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Lawley**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
*Strive for Wisdom*

Edition 2, Week 3, February 20 2019

## Dates for the diary

21 February	Performing Arts 3:15 – 4:30pm (Yrs 2 to 6)	4 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
22 February	Class Assembly – Room 15, Year 4	5 March	Faction Swimming Carnival (Yrs 4 to 6)
23 February	P&C Dads and Kids Campout	7 March	Performing Arts 3:15 – 4:30pm (Yrs 2 to 6)
25 February	Kaboom Percussion In-School Activity	8 March	Class Assembly – Room 5, Year 3
28 February	Performing Arts 3:15 – 4:30pm (Yrs 2 to 6)	15 March	Harmony Day assembly and Picnic

## 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,

It was lovely to meet so many new families at the P&C Welcome Back Night last Friday. We are so pleased to have so many young families moving into the Mount Lawley area and joining our school. We also welcome Gina Ierace in the front office, who will be working with us throughout the year as a school officer. Thank you to the P&C for organising such an outstanding Welcome Back event – there were a wonderful range of activities for the students and the parents then had the opportunity to catch up with friends, old and new.

I took the opportunity to ask parents and families how they were finding our new form of communication through **Connect** and was pleased to hear that is going well for most families. The 'glitches' that some classes were having in getting out their notices appear to be resolved and it has been great to have pro-active parents coming into the office to let us know when things aren't working on the platform or if they want a bit more help with loading the app or navigating the menu. Our office staff are very happy to help and to receive your feedback. Last year in our parent survey, one area of concern was our consistency across *teacher* communication. Whilst many parents felt that overall communication had improved, when it came to teachers, it was a bit 'hit and miss'. This year all teachers will be sending out a weekly notice to keep you informed of what the class is up to. Please note, this is a *general* update and won't go into specifics of any individual child. If you wish to have a progress update or if you have any concerns or queries about your child, please send an email to the teacher to request a meeting, stating the reason why you wish to meet in order to give the teacher the opportunity to prepare for your visit.

Please note the Community2go App. will cease at the end of this month as all notifications are now going out through Connect.

Classes are settling in well and students are finding friends and working together. We are trialing a new recess and lunch timetable this term, which has a longer recess to allow the students more time to access the oval in their staggered groups (junior recess, followed by senior recess) and then a slightly shorter lunch so the students aren't out over the hottest part of the day. It is a **trial** and the teachers are also working with the Deputies with a new duty roster, which has more teachers and Admin in the Pre-Primary and junior playground, while they settle into the new routines of the school. It is a work in progress and we are constantly listening to teacher feedback and tweaking the roster and we will review it at the end of the term to see if it is something we wish to continue. The student



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feedback so far is that they are enjoying having more space on the oval to play their games and that is always a plus, given space is such an issue here.

Thanks to all of you have been attending the class parent information sessions. This is a great way to meet the teacher and understand the rules and routines of the classroom. We are still going ahead with Class Reps this year after positive feedback through our parent survey said this was something parents liked. The class rep role will evolve given our Connect communication, in that parent reps will be assisting the teacher to build a 'classroom community'. This may involve things like organising outside events for the class to get together for a picnic or play date, or for the parents to go out for an evening. If you wish to be a class rep. please email your classroom teacher for consideration and the teacher will let you know when a class rep has been decided. Thank you again to the P&C for this initiative.

School Board elections come to an end this Friday and we will announce the new Board member as soon as we are able. Under new legislation, all Board members must have a screening number through the Education Department that allows them to sit on the Board. This means whoever is successfully elected will need to obtain the screening number *before* we can announce their name formally to the community which may take up to three weeks. Our next Board meeting is next Thursday afternoon (28 February) from 5.30pm and parents are always welcome to attend and observe. It's a great way to hear what is going on in the school and to listen to the Board discuss strategic matters that affect the school as a whole. The Board meetings are always in Week 4 and 8 – so this term it will be on Thursday February 28 and then again on March 28. The meetings are in the staffroom.

We are looking forward to our first class item assembly this Friday in the undercover area starting at 8.50am. Please note due to the increase in classes and needing more space, we will no longer use chairs at the back of the assembly area for students who are receiving honour certificates. The students will now sit on the inside aisle with their class and the younger ones will most likely sit on a cushion or coloured spot so they know they are the "special" ones being honoured at the assembly. We look forward to seeing lots of parents and families attending our assemblies, as the students always do a fantastic job at presenting their item.

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who were very brave and presented their speeches for Head Boy and Head Girl on Monday morning. They spoke very well and we're excited to find out who will be our new 2019 leaders, when the electoral commission return the voting results to us. Faction Captain voting will take place next and I know there are many eager Year 6 students who are hoping to lead their faction this year. We have a lovely group of Year 6s and look forward to them showcasing their leadership skills throughout the year.

As you may be aware, our school is increasing in numbers due to families moving into our area. At the end of last year, we needed to make a decision about where to put these extra students, as creating larger classes is not the best outcome for our school. After careful consideration and looking at a number of possibilities, we are now utilising the Art room as a classroom and Mrs Downie has returned to the classroom as the Year 4 teacher. Art is still a main focus at our school as it is one of the main curriculum areas, as well as being an essential part to the holistic development of all our students. There are schools that don't have a dedicated Art Specialist, and classroom teachers are required to teach Art using the WA curriculum. This is what we will now be doing however, we are extremely fortunate to still have Jennie Downie here as a vital resource. Mrs Downie has been instrumental in assisting teachers set up their Art programs and purchase Art supplies for the whole school. Arts Night will still go ahead and the classrooms will proudly showcase the art they have been working on throughout the year. If you would like to know more about the Art curriculum that your teacher is teaching in class, please speak with them about it.

Some parents have asked why we didn't request a demountable classroom and the answer to that is two-fold; one is that the department requires you to utilise all the existing space in your school first, for example, all classrooms and wet areas, and secondly, our space is so limited we would be reluctant to diminish it further by placing a demountable in the school grounds. There may come a time when we do need a demountable in our school but we are not there yet.

I know I have said it many times before, but our school is an incredibly busy place. There is always lots going on and many, many decisions are made on any given day. There will be times when we ask for community input and other times, when it's an operational matter and we make the decision on what we deem is best for the *whole* school. Some decisions will be shared through communication channels and others may come to you via the students or more 'organically' as you see things changing around the school. My door is always open and I am happy to meet with you if you ever have any concerns, queries or suggestions or feedback (either negative or positive). Please come and ask for clarification about anything at any time – we are always happy to share with you what is happening in the school where it doesn't impact on staff or student's confidentiality. If you are unhappy or confused or have heard something; the best thing to do is to ask us for clarification. If you want to have a robust discussion, that's okay too. I consider myself to be a life-long learner who is always learning and growing; if you have ideas you wish to share, please come and see me. Our school community is diverse and I welcome your input into the things that affect you. I look forward to speaking with you some time soon.

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

## Before School Supervision

Before school supervision is offered from 8am to all students from Pre -Primary to Year 6. **ALL** students who are being supervised **MUST** come to the courts.

If you are a Pre - Primary parent and sit outside the classroom with your child before school, please note that your child needs to sit beside you. There is **NO** playing in the school grounds before school or on the playgrounds or equipment. The Pre -Primary teachers will be setting up the obstacle course before school for their Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) program later in the day and students (and their siblings) are not to play on it.

There should be no students playing in the junior playground and if students are with their parents, they are expected to sit nicely or come to the courts and skip or sit with their friends. Please support us with our before school supervision, as there are some days that we also have parents as supervisors and we need to be clear about the rules for all.

Students that bike, scooter or skateboard to school must walk once they enter the school grounds and take their mode of transport to the bike racks.

## Parent Workshops

Last year we held a series of parent workshops throughout the year on a variety of topics. Many of these were very well attended and we received positive feedback. I would be very keen to hear from you as to any workshops you might like us to organize this year that you would find helpful. Please email me: [Cavelle.Monck@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Cavelle.Monck@education.wa.edu.au) with your suggestions.

## Traffic Committee

Our traffic committee will be delivering a traffic workshop on **Tuesday 19 March from 7pm to 9pm**. This workshop will be open to our school families as well as the surrounding community to attend. The traffic committee will present the results of the survey they conducted at the end of last year and the emerging themes from that survey. We will be looking to all of you for your input with the view to develop a dynamic traffic management plan.

## P&C School Traffic Survey Update

Last year at the end of Term 4 our P&C's School Traffic Committee developed a Traffic Survey to gauge insight from MLPS parents/ carers on the school's traffic. We had an awesome response, 30 pages of valuable feedback! Thank you to everyone who completed the Traffic Survey!

Some key messages included:

- 74% of respondents have experienced unsafe or negative road traffic behaviours. Only 5% were satisfied with the current situation, which confirms we need to look at ways to improve school traffic;
- 46% of our community exclusively drove to/from school due to heading to work afterwards, the distance from school, other pick-ups / drop offs, after school activities, etc. Only 11% do not drive to school. Any solutions therefore need to be pragmatic, and many ideas were received to help achieve this;
- 3 times as many people were dissatisfied with afternoon pick up vs morning drop off. Therefore, pick up will be a focus when we begin solution building;
- Interestingly, only 20% of respondents are dissatisfied with kiss 'n drive, however many respondents felt more education was needed on how to use this facility;
- Lastly, we received excellent constructive feedback regarding suggestions documented in the survey to improve school traffic and more improvement ideas, which will be explored in our upcoming community workshops.

Thank you once again for taking the time to help us improve our school! Please look out for an invite to join us at a Traffic Survey community workshop to discuss these results as we put these words into action!!

## Nature Playground

The Nature Playground Committee have reconvened for 2019 and are currently working on a series of draft designs for the Nature Playground. They will present where they are up to at the next P&C meeting which is on Thursday 28 February at 7.30pm in the staffroom. The minutes from the Nature Playground Committee are found on the P&C section of the school website for those of you following this exciting journey.



## Presentation Night

Please note in your diaries a change for Presentation Night this year. It will be on Monday 9 December (Week 9, Term 4).

## Report Night

This year we will be providing a Parent Night for reporting from Kindy to Year 6. All interviews will be conducted at the school (Kindy parents will meet with Kindy teachers in the undercover area). Report night will be at the end of Semester 1 on **2 July, starting from 3.30pm**. All teachers will meet with parents after the school report has gone home the day before. We are currently investigating an online booking system (similar to what the high school uses when they have their parent nights) and we will let you know when this is up and running in Term 2. All interviews will be ten minutes each to allow staff to see every parent. A siren will signal in ten minute intervals. If you wish to have a longer interview, you will need to negotiate it with the teacher for another day.

## Performing Arts

Performing Arts starts tomorrow in the undercover area from 3.15pm – 4.30pm. Students from Year 2-6 are welcome to come and have a look and listen as to what it's all about. If, at the end of the session, they wish to participate they can take a form with them for you to fill in and return to the office. All students will have a two weeks 'grace period' where they can have a go but after the two weeks is up and if they choose to stay, the expectation is that they will remain with the show until the end of Term 2. If you know a sporting club starts up or there are any other activities that may clash with Performing Arts, please make a decision *now* about which one your child will do. Putting a show together relies heavily on students being in a designated 'spot' for choreography and blocking scenes. Students must commit to seeing the show through to the end, so it's important for you as a family to consider all of this before you sign up.

## Clubs

We are extremely lucky here at Mount Lawley Primary School to have staff who are dedicated and always willing to go above and beyond to offer fantastic opportunities to our students. From this week, we have some Clubs starting at the school which students have been either invited to join or have been able to sign up. As the term progresses, more will be added.

Monday lunch time: Kindness Ambassadors (conference room)

Tuesday before school: Band (music room)  
Tuesday lunch time: Lego Club (library)  
Chess team (green block wet area)  
Year 6 vocal ensemble (music room)

Wednesday before school: Extension (library)  
Wednesday lunch time: Chess Club (music room)

Thursday lunchtime: Learn Auslan (sign language) (Ms Monck's office)  
Thursday after school: Performing Arts (undercover area)

Friday lunch time: Writing club (Room 7)

**Coming soon:** Maths and Science Challenge, Debating, Gardening and Student Services will also be running some small groups for some students.  
STEM4Girls will start in Term 2.

## Library News

### Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Issue one is due today. Please ensure all orders have been placed by the end of the day. Orders will be processed early Thursday and expect delivery in approx. 2 weeks.

### Perth Writers Week

Perth Festival is currently being held and this week is Writers Week. The event concludes on Sunday with the "Writers Festival" being held at UWA Crawley. To see what's on go to <https://www.perthfestival.com.au/experience/writers-week> click on "type" next to What's On and select family. Several free events fabulous events are on for all ages.

## LEGO club

Starting next week (Week 4) LEGO club is being every Tuesday in the library at lunch. Any students interested in joining in the fun must register first in the library as numbers will be limited.

## Student Leadership Speeches

What an amazing morning we had on Monday, when 23 of our Year 6 students nominated themselves to stand up in front of our Year 4 to 6 students, and deliver their 2019 Prospective Student Leadership Speeches. Speeches inspire people, and the students certainly did that on Monday.

It was wonderful to see great skills displayed, and hear these students speak about themselves, capturing the true meaning of a leader and their ideas to make Mount Lawley a great school.

Thank you to the Year 6 Students and to our voters on the day. You should all be very proud.

Good luck to you all.  
Mrs Adam



## MLPS Mud Kitchen Prototype

During the Christmas holidays, mud kitchen prototype construction commenced as David Williams (Yr6), Jack Dickie (Yr6), and Sacha McKechnie (Yr6) (D.J.S) made a prototype mud kitchen for MLPS. D.J.S went down to a junkyard in Bayswater and bought some wooden pallets for \$3 each. They bought some buckets at Bunnings for \$4 each. Then they got to work with 'jimmy' the crowbar and 'mash' the hammer. The D.J.S Mud Kitchen trio worked their magic over 3 afternoons and presented the mud kitchen to the MLPS nature playground committee. Soon the lucky Mrs Gordon and her Pre-Primary class will receive the mud kitchen once it is varnished for weather protection and any rough patches removed.



As follow up from the prototype mud kitchen, Sacha and David attended the Nature Playground Committee meeting last Wednesday and presented to the committee. The boys did a wonderful job presenting, explaining how they made the mud kitchen and what they could add next time. What a fabulous job boys! Thank you to Jack, David and Sacha for their great work during the holidays, creating, designing and building it. Great team effort, boys. We love it!!!!

## Harmony Day Assembly

Parents are invited to our Harmony Day assembly in the undercover area on Friday 15 March from 11:30 – 12:30. You are welcome to bring along a picnic lunch to eat with your child/children under the trees following the assembly. We encourage students and parents to dress representing their heritage on this day.

## Uniform Shop News

### Change of Opening Day

Due to changes in volunteer availability, the Uniform Shop will no longer be open on Monday mornings. Instead, the Uniform Shop will be open **Thursdays between 8.30 and 9.30** effective immediately. If you cannot come into the shop on a Thursday, please consider submitting an order via email to [mlpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:mlpsuniformshop@gmail.com). Orders are generally processed and delivered to your child's class within a week.

## Volunteers

The Uniform Shop needs volunteers! If you can spare an hour on a Thursday morning a couple of times a term please contact Katie at [mlpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:mlpsuniformshop@gmail.com) No experience is necessary!

## Second hand uniforms

The Uniform Shop needs your second hand uniforms! If you have uniforms you no longer need, please consider dropping them off to the uniform shop. We have lots of demand, but our supply is getting low. All money from the sale of second hand uniforms goes straight to the P&C.

## Email orders

You can now submit uniform orders via email. Order forms are available on Connect. Just fill in the details, including a phone number, and email to [mlpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:mlpsuniformshop@gmail.com) Orders are usually processed and delivered to your child's classroom within a week, depending on stock availability.

## P&C Social & Fundraising News

### Annual Dad and Kids Campout – Saturday 23rd February 4pm

The Mount Lawley Primary School P&C Association is pleased to present the Dads and Kids Camp Out for 2019. This will be held on the school grounds on *Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th February*. This is our seventh Dads and Kids Camp Out, designed for Dads and Father figures to spend time with their children.

Tickets are now available at <https://www.trybooking.com/468549> for \$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.

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.

### Progressive Dinner – Saturday 16 March 6.30pm

2019 marks the 31st year of the annual progressive dinner 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.

**Callout for Hosts!** 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 0423 665 176 or [mlpspc@outlook.com](mailto:mlpspc@outlook.com) We would love to have some NEW hosts this year!

Tickets are now on sale at <https://www.trybooking.com/BAQIP>

\$35 per person (includes drink on entry)

Hosts + Partners are Free

Ticket sales will close on Friday 8 March



### 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 Saturday 16 March.
- 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.
- 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 & Fundraising committee, if required.
- A couple of P&C Social & 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 contact Georgina Hurst on 0423 665 176 or email [mlpspc@outlook.com](mailto:mlpspc@outlook.com). This popular event is limited to parents and staff from our school.

#### **New P&C Social & Fundraising Committee Members**

All P&C events are coordinated by the Social & Fundraising committee, which always welcomes new members. If you would like to join our fun team please contact Georgina on 0423 665 176 or email at [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 2019 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 2019.**

**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.***

#### **Toddler Jam**

Music, Singing, Dancing, Fun for 0-5 years old's. Structured music and movement program followed by morning tea (which is provided), good coffee, chat and free play activities- play dough, duplo, imaginative play and other toys. Held every Monday from 10am- 11:30 at St Patricks Church Hall, 65 First Avenue, Mt Lawley. Cost is \$7. For more information email Becky Conway [toddlerjam@stpatricksmtlawley.com](mailto:toddlerjam@stpatricksmtlawley.com) or go to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/toddlerjammtlawley/>

#### **Redhage Basketball**

The Redhage Basketball Program will resume in Term 2 on Wednesdays. Registration details will be in the Week 9 Newsletter.

#### **Mt Lawley Inglewood Roos JFC and Auskick Centre**

Located at Inglewood Oval, players are welcome to join Auskick (Pre-Primary - Yr 2), Modified Rules (Yrs 3-7) and Youths (Yrs 8-12) Registrations now open [www.roosjfc.org.au/registration](http://www.roosjfc.org.au/registration)

ROOS OPEN DAY 24 FEBRUARY at HAMER PARK 11AM-2PM

**\*\*ALL PLAYERS WELCOME\*\***