

Newsletter

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Lawley**
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Strive for Wisdom

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Dates for the diary

5 - 16 Feb	In-term Swimming Yr1-6	23 Feb	Class Assembly: Year 5 Room 3
24 Feb	Annual Dad and Kids Campout	5 March	Labour Day
9 March	Faction Swimming Carnival	16 March	Class Assembly: Year 2 Room 10

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,

Happy Valentine's Day one and all! I hope today's newsletter finds you hale and hearty and settling in to the routines of the school year. Swimming is nearly over (a collective sigh of relief!) and we are all looking forward to starting Week 4 with the teaching and learning program in full swing.

Last Friday I was delighted to attend the P&C welcome back to school. Rather than a movie night, the P&C organised a range of events for children, big and small and some delicious food offerings. I was able to meet more of our parent community and it was lovely to hear how your children have settled back in to school for 2018. A huge thank you to the P&C for their super organisational efforts to make the welcome evening such a success. We look forward to many more events this year – including the Dads and Kids Camp Out on February 24 and the Progressive Dinner.

The before school activities have started at 8am for children who need to be dropped to school at this time. **A reminder that children are not to be at school before 8am as there is no one to supervise them.** The weather has been great so we have been giving the skipping ropes a good work out (I even skipped in my high heels this morning!) There are also a range of activities in the undercover area. I would love to have some parents on board to make this half hour as beneficial as possible for students to get some exercise, move their bodies and work on some basic maths and reading skills – so if you are able to spend a half hour, even one morning a week – please send me an email and we will organise a roster.

Performing Arts started last week and we had 86 students attend. This week we will hold auditions for the main roles and the successful students will bring home scripts to start learning their lines. We will perform two shows in Term 2 – one in the morning for the students and then one after school for families.

I hope you have found the parent information sessions rewarding. Thank you to the teachers for making time after school and in the evenings to present to you all the classroom information you need for a successful year. I would also like to thank the representatives from the Board and P&C who have given up their time to let you know about the roles they fulfil. A fantastic initiative from the P&C this year has been the introduction of the Class Representatives, who will assist the teacher in sending out any relevant information and organising other fun events like after school play dates. If you have nominated to be a P&C Class Rep, an induction package will be coming your way very soon! Thank you to those of you who have nominated for these positions. It's another fantastic step in our commitment to providing meaningful and timely communication.



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At the end of last year, the parent survey indicated that Communication was still an issue within the school. We are working diligently to rectify this. From the teachers, you can expect a newsletter at the start of each term informing you of what will be happening in the classroom. From the office, there will be fortnightly newsletters and we are currently having our website redesigned to marry it up with our 'brand' through our Business Plan and signage. It will become our 'one stop shop' for all things to do with parent communication and we are extremely excited about the launch which is likely to be close to the end of the term. In terms of parent communication, a reminder that your first port of call is always your child's classroom teacher. If you need to have a lengthy discussion, please send an email stating the purpose of your meeting so the teacher can organise a time and prepare anything that will assist you with your enquiry. If you would like to talk to the teacher's line manager – I look after Early Childhood from K-2, Mrs Grace Adam oversees Year 3 & 4 and Mrs Sandra Martin has the Year 5 & 6. We are always happy to assist you in any way we can. Of course you are always more than welcome to come and see me with any concerns or queries. A reminder that we have the Principal's Coffee and Chat in Week 5 and 10 on a Friday at 9.30am in the staff room. This is just an informal get together to meet parents and carers and chat about what is going on around the school. If you have any other suggestions regarding communication, please let us know.

Thank you to the parents who have commented on the positive 'buzz' in the air. As always, we are busy here at Mount Lawley Primary School and we are implementing some changes in the classroom that we know will take our school from good to great. It's always lovely to have kind feedback and for parents to let us know that everything is going well.

See you in the playground.

~Ms Cavelle Monck, Principal

Reminders

No dogs on school premises:

Just a reminder that under the Education Act, dogs are not allowed in the school grounds. Please don't tie them to the inside or outside of the school fence and leave them, as there are some children who are frightened of dogs and become distressed.

Ordering Lunches:

Please remember to update your child's details for their lunch orders – especially with the new numbers of the classrooms. This means we can ensure that your child's lunch gets to them without a fuss.

Parent Meetings 2018

<u>Room</u>	<u>Year Level</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Week</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
K10402 (Gold)	Kindy	Melissa Fondacarro	3	Mon	12 Feb	6.30pm
K2 (Green)	Kindy	Jessica Clifton	3	Mon	12 Feb	6.30pm
K3 (Red)	Kindy	Kate Gillies	3	Mon	12 Feb	6.30pm
K4 (Blue)	Kindy	Kate Gillies				
20	PP	Debbie Taylor	3	Mon	12 Feb	5-6pm
19	PP	Daniel Jensen	3	Mon	12 Feb	5-6pm
17	PP	Jenny Gordon	3	Mon	12 Feb	5-6pm
16	4	Michelle Mildern	4	Mon	19 Feb	5-6pm
15	4/5	Anthea Baros	3	Tue	13 Feb	5-6pm
13	1	Taryn Underwood	3	Fri	16 Feb	4-5pm
12	1	Jasmine Praizelin	3	Fri	16 Feb	4-5pm
11	1	Tina Moone	3	Fri	16 Feb	4-5pm

10	2	Lee Jasper Tash Ruggiero	3	Wed	14 Feb	4-5pm
9	2	Roz Grimes	3	Wed	14 Feb	4-5pm
8	2	Tash Ruggiero Stanna Keers	3	Wed	14 Feb	4-5pm
7	3	Helen Summers	4	Wed	21 Feb	5-6pm
6	3/4	Sandy Collins	4	Wed	21 Feb	5-6pm
5	3	Sheryl Green	4	Wed	21 Feb	5-6pm
4	5	Theshani Kaler	3	Mon	12 Feb	5:30- 6:30pm
3	5	E Gibbs S Martin	3	Mon	12 Feb	5:30- 6:30pm
2	6	Greg Ash	4	Tue	20 Feb	5-6pm
1	6	Ali Roberts	4	Tue	20 Feb	5-6pm

Payment Options

In order to relieve teachers from the task of handling money, this year we are offering a pre-payment option for parents and have also instated a payment drop box in the front office.

To take advantage of the pre-payment option, parents can make an upfront payment via cash, cheque, credit card or direct deposit. The upfront option is a convenience for parents as Excursion and In-School Activity costs can be deducted from this amount as they occur (with parent permission). Our newly designed Activity Payment Form will be attached to future permission slips and will have the option to choose "Unallocated Credit" as the payment method. Any balance in the student's account at the end of the school year will roll over into the following year. Unallocated credit balances can also be transferred to a sibling, donated to the school, or refunded via EFT when the student leaves the school.

For families who prefer to send their payments in to school as the activities arise, a drop box is available for your convenience in the front office. Please place payments in an envelope and ensure it is clearly labelled with the activity and your child's name. Please send the correct money as change will not be given.

Performing Arts

Performing Arts started last week and will be held every Thursday afternoon from 3.15pm – 4.30pm. Performing Arts is 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 are on the website 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.



Buongiorno a tutti! I am Signora Ashkenazy and I will be teaching Italian to all the students at Mount Lawley from Pre-Primary to Year 5. I would like to thank all the staff and students for the amazing welcome I have had. It has been brilliant to see the enthusiasm the students have shown towards learning a new language.

Over the course of the year, students will be participating in a variety of learning experiences with a heavy focus on oral and aural activities. They will be given the opportunity to participate in and create role plays, learn through songs and games, create art that is based on their Italian learning and research various aspects of Italy and its heritage. They will also be developing their cultural understandings and making connections between their own family's cultural background, the Australian culture and the Italian culture.

I am really looking forward to the year ahead!

Grazie

Student Services

Chaplaincy

YouthCARE Chaplaincy in State Schools provides an integral role in meeting the needs of children. The Chaplain works to build relationships with students, families and staff to be available to:

- Offer pastoral care
- Act as a mentor
- Provide a link between the school and the local community
- Be a positive role model within the school.

Mrs Domenica Casci, Dom, as she likes to be called is part of the YouthCARE program and is a member of our newly formed Student Services team. Dom has extensive experience being a School Chaplain having worked both in primary and high schools since 2005. Dom will be in the school on Wednesday and Friday.

Referral Process: Staff can refer children to the Chaplain for a variety of issues. Parental permission is always required before proceeding with a referral. Parents may also request that their child see the Chaplain. Referral forms are available from the front office. If a parent has a concern about their child and would like to meet Dom, feel free to call the school and schedule an appointment.

School Psychology Service

Miss Sheldyn Garnaut has been appointed to Mount Lawley Primary School in the role of School Psychologist. The School Psychology Service provides support in three main areas:

Behaviour: Working with students, parents and their schools to identify and change target behaviours at the individual, group and systemic level.

Learning: Conducting assessments of students experiencing learning difficulties and/or disabilities at schools. Supporting schools in making appropriate curriculum adjustments for students in order to enhance their learning outcomes.

Mental Health and Wellbeing: Providing direct support for students experiencing mental health and wellbeing difficulties. Assisting schools and children to maximise the development of positive mental health and wellbeing.

Teachers use a referral system to access Miss Garnaut when they have concerns about a student's progress in any of these areas. Before accessing support for a student informed consent is obtained from a parent or caregiver. Parents access the school psychologist by speaking with the school's leadership team, depending on the phase of learning, or in an emergency Sandra Martin the Student Service Team Leader. The concerns will be discussed and any further actions negotiated.

Swimming Training

As part of preparation for the Faction and Interschool Swimming Carnival, Year 4 to 6 students at Mount Lawley Primary School are invited to attend swim training sessions. These sessions will be held at **Bayswater Waves**. Students are required to be in, or passed a minimum of a Stage 6 swimming level to participate in the training program. Sessions will primarily focus on starts and finishes, but include some volume of swimming. Parents will be responsible for transport to and from Bayswater Waves, as well as breakfast for the mornings. Please contact Mr Howard for more information and click [here](#) for a permission slip.

Swimming Lessons

What amazing weather we have had during our interm swimming these past two weeks. The students have been enjoying their lessons, but best of all learning. Certificates will go home next week from our swimming lessons. Keep them safe as this assists with future swimming lessons.

Well done to students, parents and staff for making the two weeks work so well. As I say, "many hands make light work."

A reminder to pay at the front office as the classroom teachers are no longer collecting money. There is a payment drop box at the front office for slips and payments.



Head Lice

There has been a report of head lice in the school. Head lice are small insects that live in human hair. The eggs look like grains of salt stuck to the hair and most often found behind the ears and along the forehead and temples. Head lice are very common, particularly in schools where children often have their heads close together. Head lice can live in the cleanest hair. It is very important to check your child's head for head lice. For further details, please click [here](#)

Library

Library lessons will begin in Week 4 after swimming lessons. Please ensure your child has a re-usable sturdy library bag to attend library. Due to the large number of damaged books last year, only students with a library bag will be able to borrow. Bags are available to purchase from the uniform shop for \$8.00.

Coles Sports for Schools

The Coles Sports for Schools program gives schools across Australia the opportunity to earn sports gear by collecting vouchers from Coles. Families will be able to collect Coles Sports for Schools vouchers for their school from Coles stores. When the program ends, schools can exchange those vouchers towards sporting equipment to encourage all kids to get healthy and active at school. Please drop your vouchers into the collection boxes in the front office and at the Kindy.

P&C News

Class Representatives

This year we're looking for class representatives to help the flow of communication from class teachers and the P&C to parents and carers. If you're interested in being the class rep for your child's class, or for further information, please contact Brooke - brookemarshall@westnet.com.au.

Mount Lawley Primary School Parents and Citizen's Association

Mount Lawley Primary School prides itself on the active role the P&C plays in:

- enhancing the cooperation between parents, teachers, students and members of the general community;
- collaborating with the school to identify areas of resource need;
- successfully implementing initiatives to raise funds; and
- assisting in directing the funds to provide for resources, facilities and amenities required by the school.

On 22 February 2018 the P&C Association will be holding its Annual General meeting (AGM) at 7pm in the school staffroom.

All positions will be declared vacant, and the P&C warmly welcomes all parents and community members who would like to be involved in the 2018 P&C Association Executive Committee to attend the meeting.

Elections will be held for the positions of President, Vice President, 2 Executive Members, Secretary and Treasurer.

Following the AGM a **P&C Association meeting will be held on 22 February 2018, at 7.30 pm in the school staffroom.** to attend to the order of business. The P&C will also be seeking volunteers to assist with its sub-committees including social and fundraising, school banking, uniform shop and traffic coordination.

We would love to see you at the meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

Icypoles will be on sale each Friday lunchtime during Term 1 in the covered assembly area. Fruit Sticks – 50c and Lemonade Icypoles – \$1

Dads & Kids Camp Out 2018

The Mount Lawley Primary School P&C Association is pleased to present the Dads & Kids Camp Out for 2018. This will be held on the school grounds on ***Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 February***. This is our sixth Dads & Kids Camp Out, designed for Dads and Father figures to spend time with their children.

Full information is available online at <https://www.trybooking.com/353677> where you can also buy your ticket (\$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. This year we are also hoping to run an entertainment activity on the Saturday evening. Any surplus funds from the event will count as P&C fundraising.

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.

For tickets please go to the event booking site: <https://www.trybooking.com/353677>

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

For further information, please click [here](#)

30th Annual MLPS 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 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/UBVW>
\$35 per person (includes drink on entry)**

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 contact 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 March 17th.
- 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 – obviously the more hosts we get means less people per circuit.
- 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 and Fundraising committee, if required.
- A couple of P&C Social and 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 click [here](#), contact Georgina Hurst on 0423665176 or email mlpspc@outlook.com.

NOVELTY WINE GLASSES: 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).

THIS POPULAR SOCIAL FUNCTION IS LIMITED TO PARENTS AND STAFF OF THE SCHOOL.

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.

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.

Programs

Looking for a fun and exciting place for your children after school?

The City of Stirling provides quality outside school hours care for Mount Lawley students, offering an exciting, rewarding and fun way to spend time after school. This service is suitable for children from Pre-Primary to Year 6 and is offered from the Inglewood Civic Centre. For more information, contact Children Services on (08) 9205 8569 or visit www.stirling.wa.gov.au/children

Parenting Courses – Relationships Australia

Relationships Australia WA provides relationship support services for individuals, couples, families and communities. For more information on their 2018 Parenting Courses, please click [here](#)

The Football Centre – Soccer Coaching

The Football Centre caters to footballers of all ages and abilities and we pride ourselves on providing a safe and inclusive environment for all players to learn, develop and have fun. An 8 week program will commence on Wednesday 21 February on the school oval from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. For further information, click [here](#)

Redhage Basketball School Program

For more information, please click [here](#) or register at www.redhagebasketball.com

COME AND TRY TENNIS AT MT LAWLEY TENNIS CLUB FOR FREE!

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

Learn Mandarin

Located at Mt Lawley Senior High School, Perth Chinese School provides a fun and nurturing environment for children to learn Mandarin. Through activities based program, children learn to speak, read and write in Chinese (Mandarin), and to gain greater appreciation of the Chinese culture and traditions. For further information, Contact Dr Hua Li – Principal 0401 686 306 perthmuzi@gmail.com <http://www.perthchineseschool.com>