

# Newsletter

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**Mount  
Lawley**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
*Strive for Wisdom*

Edition 04, Week 7, 14 March 2018

## Dates for the diary

14 March	Phonological Awareness Workshop	22 March	Board and P&C Meetings
16 March	Class Assembly: Year 2 Room 10	23 March	Harmony Day and Assembly
17 March	Progressive Dinner	27 March	Interschool Swimming Carnival

## 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,

Today I am searching for information which I hope all of you, as parents, may be of assistance. I am seeking ways in which we can, as a school, engage with our wider community. As I live south of the river, I don't have the advantage that I have had in the past where I work and live in the same community. As a school we believe it is important to understand and develop ties with those who are around us. I know we have a rich and diverse culture living in Mount Lawley and I am very open to hearing from you in ways we can draw on this diversity to make our school an even more purposeful presence. This also enables us to support our families within the school even better when our understanding of the community as a whole is well developed. I look forward to hearing from you with any ideas or suggestions you might have to encourage a deeper partnership with the community in which we live. Please feel free to email me: [cavelle.monck@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:cavelle.monck@education.wa.edu.au).

Thank you to our Phys. Ed Specialist, Mr Nathanael Howard and to Mrs Grace Adam for the fantastic preparation and organisation of the swimming carnival. The early morning swimming training certainly had a positive effect on those who participated and the students who joined in the novelty events had a great time as well. The success of these events is always down to the hard work behind the scenes and I am very grateful to have staff who always go above and beyond to provide fantastic opportunities for our students.

We had a lovely turn out to the first "Coffee and Chat with the Principal" last Friday. A mixture of brand new parents, parents in the early years and more 'seasoned' parents were happy to share how their children have settled in to the year and to give some great feedback on the direction of the school and what they have observed so far. One very important piece of advice was for us to remember to give parents *dates* rather than the *weeks* of events as they occur. As educators, sometimes we get used to conversing in our own kind of 'shorthand' and it's a great reminder that we need to use parent-friendly language. I hope this will be the start of great things to come with these informal gatherings and look forward to seeing some more faces on Friday 6 April (Week 10) when our next "coffee and chat" will take place.

In classrooms at the moment, you will find teachers focusing on "Persistence" which is one of the "Habits of Mind" that we are using this year, aligning with our work on Growth Mindset. You can support the teachers with this habit by encouraging your child to stick to something, even when it becomes a challenge. This might be attending their sporting commitment once a week or doing their homework every night. It might be cleaning their room or being kind to their siblings. Research shows that persistence or "grit" is closely correlated to future success and it is a skill our students need to learn in order to become successful twenty-first century learners. It's a great skill for us to develop as well as adults!



Please download the Mt Lawley Primary School app and stay up to date!

Student Diaries - A small number of Junior and Senior Diaries are still available for purchase for \$7.50 each.

Order your 2018 Banksia Yearbook now at the front Office



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

As always, my door is always open to parents who would like to come and see me about anything that is happening within the school.

Have a great fortnight!

See you in the playground!  
~Ms Cavelle Monck, Principal

## Student Services

The student services team operates out of the same office in the Administration Building on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. As a team, their role is to look at individual students and decide on the best pathway to assist that student to have the best outcomes academically, socially or emotionally. Sandra Martin, Learning Support Coordinator, oversees the referral of students from teachers and parents. For a child to be seen formally by student services, parent consent must be given. Students are discussed by the team and 'triaged' to determine what service will suit them best. Sheldyn Garnaut, Educational Psychologist, attends to students who are at educational risk and works with teachers, parents and the students to put in place plans that will assist the student in the classroom. She also works with teachers to implement strategies that may benefit the student. Dom Casci, School Chaplain, meets with students who may want to talk about issues that are concerning them. Although she comes under the umbrella of YouthCARE, there is no religious content when Dom deals with students. School Chaplains in WA differ from those in the Eastern states, in that they are not allowed to use religion in schools. Dom's primary role is care for kids. She is a listening ear for students facing trauma in their family and for parents who want to talk through any concerns. The student services team therefore, offer a holistic approach in the way we address the needs of all our students which allows teachers to ensure students are feeling safe and secure at school. Ultimately this means students have a better chance of achieving in the classroom.

## Parent Survey

At the end of last year, families completed the Parent Survey to give their views on how the school is traveling. Community Board Member David Abbott collated the data and then presented to the Board the results of the survey with a summary at the end of the areas we may like to focus and improve on the following year. The parent survey results are on our website. The parent survey is an excellent guide for us as a school to examine our practice and strive for improvement. The following are the top 5 areas from parents and a brief overview of what we are doing as a school to address each one.

### Communication

In the survey, parents indicated that email was their most preferred way of receiving information from the school.

#### **These are the things we are implementing to improve our communication:**

- **Class Representatives** (P&C initiative): there are two class representatives from each class dedicated to sending information on behalf of the teacher as well as organising class events.
- **Class newsletters:** The teacher will send out a class newsletter at the start of each term informing parents of what's to come, class routines and teaching and learning. Some teachers may send more (a weekly update for example) but the term newsletter is the minimum required of each teacher.
- **Fortnightly school newsletters:** This will always include a message from the Principal, keeping the school informed of where we are heading. It also includes information of events, celebrations and community notices.
- **Emails or phone calls:** to parents where teachers have concerns or celebrations for individual students.
- **Use of Dojo (upper years) and See Saw (junior years):** to communicate to parents.
- **Formal meetings:** with staff to discuss students' progress.
- **The school app:** where alerts are sent out to let parents know the latest information.
- We are also in the process of having a **new website** built and it should be ready by the end of Term 1.

Ultimately we are providing many avenues for parents to access information – but it's up to each parent to do so. We have received encouraging feedback from parents so far regarding communication and aim to continue this momentum.

### Languages

This year the Department of Education introduced the mandatory teaching of a language other than English from Year 3. After consulting the community, we adopted Italian as our language taught at MLPS. Signora Christine Ashkenazy teaches Italian from Pre-primary to Year 5 and moves from class to class to immerse the students in the language. In 2016 an agreement was signed with the Korean government to teach Korean, as at that point there was no language at the school. This means the Year 6s will continue with Korean until the end of this year and from 2019, Italian will be taught from Pre-primary to Year 6.

### *Education Improvements*

In the survey, parents answered questions around suggested improvements or changes. With the introduction of our new Business Plan, we are committed to developing whole school approaches to ensure each classroom is teaching the same concepts in order to minimise 'gaps' in learning. Our focus is on Learning Intentions, which are statements in 'child friendly' language that teachers go through with the students each day to 'tune them in' to learning and Differentiation whereby the teachers get to know each student individually to address their learning needs. The introduction of committees this year means teachers meet on a regular basis in each learning area to discuss and plan for the curriculum and meeting set targets and the resources required to ensure the school has what it needs to teach effectively. There is access for students to Literacy Intervention (in the junior years) for those who are struggling with literacy concepts, before school Extension classes for gifted and talented students, in school Extension for Year 1 gifted and talented education, Performing Arts after school, Chess during lunch times, sport throughout the day and a range of other activities that students can access to develop the 'whole' child.

### *Before and After School Care*

In 2017 members of the Board made a sub-committee with members of school staff, including the Principal and conducted a rigorous viability study of whether before and after school care could be offered on site. We approached a variety of care providers who examined our site and put forward proposals which all included the use of the covered assembly area. This would mean the school would be precluded from using this area at certain times of the day. Due to the number of activities we run on site, it was decided that this was not the best use of our space. It was with disappointment that we are unable to offer before and after school care at this time. The sub-committee findings are on the school website.

### *Acknowledgement to Country*

In the survey, some parents expressed concern regarding having an Acknowledgement to Country at each assembly. In education, the Acknowledgement to Country ties in with our curriculum delivery and cross curriculum priority areas. The Department of Education encourages Acknowledgement to Country and it is reflected in our Focus documents and plans. We will continue to include it at our assembly and other events.

## Gifted and Talented Information Afternoon

Gifted and Talented Education Awareness Week is from 18 to 25 March. As part of raising awareness we are holding a parent information session on Wednesday 21 March from 5.30pm – 6.30pm in the covered assembly area at Mount Lawley Primary School. The focus is an introduction to gifted and talented education and how we "profile" students at Mount Lawley Primary School for the before school Extension program as well as the strategies we use in the classroom. Everyone is welcome!

## K-2 Phonological Awareness

On Wednesday 14 March at 7pm in the covered assembly area, parents from K-2 (and any other interested parents) are invited to a Phonological Awareness workshop. The workshop will predominantly focus on letter and sound articulation (how to say the letters and sounds correctly) in order to help your child at home with early literacy skills. The workshop will also briefly touch on rhyming, syllables and blending sounds. We look forward to seeing you there. Please note: no children are to attend this workshop.

## Learning Assisted Program (LAP) 2018

LAP has been running **in Australia for over 35 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 **23 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 Sally Cherry (Parent Coordinator). For further information please contact Sandra on 9370 2170.

Please complete the [LAP Helpers slip](#) and return to school by **Thursday 22 March**. Thank you.

## Educational Assessment Australia ICAS

Mount Lawley Primary School will offer the ICAS, a comprehensive skills-based assessment that assesses higher order thinking and problem-solving skills, for students from Year 3 – Year 6. The assessment is not compulsory and parents can choose for their child to sit the assessment during school time with Mrs Adam. Please click [here](#) for more detailed information and a [payment form](#).

## Naplan Information and Update

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. NAPLAN tests also provide schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, see example questions at <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests>

Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers at Mount Lawley are working with the students to familiarise them with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

Pamphlets will be coming home today to provide families with information.

**Naplan is scheduled for Week Three of Term 2.**

	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May	Friday 18 May
Year 3	Language Conventions 40 mins  Writing 40 mins	Reading 45 mins	Numeracy 45 mins	Catch up
Year 5	Language Conventions 40 mins  Writing 40 mins	Reading 50 mins	Numeracy 50 mins	Catch up

## Faction Swimming Carnival



### Blue Faction Captains Report

*Congratulations to the Year 4 to 6 students on an amazing swimming carnival in 2018. The students all did very well and it was pleasing to see them all putting 100% effort in both swimming and cheering. The results were a bit surprising. Remember last year, Gold winning the carnival, well check out the results below for this year.*

*A small shout out to Year 4 on a great first carnival for them. Great job to all those students who were pushing each other at training; hopefully this will really help us again at the Interschool swimming. Lastly, thank you to Mr Howard and the parent volunteers for making the event possible.*

*~ Luca De Carolis & Demi Dal'Pozzo*

### Red Faction Captains Report

*Thank you to the Year 4-6 students for an outstanding effort at the swimming carnival. The amount of encouragement and motivation for each other was amazing. First and second places were nail-biting, with a margin of only 10 points, but in the end, Red came out on top!*

*A big thank you to all of the parent volunteers who came down, not only to support, but to make sure the carnival ran as smoothly as possible.*

*~Rosa Dickie & Matthew Bassett*

### Results

Place	Faction	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Red	504
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Green	494
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Blue	461
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gold	424



### Champions and Runner-ups

Year	Champion		Runner Up Champions	
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
4	Erica Nguyen	Jake Jolly	Renee Yu	Oscar Jolly Sameer Hart
5	Mili Tassone	Jack Dickie	Ashley Farrell	Prezley Davis
6	Rosa Dickie	Xavier Lockwood	Emily Nguyen	Aiden Helean

## Harmony Week Celebration

Harmony Week is just around the corner! Harmony week celebrates WA's rich and diverse cultural heritage and runs from 15 – 21 March.

On Friday 23 March from 11.20-12.20 all classes and interested members of the school community will attend our Harmony Day Assembly run by our student leaders. Our main message this year is that we are teaching our students the value of, **'kindness.'**

We need to teach children the importance of being kind. There are so many different characters in this life we live. We can't get on with everyone but we can make a decision to be kind, tolerant and understanding.

The assembly will be followed by a **'Family Picnic'** on the school oval from 12.20-1.10 pm. This is an opportunity to have lunch with our family and friends, a time to share our beautiful food and a great catch up. We would love to see as many families attend our lunch including our Kindy families.



Remember to wear orange or your National costume.

See you there!!!

## No-cost Sporting Excursions and Incursions

Mount Lawley Primary School frequently delivers no-cost sporting incursions, as well as excursions outside of the school. The permission form will enable your child to attend these throughout the year, without the need to continually fill out a new form. All excursions will be notified through the Mount Lawley app, website, or the newsletter. Please complete this [form](#) and return it to the class teacher, no later than Wednesday 21 March

## Library News

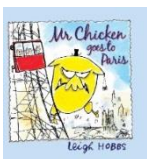
### Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic's Issue 2 catalogue is due to arrive this week. Completed order forms (from the back of the catalogue) with payment can be placed in the Book Club box in the library. Alternatively, you may wish to register, order and pay online on LOOP under Mount Lawley Primary School and your order will be delivered to the school. Orders for Issue 2 are due by **Tuesday 27 March**.

### Free Up-coming events

#### ***An evening with Leigh Hobbs Fremantle Library***

Friday 16 March 7-8pm. Leigh Hobbs Author of the Mr Chicken series will be giving a free talk at Fremantle Library. For full details visit [www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/library](http://www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/library)



#### ***Kids waste education workshop at Inglewood library.***

Wednesday 2 May 4-5pm. A free event however bookings are essential. Visit [www.stirling.wa.gov.au/libraries](http://www.stirling.wa.gov.au/libraries) and go to the What's on for Kids page for further details.

#### ***Scribblers Festival of literature and arts for young people.***

9-13 May 2018 Claremont Town Centre. For further details on all events visit [www.scribblersfestival.com.au](http://www.scribblersfestival.com.au)

### Library Bags

Thank you to all of the students coming to the library with their bags. If your child does not have a library bag, they will not be able to borrow. Library bags can be purchased from the uniform shop for \$8.

## 2019 Specialist Programs – John Forrest Secondary College

Applications are now open for the 2019 Specialist Programs at John Forrest Secondary College. An application with supporting documentation is to be lodged before attendance at the trials. For further information, please visit [www.johnforrest.wa.edu.au](http://www.johnforrest.wa.edu.au)

### **CRICKET**

JFSC Cricket Academy

### **TRIALS**

FRIDAY 6 APRIL 2018  
WACA Ground – Gate 2, Nelson Crescent

Applications close 4 April 2018  
Contact Alicia Denman on 9473 4000.

### **NETBALL**

JFSC Specialist Netball Program

### **TRIALS**

WEDNESDAY 9 and 16 MAY 2018

Applications close 2 May 2018  
Contact Alicia Denman on 9473 4000.

### **TENNIS**

JFSC Specialist Tennis Program

### **TRIALS**

FRIDAY 6 APRIL 2018  
John Forrest SC Tennis Courts – Drake Street, Morley

Applications close 4 April 2018  
Contact Alicia Denman on 9473 4000.

### **MUSIC**

JFSC Specialist Music Program

### **AUDITIONS**

BY APPOINTMENT SATURDAY 9 JUNE 2018  
John Forrest SC– Drake Street, Morley

Applications close 1 June 2018.  
Contact Ms Stephanie Parr on 9473 4029.

## Fete – White Elephant Stall Donations Required

Our Year 6 classes will be holding a Fete on Friday 6 April. A group of students will be operating a White Elephant stall selling donated toys, books and electronics gifted by our wonderful school community. Your donations for the stall would be much appreciated. There are boxes around the school to place your donations. Thank you for your support.

## Coles Sports for Schools

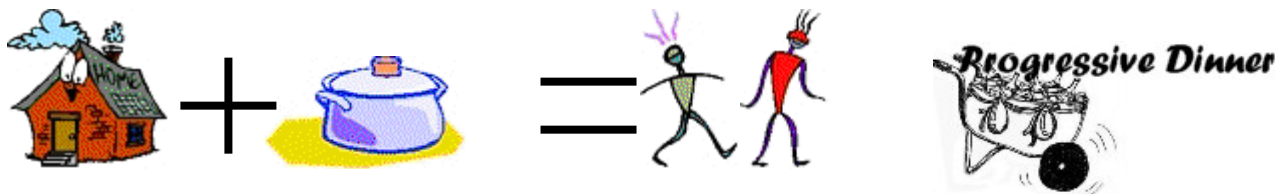
The Coles Sports for Schools program gives schools across Australia the opportunity to earn sports gear by collecting vouchers from Coles. Families will be able to collect Coles Sports for Schools vouchers for their school from Coles stores. Please drop your vouchers into the collection boxes in the front office and at the Kindy.



Icypoles – For sale every Friday lunchtime during Term 1 in the school canteen. Fruit Sticks – 50c and Lemonade Icypoles – \$1

### 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MLPS PROGRESSIVE DINNER

THIS SATURDAY 17th MARCH 2018 @ 6.30PM



#### Final Event Information

- If you are attending the dinner you should have now received an email to ask you to **provide either a soup, main course or dessert which would cater for 10 – 12 adults**. A host should have contacted you to arrange Saturday drop-off of your meal. Please contact Georgina Hurst on 0423 6651 176 or email [mlpspc@outlook.com](mailto:mlpspc@outlook.com) if you have not heard from your host yet.
- On the night, we meet at school by 6:30pm for pre-dinner drinks and nibbles which are included in the cost of your ticket. Your name will be ticked off at the door – no need for any printouts. Entrance will be via Second Avenue only.
- Please don't forget to bring your own drinks and a glass to use for the evening.
- There will be a few novelty light up wine glasses available to purchase on the night for those interested selling for \$10 each.
- A colour coded wheelbarrow with ice is provided for transporting your drinks on your journey (or you may just have to carry them if the wheelbarrow can't cope!!)
- On arrival at the school you will be allocated a colour coded name tag and you will find out what circuit you are on.
- We aim to depart from the school at 7.30pm. There will be a committee member or 2 on your circuit and they will help with keeping you on time and getting to the correct destinations.
- Dishes etc will be returned by the hosts to the canteen area in the undercover area in the days following the dinner unless you have made alternative arrangements to pick it up from the house you are delivering to.
- **DON'T FORGET YOUR SENSIBLE WALKING SHOES.** We encourage you to walk to the school but if you are driving please be mindful of our neighbours when parking. Also, please note we will not be returning to the school after desserts as a special after party for our 30th year has been arranged at another secret location!
- We hope you have a wonderful night 😊

If you have any further queries please contact Georgina Hurst on 0423665176 or email [mlpspc@outlook.com](mailto:mlpspc@outlook.com).

P&C Facebook Group - A closed face book 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.*

### **Coding Workshops at MLPS**

Term 2 for Code Using Robots Module 1 is now open. This interactive introductory workshop introduces kids to coding using robots. Suitable for children in Years 2 to 6. For further information, click [here](#)

### **School Sport Australia – Interstate Hockey 12s Team trials**

All registrations to be online <http://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/hockey/> Nominations close on the 20/4/2018. For further information, click [here](#)

### **Cyber Safety - March 27 at Wesley College**

We invite you to join Australia's foremost expert in the area of cyber safety and young people, [Susan Mclean](#), a national authority on cyber safety, she will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of. For more information, click [here](#)

### **Positive Parenting Program – Free Parenting Seminars**

Parents/carers/grandparents are invited to attend free parenting seminars to learn practical, positive and effective ways to strengthen bonds with their teenagers. For further information, please click [here](#)

### **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](http://www.stirling.wa.gov.au/children)

### **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. Places are still remaining on the program that takes place on Wednesdays 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](http://www.redhagebasketball.com)

### **TD Breakers Basketball Club**

We are looking for girls born in 2007 and 2008 to join our under 12s team. We train on Tuesdays 4.45. -5.45 at ECU Mt Lawley. Games are played on Saturdays at Morley Rec and The Rise Maylands. Please contact Kristie Bishop on 0419943064 or [bishopfive@yahoo.com.au](mailto:bishopfive@yahoo.com.au)