our LAP program in 2020