

Newsletter



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Edition 2, Week 5, 3 March 2021

Dates for the diary			
4 March	Gelato Incurion PP-Year 6	19 March	National Ride to School Day & Harmony Day Assembly & Picnic
10 March	Swimming Carnival	20 March	P&C Progressive Dinner

Dear Parents, Staff and Community Members,

What an action packed 3 and a bit weeks we have had to start the 2021 school year and by looking at the calendar, it is not going to slow down. We are all looking forward to Italian week celebrations this week and National Ride to School day and Harmony Day Assembly and picnic on March 19. It has been so lovely to see the developing independence in our students and the way they have settled into the routines and structure of the school day.

Thank you to our wonderful P&C who hosted the “Welcome Back Breakfast” on Friday 19 February. I was unable to attend but on my return from camp I heard how great it was for teachers and parents to have an opportunity to reunite with familiar faces and meet some new families.

I was lucky enough to go to Dwellingup and spend a day and evening with the Year 6 students on camp. It was our first time at the Dare Adventure Camp and from what I witnessed, it was very successful in encouraging everyone to step out of their comfort zone to try new things, including a night walk and a confidence course with a crawl through mud pit. A special thank you to our staff who attended camp and were away from their own families to make this such a memorable event for the students: Miss Roberts, Mr Howard, Miss Baros, Mr Cruz and Mrs Ridgway. Also thanks to Mrs Savic who assisted. The students I am sure have made some great memories that will last forever.

Congratulations to Mrs Linda Gobby who has decided to retire after over 24 years at MLPS. Mrs Linda Humble has also made the decision to retire at the end of Term 2 this year – she will take some LSL which will flow onto her retirement. Linda has been at MLPS for 17 years. With the retirement of these two Special Needs Education Assistants, we will lose not only their experience and wealth of knowledge, but also their compassion and commitment to the education of all students at MLPS. We wish both Linda and Linda all the best for a well-deserved retirement and thank them for their hard work and years of dedication at MLPS – you will be missed!

It was fabulous to receive our Business Plan 2020 – 2022 from the printers. The School Board, P&C and staff were the first of our community to see the Business Plan. It is now on the website for everyone to view. There is an Overview that is a summary of our targets and the full Business Plan that also includes objectives and strategies. Please take the opportunity to read through the plan. Some hard copies are available from the front office if you would like one. When reading the plan, you should get a sense of who we are and what we do at MLPS. Quoting from the Business Plan “We pride ourselves on being a school of choice within the community, developing learners who are empowered to reach their full potential. Our focus is to: • develop a culture that supports engagement, learning and well-being. • provide differentiated learning experiences for all students. • work together with parents and the community to holistically develop every child.”

One of our areas for development in our Business Plan is to “Continue to develop and maintain respectful relationships with our neighbours”. Unfortunately, we have not made a good start with this one. Even with the excellent and committed work of our Traffic Management Group, some of our community are misusing the Second Avenue Kiss and Drive by blocking the street and our neighbours’ driveways. If your child is not at Kiss and Drive, please continue around the block, this way we will minimise the wait time in the traffic queue.



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

I also request we minimise our traffic by walking or cycling to school. For those of you who do need to use the car, please park elsewhere, for example Hamer Park, and walk to collect your child. I am hoping I receive no more complaints from our neighbours regarding our traffic behaviour.

As you are aware, communication is the key to a good school so I again highlight to please call or email me if you have any concerns or queries.

Stay safe and keep smiling

~ Mrs. Sandra Martin, Acting Principal

Parent-Teacher Meetings

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 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. Alternatively contact the front office to coordinate a meeting time.

All years have Line Managers who they work with and who oversee these year levels. You can get in contact with them if needs be:

Years K/PP & 4: Karen Wright (Line Manager) karen.wright@education.wa.edu.au

Specialists, Years 1, 2 & 4: Anthea Baros (Line Manager) anthea.baros@education.wa.edu.au

Years 3, 5 & 6: Sandra Martin (Line Manager) sandra.martin1@education.wa.edu.au

Before School Supervision

Before School Supervision starts from 8.00am for PP-6. Students can be dropped off to the undercover area where they will remain until 8.30am. When the bell goes, students are dismissed to their classes. All students arriving prior to 8.30 need to go to the undercover area.

After School Play - Reminder

We ask that parents leave the school grounds no later than 3.45pm each afternoon. We understand that time after school is a lovely way for parents to catch up and let the children play together however, please respect that this is also our teachers' workplace and after school is when they are preparing for the following day, are in meetings and are working hard. We would like the school environment to be quiet by then in order for teachers to get their work done and then go home to their own families. A reminder that the students are not allowed to access any school equipment after school or play in the nature playground. We thank you for your support with this.

Library News

The Scholastic Book Club, issue 2 has been released and classroom teachers will distribute the catalogues this week. Orders are due by **Monday 15 March** and can be made online via the Scholastic LOOP link [Scholastic LOOP Link](#) or by cash. If paying by cash, please fill out the order form at the back of the catalogue including the students name and room number and place the order in the book club box in the library with the correct money. All orders will be delivered to the student's classroom on arrival. If you wish for your order to be a surprise, please mark the order form clearly with GIFT or tick GIFT when placing the order online. You will be contacted to collect the order from school office.

Issue 1 orders are in transit and I am expecting them any day now.

Thank you for your continued support with the Scholastic Book club. Every order earns rewards for the school which are used to purchase resources for the library for all students to enjoy.

School Board

Welcome to Term 1 of 2021. My name is Cara Davis and I am the Secretary of the School Board. One of my roles as Secretary is to provide a brief review to the community about our meetings. This review, along with information about the Board, will appear in the Week 5 and Week 9 Newsletters each term.

Who are the current Board members: Derek Watt (Chair), Cara Davis (Secretary), Jennifer To (Parent Representative), Nathan Curnow (Community Representative), Sandra Martin (Acting Principal), Karen Wright (Staff Representative) & Alison Hawkesford (Staff Representative)

When do we meet: Week 4 and Week 8 of each term

What time do we meet: 5.30 – 7pm (before the P&C meeting)

Where do we meet: MLPS staffroom

Who can attend: anyone/everyone

Can you ask questions: generally, anyone in attendance is asked to observe only but we occasionally invite questions.

How do I contact the Board: please email me with any questions at MLPSBoard@outlook.com. I will do my best to answer any questions and those I can't I will table at the next Board meeting. Alternatively, you are very welcome to contact any member of the Board. I am often in the school to pick up my children and happy for anyone to come and chat to me.

You will have all received a Connect notice informing you that the nominations for two Parent Representatives have now closed and voting will be open from 22 February to 5 March. It would be great to have as many people vote for these positions as possible. To view the nominations please refer to the PDF provided in the Connect notice or go to the School Board section of the School website (Our Community – School Board tab).

We have very rarely had anyone attend the Board meetings and we would love for this to change, so if you can make it we would love to see you on Thursday 25 March at 5.30pm in the school staffroom. Please don't hesitate to contact me or any other Board member if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Cara Davis - MLPS Board Secretary

P&C Social and Fundraising News

First P&C Meeting for 2021

Our first meeting and Annual General Meeting was held last Thursday 25 February in the school staffroom. The following P&C Executive positions were filled for 2021:

President – Breanna Catania

Vice President – nomination received post meeting from Trent Everitt, to be voted at our next meeting

Secretary – STILL SEEKING A NEW SECRETARY (role is being filled by Bradley Farrell on a temp basis only)

Treasurer – Jennifer To

Executive Committee Members – STILL SEEKING ONE MORE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, Tara Kelso, Tiffany Elt

Trent Everitt has indicated he will nominate for Vice President. Trent's nomination will be put to vote at the next General Meeting. Other nominations are still able to be accepted.

Additional P & C roles that were filled:

Social & Fundraising Committee Chair – Tara Kelso

Parent Liaison – Claire Hyman

Canteen Committee – Bradley Farrell, Jennifer To and Mark Edwards

Traffic Management Group Chair – Sharnie Stuart

Uniform Shop – Katie McMahon

The P&C thank all those members who have accepted the above roles. Membership and attendance at meetings is strongly encouraged for all families. The School community needs your help and your voice! The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting will be uploaded to the school website shortly. The Minutes will provide a summary of the topics discussed during the meeting.

P&C Facebook Group

A 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 informed of all P&C information and events.

Election Sausage Sizzle – Saturday 13 March

We will be holding a sausage sizzle and bake sale at the school on election day! Baked goodies can be dropped off on Friday after school at the canteen, or early on the day. Be sure to name your Tupperware container, so we can return it.

If you have a spare hour on the day, we are looking for helpers. Please sign up on the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094EADAA29ABFE3-election>



Progressive Dinner – Saturday 20 March - 6.30pm



2021 marks the 33rd year of the annual MLPS 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.

Tickets are now on sale for \$35 per person (includes drink on arrival) at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BORTF>

Hosts + Partners are Free!

Callout for Hosts! WE NEED MORE HOSTS ASAP, OTHERWISE THIS EVENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROCEED!

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 event lead Georgina on 0423 665 176 or georginahurst@me.com asap!

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 March 20.
- 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.
- 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 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 help you in the lead up to the event and they will assist you with clean-up on the night.

Information for Guests

- We ask that you provide either a soup, main course or dessert which would cater for around 10 – 12 adults
- All dietary requirements will be catered for.
- 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.
- This popular event is limited to parents and staff from our school only and does have a limited amount of tickets available to ensure our circuit sizes are not too large for our hosts. However, the more hosts we have, the more people we can accommodate on the night.
- Requests for small groups who wish to be allocated on the same circuit will be accommodated wherever possible.

If you have any further questions about this event or can host, please contact event lead Georgina on 0423 665 176 or georginahurst@me.com.

Community News



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.

Your Move Competition

Help us earn points in two easy steps: 1. [Register online](#) and 2. Complete the call with the Your Move Stirling team. Join Your Move now by registering online to help us win the active travel prizes, every registration counts!

We have moved up the leader board but it is still a close race!

School	%	Ranking
Scarborough Primary School	34	1
Mount Lawley Primary School	28	2
Doubleview Primary School	26	3
Tuart Hill Primary School	22	4
Coolbinia Primary School	22	4
Osborne Primary School	17	5

CAHDS Parent Information Sessions 2021

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

Midvale Hub Parenting Service

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

Mt Lawley-Inglewood Junior Football Club

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

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 19 March 2021



National Ride2School Day coincides with **Harmony Day** this year.

Decorate your **bikes, scooters, helmets** and **yourself** on **19 March 2021** in your **Harmony Day** colours. Bring a **gold coin** donation to support **World Bicycle Relief**. (worldbicyclerelief.org)

The banner features the City of Stirling logo on the left and the 'your move' logo on the right. The central text reads 'Your Move Competition'. Below this, it says 'Help MLPS win prizes' and 'Register HERE NOW'. Two yellow starburst graphics contain the text 'Freebies' and '\$3,500 up for grabs'. At the bottom, a green bar states 'All you need to do is register with City of Stirling'.

MLPS is part of the “Your Move Stirling” program, which encourages students to **walk, scoot, or ride**. Help us earn points in two easy steps.

1. Simply register at – <https://yourmove.transport.wa.gov.au/Join-Your-Move-family>
2. Complete the call with the **Your Move Stirling** team

The competition ends on **20 March**, so don't delay, **register today!**

We are currently 2nd. Lets bump up our registrations for prizes up to **\$3500** towards safe school transport **initiatives** and **infrastructure**.



The **TMG** is seeking **new members** to get involved in **improving school traffic** and **promoting alternative ways** to get students to school.

If you wish to get involved with helping us, please contact Sharnie, Neil, John & John via the P&C email address MLPSPC@outlook.com