

Newsletter

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**Mount
Lawley**
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Strive for Wisdom

Edition 14, Week 5, August 15 2018

Dates for the diary

15 August	Parenting Workshop (K-Yr 6)	29 August	Mathematics Parenting Workshop (Yr 3-6)
16 August	STEM Parent Information Night	30 August	Faction Carnival (Jumps and Throws)
17 August	Coffee and Chat with the Principal	6 September	Board Meeting
23 August	Year 2 Excursion – Whiteman Park	6 September	P&C Meeting
24 August	Book Week Parade	7 September	Faction Athletics Carnival
28 August	Year 1 Excursion – Peninsula Farm		

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,

As a staff we have been taking a close look at the “way we do things around here”. At the core of everything we do is “children at the centre” and so we use that lens to look at the programs we offer, the way we teach and the relationships we build with our students, families and the wider community. I also hold true to the statement that “the only thing constant is change”. As a leadership team, we are always reviewing what we do in order for us to determine and implement things which have the greatest impact on students in the classroom.

To that end, we have worked together as a staff to make some changes that will take place over the course of this year. The first aspect concerns work sample folders and portfolios. Currently teachers separate work to put into folders that go home at the end of each semester. The idea is for parents to look at the work and have conversations with their child about their progress over time. As a staff we have agreed that this is not the way we want to continue as the time it takes for staff to put these folders together takes away from the face-to-face time the teachers spend with the students. In our quest to have parents as partners and fully engaged in their child’s learning journey, we invite parents into the classroom to look at their child’s workbooks as a ‘whole’ – which actually gives a better picture of progress over time. Work sample folders and portfolios therefore will no longer be a part of Mount Lawley PS. Teachers will put all work into the students’ workbooks which can be accessed by parents at any time. For this year, Kindergarten students will still have a portfolio because they don’t have ‘workbooks’ which will go home at the end of the year.

We have also been looking at the research around **marking** and how it can be done more effectively to give the *right* kind of feedback to students to help them progress. Traditional marking is where the teacher ticks every page in a workbook but this is often done out of hours, where the teacher is then unable to give the students the kind of feedback that is recommended by researchers such as John Hattie. For parents, we often like to see ticks on a page because it means the teacher must be doing their job and that they have seen the work of everyone however, the time it takes to do this, means teachers can’t have the face-to-face conversations to set goals with students to help them learn from their mistakes or how to improve. We are changing the way we provide feedback to students. Teachers will encourage more peer marking (where students swap work) and they will initial workbooks to keep a track of the work they have seen (as opposed to ticks on a page). They will now spend the majority of their time conducting face-to-face conferences with students to go over work and help move them on. This may be done by using set ‘focus’ students per day, so the teacher sees a



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small group in each different area each day for robust feedback. The teacher will continue with over the shoulder 'marking' where they are constantly monitoring what each student is doing and teaching at each point of need. Although we don't have many textbooks now, the expectation is that they are still just a 'tool' or resource, which is used for about 2% of the lesson. Best practice focuses on hands on use of manipulatives or concrete materials, class discussion and targeted questioning, small group work that may be grouped by ability, interest or readiness depending on the learning area and the use of instructional strategies where students use a range of ways to solve problems. If at the end of the year, books come home with some pages blank or you don't see every page with ticks, it means the teacher was making use of a whole tool kit of great teaching strategies for your child to reach their full potential. At all times, you are welcome in to the classroom to look at workbooks, talk with your child about their learning and to also make an appointment with the teacher if you want to find out how your child is going.

We are also exploring the use of sending Semester 2 reports home via the Department of Education's online platform called "Connect". This means each parent would be given a log in and can access your child's report online. The beauty of this is that you can store all your child's reports on this platform so you will have continued access and on the day reports are "sent home" – they can be accessed as soon as they are uploaded. Many schools across the metro and regional areas are now on Connect, in both the primary and secondary setting so we are looking forward to aligning with these schools. We are continuing conversations with our staff about the content of reports and are working together to make decisions for the future. Further to this, is that Connect is so much more than just a space to access reports. We will look to implement the Connect platform across the whole school so teachers can create classes where they can store a range of resources that students can access. We will be using it across the whole school from an administration point of view as well – where we can also send targeted notices and keep the whole school aware of what is happening. It is an additional communication tool that can be used very effectively to target single or multiple classes, individuals or the community as a whole. In the coming days, more information regarding Connect will be sent to you to familiarize yourself with this resource. To access Connect, each parent must have a valid email. Please let the office know as soon as you are able your preferred email if it is different to the one we have on the system.

Other programs and processes are also being reviewed and we will share these with all of you as decisions are made and finalised.

Please feel free to come and see me if you would like to discuss any of the above changes. **A perfect time to do this would be THIS Friday 17 August for "Coffee and a Chat" with the Principal in the staff room, starting at 9.30am. We welcome you all – especially our Kindy families – to come and share a cuppa and get to know one another better.**

As always we are well on our way in taking our school from good to great and are focused on our school improvement journey.

See you in the playground!

~Ms Cavelle Monck, Principal

Honour Board

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**The following students were awarded Honour Certificates at the Friday 10 August assembly.
Congratulations to all recipients and a special acknowledgment to Year 4/5 Room 15 for their class item.**

NEXT ASSEMBLY

Our next item assembly will be held on by Friday August 31 by Year 1 Room 13, all welcome to attend.



PP	Angela Abrha	Year 3	Lawley Scott
PP	Aldred Saji	Year 4	Erica Nguyen
PP	Prisha Patel	Year 4	Jax Baljic
Year 1	Charlie Lazerou	Year 4	Velvet Cary
Year 1	Ethan Kearney	Year 4	Chloe Edwards
Year 1	Aidan Jakupovic	Year 4	Iker Hernandez-Mendez
Year 1	Jet Mun	Year 5	Quinn Burke
Year 1	Hamish Atkinson	Year 5	Charlotte Cooper-Cornish
Year 1	Harrison Davis	Year 5	Pierce Boon
Year 2	Shuri Wilkins	Year 5	Celia Orgeas
Year 2	Mason Chambers	Year 5	Asha Thompson
Year 2	Clara McKay	Year 5	Callum Blair
Year 2	Ari Tolmie	Year 6	Mann Patel
Year 3	Joel Smith	Year 6	Julian Barrett
Year 3	Angus Owens	Year 6	Sebastian Williams
Year 3	Lina Boskani	Year 6	Leah Halberg
Year 3	Ryan Huynh		

Traffic

Thank you to those parents who have made a supreme effort in coming to the Kiss and Drive rather than stopping in the street on Third Avenue. I know that traffic will always be an issue in our community and we appreciate those of you who have made the change. Please continue to be mindful of the road conditions; if you don't plan to park, please **only** pick up at the Kiss and Drive and not on Third Avenue and as always, be kind to our lovely neighbours.

Dogs

As you may be aware, there was an incident involving two students who were bitten by a dog recently on the school grounds. Although the injuries weren't serious, they do create trauma for our students who become anxious about coming to school. Under the Education Act, dogs are NOT allowed on our school site unless they are a registered therapy or guide dog. Please don't tie dogs to the surrounding fences and leave them unattended. We thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Nature Playground

It is with great excitement that we are now in the early stages of our Nature Playground project. We are looking to put together a committee that consists of: The Principal, 3 teachers, 1 Board member, 1 P&C Representative, 4 parents and 2 community members.

We are calling for expressions of interest from parents who may like to be on this committee. Ideally we are looking for parents from early childhood, years 3-4 and years 5-6 so we can get a balanced view on what each group may want included in the playground. Please leave your name and number at the office no later than Friday 24 August.

School Board Update

Albert Tassone, the MLPS Board Chair opened the fifth Board meeting for 2018 on the 9 August at 5.30pm. There were a number of members absent and as a result a quorum was not formed. This resulted in some agenda items being postponed until the next meeting.

Ms Monck informed the members that there has been a lot going on in the school this term. The term began with two Professional Development days being attended by the staff. The first day was the Hub Conference where a number of learning activities were presented to the staff. The Early Childhood staff spent time participating in unpacking the pedagogy of "Walker Learning", which is currently running in the Pre-Primary classes. The second day was held at the school and the staff were upskilled by the EduCode Instructor, Emma Bibra. EduCode has begun with 100% of students in attendance. The feedback has been very positive from both staff and students. The Cross Country was held on 3 August with the Interschool Cross Country happening on Wednesday 15 August. A number of workshops for parents are being presented at the school over the rest of the term. Please see the calendar on the school website for all upcoming events.

Amendments to the Communication Policy were presented to the Board for discussion. Some suggestions were made by members so it will be edited and represented. Once it is endorsed it will be made available to the community for comment. Unfortunately, we were unable to discuss the Business Plan (BP) and the Delivery Performance Agreement (DPA) this meeting but it will be on the agenda for the following meeting.

The next MLPS Board meeting will be held in the staffroom at 5.30pm on Thursday 6 September 2018. You are very welcome to attend as an observer.

Thank you,

Cara Davis
(Board Secretary)

Book Week

Our annual Book Week parade will be on Friday 24th August with the theme "find your treasure". Students are encouraged to come dressed as your favourite treasured book character. The assembly will start at 8.50am and parents, guardians and community members are more than welcome to stay and watch the fun.

Students in Years 3-6 are asked to bring their sports uniform to change into as sport will be held in the afternoon.

STEM Parent Information Night

Just a reminder that in celebration of National Science Week 2018, I will be offering a parent information night on STEM education. This will be held on Thursday 16th August at 7:00 pm (tomorrow) in Room 4. This information session is for **all** parents so please come along and be prepared to get hands-on!

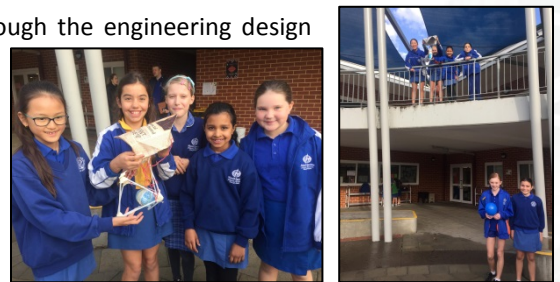
Science Alive Incursion

Our National Science Week celebrations commenced as Mick Doyle from Science Alive presented exhilarating shows to each year group. Our little MLPS scientists took part in intriguing discussions about the earth and its place in space while being stunned and startled by the many experiments and gadgets Mick presented. The shows were filled with laughter, interesting questions and even a few screams (not all from the students!).



STEM Girls @ MLPS

Over the past two weeks, our STEM Girls @ MLPS have been working through the engineering design process to complete the good old 'Egg Drop Challenge'. Prior to constructing, the girls worked in groups to create a prototype that would protect their egg. They then had to adjust and improve their designs as they worked through the building process. I was amazed by the robust discussions we had in regards to aerodynamics, the relationship between mass and velocity and the nature of the different materials they were using to break the fall.



NATA Young Scientist Of The Year Award 2018

The competition encourages students to think about what science is and examine how it impacts on people's everyday lives. Students from primary schools across Australia are invited to enter the competition to win cash prizes.

This year's theme is 'Medical Science - towards 2050' which will encourage students to undertake an investigation on any topic relating to medical science both now and in the future.

The aims and purpose of the competition are:

- to promote to children the benefits and value of science
- to provide students with the opportunity
- to participate in science on a national platform
- to encourage students to apply their
- creativity to scientific solutions
- to demonstrate the importance of good presentation skills in science

If you have any further questions or would like to enter please see Mrs. Kaler in Room 4.

Wednesday Workshops

Please mark in your diaries some AMAZING workshops. These are a great way to learn new information and meet with other parents in the community. Please note; no children are to attend these workshops.

"Boundaries, Bouncing Back and Blessings" (for K-Yr 6 parents) - 15 August 2018 at 7pm

Parents and carers are invited to join Cavelle Monck in the covered assembly area where she will be presenting a parenting workshop that looks at setting boundaries for children, building resilience and the blessings of parenting

Mathematics and Problem Solving in the Middle to Upper Years (for Years 3-6 parents) - 29 August 2018 at 7pm

This workshop presented by Grace Adam will focus on Problem solving strategies. This is the side of mathematics that enables us to use the skills in a wide variety of situations. Young students who are engaged in meaningful problem solving develop basic skills, higher-order thinking skills, and a repertoire of problem solving strategies.

Gifted Learners - 12 September 2018 at 6pm

Gifted WA will be presenting a workshop all about gifted learners for interested parents of students in PP to Year 6. Please join us in the covered assembly area.

L'Angolo d'Italia (The Italian Corner)

Buongiorno a tutti!

Over the years I have had some very interesting discussions with colleagues and community members at the various schools where I have worked regarding the importance of Language learning and its value beyond the classroom.

The Museum of WA has created a wonderful video which discusses this very topic. I encourage everyone to follow the link and have a look <http://museum.wa.gov.au/one-state-many-languages/>

I would like to remind parents of year 5 and 6 students about the opportunity those students have to enter an Italian Speech competition being held early next term. The deadline for nominations has been extended so if you would like your child to take part, please email me prior to August 31st so I can register their name. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for date, time and location information (please note, the flyer mentions that only 1 student per school can enter. This has been amended so more students can take part).

A presto!
Signora Ashkenazy



Above: Stained Glass window art created by Pre-Primary Classes



Left: Room 6 making Italian Chatterboxes about the weather

Netball News

Bank West Easy Grants

We are delighted to inform that Mount Lawley Netball Club previously applied and has now been selected for a Bankwest Easy Grant. We need your Help! The grant will be up for public vote on Monday 6th August for the month of August. Click [here](#) to log a vote for us. It only takes 1 minute! We worked hard to put in the grant application and would really appreciate your vote so we can obtain the funds to purchase the club much needed sports equipment. The applicant with the most votes wins \$1,000 to their club.

Final Game

Our years 3 and 4 have their final games this week. It's been a wonderful season, thanks again to all of our players for their amazing sportsmanship and dedication. It's been such a pleasure watching you develop this season. We look forward to your final game on Saturday and seeing you next year!!!



Year 3 Team Photo
Thank you to coaches Sam Peacock and Eve Naomis.



Year 4 Team Photo
On a cold, wet day at Matthews, Thank you to Coach Pauline Thompson.

Netball Results

Netball results for rounds 7 & 8 (for years 5 & 6 – first 3 rounds were grading) and rounds 10 & 11 (for years 3 & 4).

Round 10					
Year 3 Net Set Go	MLPS	12	to	Woodlands	6
Year 4 Blue Net Set Go	MLPS	8	to	Iona	5
Year 4 Orange Net Set Go	MLPS	11	to	Perth College	16
Year 5 Junior Division 2	MLPS	7	to	St Johns	3
Year 6 Junior Division 6	MLPS	13	to	Deanmore	18

Round 11					
Year 3 Net Set Go	MLPS	6	to	OLGC	6
Year 4 Blue Net Set Go	MLPS	6	to	Woodlands	4
Year 4 Orange Net Set Go	MLPS	3	to	OLGC	9
Year 5 Junior Division 2	MLPS	10	to	Wembley Downs	10
Year 6 Junior Division 6	MLPS	11	to	Floreat	13

P&C Social & Fundraising News

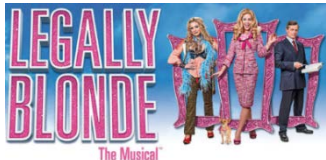
Casino Night – Saturday 25 August

It's now just over a week to go before the MLPS P&C parent's social event of the year – CASINO NIGHT!

We'll have the blackjack and roulette tables ready for you to enjoy (don't worry it will only be play money!) Or for those that prefer to relax, you can enjoy delicious food & drink in the surrounds of the Mt Lawley Bowling Club listening to the smooth tunes of live band Groove Night Avenue.

Tickets available at: www.trybooking.com/WTNU

TICKETS SALES WILL BE CLOSING ON WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST, SO DON'T MISS OUT!!



As an added bonus, for everyone that purchases their tickets prior to this **Friday 17 August**, you will automatically go into the draw to win 2 x double passes valued at \$280 for Legally Blonde the Musical. Competition ends 6pm this Friday.



We look forward to seeing you all there! If you have need any further information about the night, please contact Georgina Hurst on 0423 665 176.

Toasty Tuesdays

Toasty Tuesdays are on again for Term 3. To keep the Toasty Tuesdays running each week, we require volunteers. If you are able to help from 11am-1pm on a Tuesday, please hit the link and add your name - the kids will love you for it! [Here](#)

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.

Cyber Safety Workshop

Menora Playgroup will be hosting a cyber safety workshop in conjunction with WA Child Safety Services on 20 August at Alexander Park Tennis Club, see the full flyer [here](#) for more information.

Relationships Australia Parenting Workshops

Please see attached a flyer [here](#), outlining parent-related workshops at our West Leederville Branch in September 2018.

School Holiday Basketball Camp

Please find attached our [flyer](#) for all the details you need to know about the upcoming basketball camp these October school holidays.

Redhage Basketball School Program

For more information, please click [here](#) or register at www.redhagebasketball.com

Hotshots Tennis Program

Playtennis offers an 8 week before school Tennis course at Mt Lawley Primary School for children from Kindy to Year 6 commencing in Week 2. For further information and to enrol, click [here](#).

The Football Centre Soccer Coaching – Term 3

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. The program takes place Mondays on the school oval from 3:15pm to 4:30pm, commencing 23 July. For further information, click [here](#).

Toddler Jam @ St Patricks Church Hall

Toddler Jam is a morning of music, singing, dancing, and fun for 0-5 years old! For more information click [here](#), or contact us at facebook.com/toddlerjammtlawley

Midvale Parenting Hub - Upcoming Programs

The following programs will be delivered during Term 3 in the City of Bayswater, and Town of Bassendean.

[Tuning in to Kids](#) @ Bayswater Waves

Protective Behaviours @ [Weld Square Primary](#), [Maylands Library](#) & [Brockman House](#)

[Dads Tuning in to Kids](#) @ Bayswater Family Centre

[123-Magic Emotion](#) Coaching @ Derrik Ernst Neighbourhood Centre