

# Newsletter

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

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## Dates for the diary

12 October	Pre Primary Faction Carnival	23 October	K2 and K3 Scitech In-School Activity
16 October	In- School Italian Activity	25 October	K1 and K4 Scitech In-School Activity
18 October	Year 4 Excursion: Kings Park	30 October	Year 3 Excursion: Kalamunda History Village
19 October	Interschool Sprints and Team Games	31 October	Year 5 Perth Mint and Bell Tower Excursion

## 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,

So happy to see everyone back for Term 4! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are feeling restored and ready for another incredible term – the last for 2018. Our Year 6s are preparing for the coming weeks of doing the “lasts” in their primary school years and for some, they have begun to think about what life might be like beyond Mount Lawley Primary School – lots of the ‘unknown’ for them to contemplate! We know that as a community we will support them all with this transition as each day brings them a little closer to the end of the year. For our other students, they have all grown over the holidays in height (I may need to wear higher heels!) and in maturity and even in the last couple of days, teachers have commented how settled the students are and the way they have set to work within the classroom, which is fantastic to see.

It's lovely to start Term 4 with a positive – so we are very proud to share our recent NAPLAN results with the community. Our Year 3 students continue to produce very pleasing results across all areas and are above our Like Schools in Numeracy, Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation. Our Year 5s have made good gains in Grammar and Punctuation (which had dropped considerably last year) and also did well in Writing – which is very interesting given the national data in this area is trending downward, so we are celebrating these results. We still continue to be below Like Schools in all areas in Year 5 however, we are performing within the expected range in our comparative data. At our school development day on Monday, we unpacked the NAPLAN data in a series of sessions that looked at the data as a whole, then drilled down to find lines of inquiry that we want to explore as a staff to implement as whole school processes. Staff then worked in small groups to interrogate the data further to build action plans for moving forward.

One of our areas of inquiry that we are exploring in detail is the ‘shift’ that needs to occur as students move from learning the foundational skills in early childhood, to the complexity and challenge required for learning in the middle and upper years. We are beginning to address this with our use of differentiation in the classroom and we are developing strategies through our operational plans to make this a continued focus. We are aiming for our future NAPLAN results to have a consistent, slow upward trajectory across all learning areas and this is a challenge because not all students develop in the same way, at the same time. There is also the useful analogy of the ‘spinning plates’ and trying to address each curriculum area in a robust, rich way in order for students to attain the best learning outcomes. Again, due to where all students sit along the learning continuum, teachers have to be adept at keeping all those plates spinning whilst at the same time, addressing the individual needs of students.



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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



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When looking at NAPLAN results I also encourage you as a community to remember that we need to keep this testing in perspective. We use NAPLAN as a resource to complement the myriad other data we collect in the classroom and across the school. We rely heavily and highly value our teachers capacity to deliver rigorous pre and post assessments, collect valuable observation and anecdotal data, and make use of evidence based research which tells us that the best practice for student success is high expectations, explicit teaching, effective feedback, use of data to inform practice, classroom management, wellbeing of students and collaboration of staff. I am proud of the way our teachers do all of these things and work together to have robust professional dialogue, especially when we recognize results that need to improve in certain areas.

**I invite you all to come to our next Board meeting on Thursday 1 November at 5.30pm in the staff room where the NAPLAN results will be presented to the Board and school community.** You are more than welcome to attend.

I hope to see you there but until then, see you in the playground!

*~Ms Cavelle Monck, Principal*

## Class Placements for 2019

### PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE RETURNING IN 2019.

The staff and I are beginning to make decisions regarding 2019 school organisation and class placements. Factors we take into account when creating **balanced classes** are: students' academic level, behaviour, attitude and special needs issues. Forming balanced classes is a priority. The main consideration is the input from the students' current teachers as they know students' learning needs best.

#### Teacher Input:

Making balanced classes, considering all student needs is the professional role of the teachers. Teachers don't pick students/families who they would like in their classes.

#### Parent Responsibility, Role & Input:

Parent input will only be considered in **exceptional circumstances**.

A simple preference for a certain teacher is not considered exceptional circumstances.

- Letters to or lobbying of teachers will not be considered.
- Asking your child for their preferred teacher is not an exceptional circumstance.
- Placing your child in a class with their current friends is not an exceptional circumstance.
- Meeting new and different people and encouraging different situations is a fact of life and it is our role, as parents and teachers, to support our children through change rather than shield them from it.

#### How parents submit exceptional circumstances:

- If you believe that such circumstances apply to your child, a letter must be submitted to the **Principal** before **16 November 2018** which specifically indicates the special circumstances.
- Letters received after this time will not be considered.
- We read all letters; however we will not be conducting formal interviews nor formally replying to them. We will contact you if we need more information or need to discuss the situation further.

#### Composite (Split) Classes:

Due to enrolments our school will always have a number of composite classes where there are two year levels in one classroom. This is the case in many government schools.

- At some stage, it is highly likely that all students will be in a composite class.
- It is not practical for parents to simply say they don't want their child in a composite class.
- Our priority is always **quality teaching and learning** rather than the year level structure of the class. All quality classroom programs allow children to **thrive and develop at a level appropriate to them**.

#### Teacher Placements:

Next year and for the future, we are looking at changing teacher's placements/year levels. Consequently, preferences for specific teachers are irrelevant because teacher placements are a long way from being made.

Line Managers work closely with teachers in the class placement process and lists are then submitted to the Principal at the end of Week 8, Term 4.

Class lists will be published in the covered assembly area on the first and second day of the school development days (Thursday 31 January and Friday 1 February 2019), before school commences in Term 1 of the New Year.

## Honour Board – Term 3, Week 9

### Honour Board

The following students were awarded Honour Certificates at the Friday 14 September assembly. Congratulations to all recipients and a special acknowledgment to Year 3 Room 5 for their class item.

#### NEXT ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be held on Friday October 26 by Year 2 Room 9— all welcome to attend.



PP	James Atkinson	Year 3	James Liu
PP	Sofija Jankulovski	Year 3	Emily Bray
PP	Kristian Petrovic	Year 3	Michail Angelos Kokkinakis
PP	Willis Millman	Year 3	Max McLelland
PP	Dylan Starcevic	Year 3	Lauren Beresford
PP	Jackson Fatouros	Year 3	Jacob Ng
Year 1	James White	Year 4	Jack Earley
Year 1	Jeremy Wang	Year 4	Oscar Jolly
Year 1	Blythe Davis-McKinnon	Year 4	Sherlock Hovingh
Year 1	Lennon McMahon	Year 4	Avash Ranjeet
Year 1	Ezana Tadesse	Year 5	Charlotte Bradley
Year 1	Sean Chao	Year 5	Matilda Mdhluli
Year 2	Ella Dix	Year 5	Mili Tassone
Year 2	CC Liu	Year 5	Jasmina Rovasanin
Year 2	William Jones	Year 5	George Tudor
Year 2	Hamish Brain	Year 5	Tyson Dang
Year 2	Paea Zaffino	Year 6	Simon Rennick
Year 2	Anneke Hooft	Year 6	Indigo Satude
Year 3	Jason Looby		

## Honour Board – Term 3, Week 10

### Honour Board

The following students were awarded Honour Certificates at the Friday 21 September assembly. Congratulations to all recipients and a special acknowledgment to Year 3 Room 7 for their class item.

#### NEXT ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be held on Friday October 26 by Year 2 Room 9— all welcome to attend.



PP	Julius Burns	Year 3	Zoe Hurst
PP	Romi Kemp	Year 3	Allegra Adamson
PP	Beau Edmunds-Smith	Year 4	Isabella Sanchez
PP	Amelie Gent	Year 4	Saoirse Hannaway
Year 1	Theodore Conway	Year 4	Imogen Jobson
Year 1	Thomas Watson	Year 4	Levi Farkas
Year 1	Austin Parry	Year 5	Brodie Thompson
Year 1	Jonah Marshall	Year 5	Derek Chan
Year 1	Carla O'Connor	Year 5	Riana Tan
Year 2	Taylor Rhodes	Year 6	Alana Robertson
Year 2	Scarlett Jobson	Year 6	Emily Nguyen
Year 2	Lily Ng	Year 5	Louie Gao
Year 3	Cian Looby	Year 6	Matthew Bassett
Year 3	Mia Caceres	Year 6	Tia MacSween
Year 3	Otavio Da Silva		

## L'Angolo d'Italia (The Italian Corner)

Buon giorno a tutti.

A reminder for the community about what is happening for **Worldwide Italian Language Week 2018**, which falls on Week 2 of this term.



1. On Tuesday 16 October the students in Year 3, 4 and the 4/5 class will be involved in an Italian incursion presented by **Into the Mask Theatre**. *Into the Mask Theatre* is a highly regarded drama company who perform plays based on Italian theatre. If your child falls into this category, please see the attached [notice](#) for further information.

2. On Thursday 18 October at approximately 2:50pm we will be having the whole school dance the Tarantella together in the undercover area. Parents and the wider community are most welcome to join in for a dance or simply watch. Students are being encouraged to wear either a red, white or green t-shirt to represent the colours of Italy on this day.

3. Selected students from Year 5 will be participating in an Italian speaking competition being held on Sunday 22 October. The school would like to wish these students all the best with their presentations.

A presto,

Signora Ashkenazy

## News from the Art Room

### Save the Date!

**Arts Celebration Evening - A delightful evening of musical items and visual art and dance.**

Date - Friday 2 November

Time - 5.15 - 7pm

Where - Covered Assembly Area and classrooms

A gold coin donation on entry would be appreciated, and the P&C will be selling sausage sizzles and drinks.



This semester our creative Year 4 students have been learning about the process of screen printing, with the help of Ailsa, our Artist in Residence student from Curtin University. The results which are now printed on calico bags have been outstanding. Most children agreed that cutting out stencils with a stanley knife was hard work. However using the squeegee was awesome messy fun! A huge thankyou to Eric Brain, Olivia Boulud and Sarina Carey for their assistance. Eric claims he had to go home for a cup of tea and a lie down after class as it was so intense.

Year 1s have been busy with clay, making some beautiful fish tiles and Year twos have drawn some amazing giraffes and painted wonderful portraits. Our clever Year 3s have painted magical dragon eyes with watercolour whilst our 5s created beautiful cushions in Hundertwasser's distinctive style. Finally our Year 6 artists have explored the process of lino cut printmaking and although a few band aids were required, they have produced some very interesting prints.



Thank you to all my brilliant parent helpers from Pre-Primary and all other classrooms. With your support, we have helped students achieve success in their learning outcomes.

Jennie Downie  
Visual Arts Specialist



## Mount Lawley's Got Talent

In Week 2, the school will be holding auditions on Thursdays at lunch times for students who are keen to enter "Mount Lawley's Got Talent." Students are to attend auditions with their lunches.

A registration form will be given to students who are interested in auditioning this week. Registration forms are due by Tuesday, 16 October.

The talent show Grand Final will be held on Friday 23 November at 8:50 in the covered assembly area. The talent show is for students who think they have talent in singing, playing an instrument, dance and other impressive performances.

Mrs Walpole, Mrs Adam, student leaders and music captains will act as judges during the auditions to see who gets to the Grand Finale!!!

A list of names will be on display in the covered assembly area along with the date of auditions by Wednesday 17 October at recess. Registration forms to be handed into the front office into the box that says "Rego forms – Mount Lawley's Got Talent."

Once all the auditions are completed students will be notified about qualifying for the Grand Finale.

Good luck to all of the participants.

Kind regards,  
Music Captains  
Sebastian Williams and Indigo Staude



## Chess News

### Chess Kids Finals at Perth Modern: Tournament Report

On 13 September, MLPS Chess squad players Ethan Richards, Minh Nguyen, Iker Hernandez, Zachary Pendragon, Athi Arivuchelvan, Sanjeev Jegan, Jamie Richards, Callum Wintle and Brett Thomson competed in the *Chess Kids WA Primary School Finals* held at Perth Modern School.

There were five schools and 54 children competing, Mount Lawley came a close second to a strong Nedlands PS with Carmel PS third. MLPS placed three players in the top ten, including Ethan Richards who was the overall individual tournament winner, Minh Nguyen was fifth and Iker Hernandez eighth. Jamie Richards (Year 3) did well to beat Alex Pimenov who is one of the State's top players.



Full results are available on the Chess Kids Tornado website <https://tornado.com/chess/orgs/ku/events/state-finals-wa-8/pairings>

(There are two separate inter-school chess tournaments run in Australia, MLPS has already won the prestigious Chess Association of WA competition, and this was the Chess Kids tournament.)

**Mount Lawley Primary School**  
**SUNDAY 14/10/2018 @ 12m-5pm**  
**Drop by our Chess Tournament for**

Cake Stall      Tea & Coffee      Hamper Raffle



To support MLPS Chess Club to go  
to the National Schools  
Championships in Adelaide

PRACTICE  
BOARDS  
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ALL  
WELCOME

The MLPS team will be representing Western Australia at the Australian Chess Federation National Schools finals on the 2 and 3 December in Adelaide. We are holding an open chess tournament on Sunday 14 October from 12 -5 pm (entries close 12.30) in the covered assembly area to raise funds for the trip. There will be tea and coffee, a cake stall and raffle. All are welcome to drop by and take a look; practice boards will be available for casual games.

<http://www.cawa.org.au/forms/MtLawleyFundraiser.pdf>

Jim Richards  
Parent Volunteer

## 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.schoolonline.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.*

### Play Tennis Free Trial

PLAYTENNIS @ Mt Lawley Primary School is offering a **FREE** first lesson to new players during Week 2 of Term 4! Please see further information and enrolment form [here](#).

### Coding Workshops at MLPS

Coding Workshops are back at MLPS for Term 4. This term the module will be "Explorers", and will be held on Monday's after school (Weeks 2 to 7), from 3:20 – 4:20 pm. Further information is available [here](#).

### Gol Brasil Futbol Skool (5 a side Soccer)

The Gol Brasil Futbol Skool (5-a-side soccer) is a once a week training program designed for players to play in a safe, fun environment with emphasis on learning both individually and in small groups. Further information is available [here](#).

### The Football Centre Afternoon Soccer Program at MLPS

The Football Centre will be running after school soccer sessions at MLPS this term. They will be held on a Monday (starting Week 2) from 3:15 – 4:00pm. Further Information is available [here](#).

### St George's College Spring Fair

St George's College will have its annual Spring Fair on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. It's a fantastic day of fun for all the family with wine & cheese tasting, market stalls, jumping castle, face painting, music and much, much more. Also check out WA's largest High School Photography Competition showcasing young talented photographers. It's a free family event and we would love to see everyone there! Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 11am – 3pm. St George's College, Mounts Bay Road, Crawley. Parking available on Hackett Drive and at UWA.



### Trinity College Open Morning



We warmly invite you to our

#### Junior School Open Morning

Wednesday, 24 October | 9:30–11:30am

Including a welcome from the Head of Junior School, tours, a musical performance and an opportunity for Q&A.

REGISTER AT [trinity.wa.edu.au](http://trinity.wa.edu.au)  
OR CALL (08) 9223 8121

