

Newsletter

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**Mount
Lawley**
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Strive for Wisdom

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Dates for the diary

25 October	K1 and K4 Scitech In-School Activity	31 October	Dance
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26 October	Room 9, Year 2 Assembly	2 November	Room 11, Year 1 Assembly
30 October	Year 3 Excursion: Kalamunda History Village	2 November	Arts Celebration Evening
31 October	Year 5 Perth Mint and Bell Tower Excursion	5 November	Musica Viva In-School Activity

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,

We open this week's newsletter with genuine thanks to the many people who continue to do incredible work in and around our school. Firstly, I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to the parents who volunteer to assist with supervision before school at 8am. We have a band of 'regulars' now who turn the skipping rope each and every week and without them, our before school supervision would most definitely be a challenge. Many of our students who arrive at 8am do so because parents are on their way to work so we know it's an important service and are pleased to do something proactive in this space for our school community.

Thank you to our parent (and grandparent!) helpers who offer assistance in the classroom, particularly Art. Many hands certainly do make light work and I know the staff are always grateful for the time you are able to give to the students. We warmly welcome you into the school and are always happy to see a range of friendly faces.

Our Year 6 classes combined to put on a morning tea for our teachers in celebration of World Teacher's Day. What a lovely sight met the teachers' eyes when they stepped into the staffroom filled with divine food and special little gifts, just for them. We were very humbled by the sincere gesture by the Year 6s and pay special thanks to the Year 6 student leaders, sports captains and helpers for all their work in setting up (and packing away!) this event. I will never be able to stress enough the importance of teachers and in fact all our staff in our school. Teaching is the profession that creates all other professions and I am immensely proud of the work our staff do here day after day to create a wonderful and engaging environment for our students. In a world that is non-stop from the moment we open our eyes in the morning, saying thank you to your child's teacher and to the staff here is still one of the most important things you can do to make a teacher's day. They say the simple things are often the best and gratitude for the work the staff does, is one of the things that makes our job so rewarding.

I'd like to thank our incredible Italian teacher, Signora Ashkenazy for her outstanding work with Italian week where the students had the opportunity to engage in a range of Italian activities, culminating in the dancing of the Tarrantella last Thursday afternoon in the undercover area. It was wonderful to see the students dressed in red, white and green and engage so energetically with a dance that traditionally can last up to fifteen minutes (luckily we only had to dance for about three!) I was delighted to see so many parents and families join us at the end of the day and have a bit of a dance



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too! Signora Ashkenazy also encouraged a group of Year 5 students to participate in an Italian oral language competition on Sunday, where all students spoke incredibly well and received positive feedback from the adjudicators. It's such a great thing to have a language as a vibrant part of our school culture and Signora Ashkenazy has certainly made it so since her arrival here at MLPS. She assures me that Italian Week will be even BIGGER next year and we can't wait to be a part of it all.

Mr Howard is also to be congratulated for his efforts with the Pre-primary sports day and the Interschool Carnival. Running training before school for the interschool team was greatly appreciated and I always enjoy hearing the students focus on strong team spirit and encouraging others, rather than just focusing on the win.

Our newly formed Nature Playground committee met for the first time last week to explore the potential spaces for our P-6 nature playground. Each member of the committee comes with a wonderful skill set that is key to the implementation of this project. The staff have now been invited to share their ideas of what they would like and at this week's assembly we will be speaking with the students about obtaining their input into this project. The committee will also be seeking ideas from parents and the community so that the playground is a reflection of our whole school. We hope to have the playground built in Term 1 next year.

There is always so much going on in our school and there are some days when I wish I could just open a magic window so I could share *all* the things we are doing here. As parents we often think we know what goes on in a school, but when you're actually *in* the school for hours each day, you realise it is actually a world within a world. Sometimes for our staff and students, it feels like it's just *our* world. It's where our students can dream their biggest dreams and where they face some of their greatest fears. It's where students step outside their comfort zone because they know they have a safety net below them that are their teachers and friends. It's where students get to push some boundaries before they try it out in the 'real world' to see what might happen and for our staff, it's our adult work place where we come to dream, to try, to stretch and to grow, just as our students do. I wish I could put into words all that happens here – each day is so different from the last. So many things happen within classrooms, the playgrounds, and the office. Each person here looks at everything through such a different lens – the lens that is all their prior knowledge and experience, the values they have learned at home and the values we abide by at school. Every day I am so grateful to be a part of a school that has so many view points and interesting lenses to look through. Every day there is something new to learn, to celebrate and to be inspired by.

Given that I can't open a magic window I can only share snippets with you through the newsletter or when I see you in the playground. I do want to impress upon you as a school community that you are always welcome to come and see me and talk about anything that goes on within our school. I hope that the window is always open (as is my door) – that you can see in, just as we can see out. From my window, I see all my wonderful students doing great things, a staff who constantly inspire me and parents who are happy to share a laugh and be the strongest advocate for their child. And as far as I can see, that's a pretty good view.

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 professional learning days, before school commences in Term 1 of the New Year.

Presentation of NAPLAN Results

Please note the NAPLAN presentation to the Board and school community will now be on Thursday 8 November at 6.30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Connect Platform

We are pleased to announce that the Department of Education's Connect platform is now being implemented in our school. Connect is an integrated online environment developed by the Department for staff, students and parents in public schools. Check out the short video clip on Connect at <https://vimeo.com/connectwa/welcome>

How will parents access Connect?

Each parent will be given their own secure login to Connect. Connect is a totally free and, because it is provided by the department of Education, very safe. As well as being able to login to Connect on any internet-enabled device, you may also receive notices from Connect that will be sent to you as either an email or a notification on your phone. A free app called *Connect Now* can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple App Store and will let you receive Connect notices as push notifications.

If you have multiple children, you only need one login – even if your children attend different public schools.

When you login to Connect you will be able to see information specific to your own children. Initially this will be limited to Semester 2 student reports, however as we expand the use of the Connect platform, parents will have access to more information including:

- The School Space where you can be notified about school information and events
- The classes in which your children are engaged
- Class calendars
- Week by week attendance information
- Assessments and evidence for your own child
- Notices from your child's classes that automatically generate an email or phone notification to you

To register for Connect you will receive an email with your login details in the near future. Please ensure your email details are up to date with the school office. As part of the Connect registration process, you and your child will also be required to complete and return an *Acceptable Use Agreement* which will be sent home in the coming weeks. This document will also be available to download from our website.

Library News

Book Covering Working Bee

Do you love to cover books or just want to spend an afternoon in a peaceful location? Then come along to the library's inaugural book covering working bee - Tuesday 6 November, 12.30-3.00pm in the library. Get together with a couple of friends and assist the library in getting through hundreds of books requiring covering. Afternoon tea will be provided along with all tools necessary

and training if required. No experience necessary. If you cannot make Tuesday 6 and are able to assist another day, please see Nicola in the library. Please RSVP for the working bee to Nicola.brodie@education.wa.edu.au so I can cater for the numbers. Thank you

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 7 Scholastic Book club orders are due today, Wednesday 24 October. Due to Scholastic now charging postal fee on multiple school orders, all orders will be placed at once and will arrive approximately two weeks after the due date. If you wish your orders to be a surprise, please write clearly on your order form GIFT (and ensure a contact number is given) or select gift in LOOP and you will be called directly for collection (the order will not be delivered to your child).

News from the Arts

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.

ARTS CELEBRATION 2018
Art works by students from Kindy to Year 6 are displayed in the Covered Assembly Area and Art Room. Classrooms will also be open to view your children's work.
Music Performances will take place in the Undercover Area, Amphitheatre and on the lawn.
Dance will take place on the Courts.
Music Programme
String Ensemble
Guitar Ensemble
Year 3 Choir
Dance
Year 3 Violins
Year 6 Vocal Ensemble
Year 6 Choir
Year 4 Choir
Band
Year 5 Choir

World Teachers' Day

On Friday 12 October, the Leadership Team of Mount Lawley Primary School organised a morning tea to celebrate our great teachers on World Teachers' Day. Some year 6 helpers brought in delicious food for the teachers to enjoy. At the end of the morning tea the student leaders presented the teachers with a certificate and a small gift bag. This was a, **"THANK YOU"** for all the effort and hard work the teachers have put into the Year 6 students over the years.

It was a successful and enjoyable day for the teachers. Thank you to all the people who helped make this morning possible.



~ Charlotte Cherry, Will Singleton, Sofia Tassone & Michael Gambitta

L'Angolo d'Italia (The Italian Corner)

Wow what an amazing start to the term we have had celebrating Worldwide Italian Week.

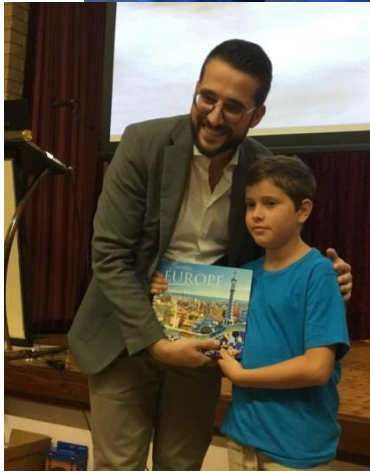
On Tuesday, the students in Years 3 and 4 were able to be part of a fun and creative drama workshop with Shane from "Into the Mask" theatre where they learnt about the 500 year old *Commedia dell'Arte* (Art of Comedy). They learnt about the different roles of the characters *Zaine* (the servant) and *Pantalone* (the master) and used their new knowledge and imagination to create their own slapstick comedy skits.

A big thank you to all those family members who came and either watched or joined in with our whole school Tarantella on Thursday afternoon. From all of the feedback I have received a fun time was had by the children and adults alike.

Finally, a HUGE congratulations to Pierce Boon, Brett Thomson, Celia Hawkins, Leila Campbell, Rose Kitching, Mili Tassone and Edoardo Rachetti for their amazing efforts at the Dante Aligheri Speaking Competition on Sunday. All the students did an absolutely fantastic job presenting their *Il mio passatempo preferito* (my favourite pastime) speeches in front of a such a large audience. I am extremely proud of them all. Congratulations to Edoardo who received first place and to Celia and Leila who tied for second place.

A presto!

~ Signora Ashkenazy



Creating a Future School

Our before school Extension group presented in teams this morning to a panel of four: Mitchell Mackay Principal of John Curtin College of the Arts, Travis Vladich Dean of the Arts and Deputy Principal of John Curtin College of the Arts, Kim Guelfi Principal of Applecross Primary School and Louis Shepherd Deputy Principal of Applecross Primary and Leader of Digital and Design Technologies, around Creating a School of the Future. This ten-week cycle gave the students the opportunity to use critical and creative thinking and problem solving to design a school that would appeal to students in thirty or even in fifty years' time! Each team designed a concept that was unique to what they believed would be important. The panel were incredibly positive and spoke to the team after each presentation, giving them praise and feedback and asking some really interesting questions. After the presentation, the panel members were giving some serious consideration to some of the ideas that may even come in to their schools BEFORE 2050!

Thank you to all of our students who worked so hard through this cycle, which has been a real challenge. Thank you to the parents who also attended today's presentation which provided a lovely audience for the teams.

We look forward to seeing all the students return to the program again next year.



Chess Report

Chess Club Fundraiser Tournament Report

On Sunday 14 October, MLPS Chess Club hosted a seven-round open junior chess tournament at the school. Mount Lawley PS are the current Western Australian Primary Schools chess champions and this tournament was to raise funds to send our school team to the National Schools Chess Finals to be held in Adelaide on 1 and 2 December.

The event was very well attended with 73 players from all over Perth, including some of the State's strongest juniors. The u18's overall winner was Harry Geronimo who received a \$100 cash prize. MLPS achieved four places in the top 10 under 14 and 18 combined with Minh Nguyen and Ethan Richards (=6th) and Athi Arivuchchelvan and Zachary Pendragon (=8th).

Winner of the u14's was Alex Pimenov who received a \$50 prize. The Under 10's winner was Arnav Gupta on countback, with MLPS student Iker Hernandez gaining second place with the same number of points. Brett Thompson, Callum Wintle and Jamie Richards were equal 5th.

Overall the tournament had something for everyone with plenty of drama for some of the developing and younger players to build on their skills and it was good to see lots of new faces. The tournament was expertly organised by MLPS chess coach Mr Jay Lakner. Full results can be found on the Chess Kids Tornado website [MLPS Tournament Results](#).

There were plenty of hungry mouths to feed and thanks to Joli Mendez, Jenny Pendragon and Herma Richards for manning the cake stall all day in the face of the onslaught. Thanks also to Kalaimakal Arivuchchelvan; Thao Nguyen; Olivia Boulud; Tish Wintle; Kimberley Farrell; Kathy Richards and countless others for their generous donation of time and food.

Thanks also to Cavelle Monck, Grace Adam and Sandra Martin for their unwavering support and for making the school available, and to all the teachers who helped with the footy colours fundraising day. To the Chess Association of Western Australia (CAWA) for their co-sponsoring of the event and a donation of \$500. To Tiffany Elwood for publishing the event on Facebook and to Hugo Hernandez (and others) for publishing and distributing the fliers, to Simon Millman MLA for his donation of \$50, wine and his office support.

The tournament raised a \$1,531 (includes trophy deductions) in entry fees and an amazing \$880 was raised from cake sales and the raffle. Including CAWA and other donations (\$658) and money raised on the footie colours day (\$516) we have raised a **total of \$3,585**. Thanks to your help, our school team is now on its way to represent Western Australia at the National Finals.



Iker Hernandez-Mendez was second in the u10's



Huw Richards attracts a crowd as he ponders his next move



Jenny Pendragon, Herma Richards and Joli Mendez delivered a result on the cake stall



After the raffle there was a mad rush for the chess cake (made by Herma)



The event was well attended



Competition was tough on the top boards

Jim Richards

Student Leaders' Initiative: Hunger Banquet Fundraiser

Good afternoon to the students, parents and teachers reading this, In Week 5 on the Friday 9 December, Leah Halberg (Rm 2) and the 4 student leaders will be hosting a Hunger Banquet Fundraiser. A Hunger Banquet is where guests draw a random piece of paper which assigns them a 'class' of wealth; either lower class, middle class or higher class. The amount of people in each class depends on the world's population and the percentage of people who are in that class. In the world now only 10% of the world's population rank as higher class with 50% being middle class and a massive 40% being classified as lower-class citizens. You receive a dinner according to your wealth and this could range from a bowl of rice to a three-course meal! This event is a fundraiser to raise money and awareness for people who are less fortunate than us and live in poverty. All the money raised from donations and tickets will go to Oxfam – a charity who supports people in poverty ridden countries. Thanks to the P&C who sponsored this event all the money will go straight to charity. The Fundraiser Dinner will be held at 6pm in the covered assembly area on Friday the 9th of November. There is a limited amount of tickets available and if they have not already run out then the ticket purchasing will close on Friday 2 November. Please purchase your tickets at trybooking for \$10 per person. If you can't attend please donate to a great cause. Please place money in an envelope labelled, "Hunger Banquet" and place into the payment box in the front office.



<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=436186&>

Sincerely,

~ Leah, Charlotte, Sofia, Will & Michael

P&C Uniform Shop News

Kindy display

A selection of uniform items is currently on display at the Kindy for parents of Pre-Primary 2019 children to peruse. Parents are encouraged to try items for size and submit orders either via email to mlpsuniformshop@gmail.com or by handing in at the school office. A small number of forms have been supplied at the kindy, or forms can be downloaded from the school website under Parent Information -> Uniforms. The display will be available until Friday 26 Oct. Orders submitted will be filled and supplied to your child's classroom before the end of term.

Parents are also always welcome to visit the Uniform Shop at the main school covered assembly area on Mondays 8.30-9.30.

Uniform Shop prices

The prices of most Uniform Shop items will increase as of 1 Jan 2019. The price increases are minimal (generally \$1-\$2) and reflect increases in the cost price of uniform items from suppliers. Stock up now to take advantage of the current prices!

Scrunchies

The Uniform Shop now stocks scrunchies made from the same fabric as the school dresses. They are \$3 each.

Email orders

The Uniform Shop accepts orders sent via email to mlpsuniformshop@gmail.com. Orders are generally filled on a Monday and delivered to your child's classroom. Please ensure all payment information and a contact phone number are included with your order. Order forms are available on the school website.

P&C Social & Fundraising News

Arts Night - Sausage Sizzle - Friday 2 November

As part of this year's Arts Night celebrations the P&C will be holding a Sausage Sizzle with the following items available on the night:

- Sausage Sizzle - \$3.50
- Bottled Water - \$1
- Juice Boxes - \$1
- Soft Drinks - \$2
- Packet of chips - 50c
- Tea & Coffee - gold coin donation

Volunteers are needed on the night for cooking and service so if you are able to spare 30 minutes to an hour, please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094EADAA29ABFF2-arts>

Icypoles - Every Friday

Icypoles are available at lunchtime every Friday for Term 4.

- Fruit Sticks - 50c
- Lemonade Icypoles - \$1

If you are able to help serve icypoles please sign up using the link below. It's only 1 hour. 12-1pm.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60B0E48A4A72DA2F49-term>

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.

Understanding and Guiding Big Emotions in Little People

This workshop is for parents and professionals working with children that are looking for practical techniques to help guide children through their big and often scary emotions. Click [here](#) for more information.

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching

Join this 3 session program to explore ways parents can increase their children's ability to manage and self-regulate their feelings and reactions. Click [here](#) for more details.

Mixed Martial Arts for Kids – Free 2 Week Trial

Give your child the help they deserve to build their confidence, self-esteem, focus, strength, coordination, balance and life skills. For more information, see the flyer [here](#).

Phantoms Water Polo Club - Click [here](#) for more information.

Come and try:

- Phun Ball – up to school Year 3
- Flippa Ball – school Years 2-6
- 14s & Under – Junior comp from Year 6 and up