

Newsletter

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Lawley**
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Dates for the diary

28 November	2019 Kindergarten Information Evening	7 December	Year 6 Dinner Dance
29 November	Board Meeting	10 December	Presentation Night Concert
29 November	P&C Meeting	12 December	Graduation: Whole School Assembly
30 November	Pre-Primary Assembly Item	13 December	Last Day of Term for Students

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 are well into the heart of this last term of the year and the days keep spinning by with so much going on within our school. Our Admin team is currently planning for 2019 as well and we are excited about the new year to come. We have made some significant changes to how our school will look next year – some things we have done in the past we are letting go to make way for new and innovative ways to engage with our students and to explore aspects of curiosity, creativity and critical problem solving. Next year, outside providers such as the Life Ed Van and the EdGym Bus will not be here as teachers will provide those aspects of learning which include Protective Behaviours and fundamental movement skills in the junior years. Dance with Debbie-Anne will cease for PP-Year 4 and only be done in Years 5 and 6 in preparation for the Year 6 Dinner Dance, which is a highlight for all Year 6 students and ICAS testing will also no longer be offered at school.

As part of the Department of Education's Focus 2019 document, we will also have a strong focus on Aboriginal Culture, and we will be implementing the Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework which looks at ways we can build on our cultural responsiveness within the school and community. We will continue our journey with coding and robotics and the implementation of devices in the classroom from Kindy to Year 6. We look to offer a range of extra-curricular activities that appeal to all students across the age range and will tap into the many interests our students have in a variety of areas. We continue to work on our plans for our Nature Playground and encourage you to submit any ideas you may have for inclusion in this project.

As you can appreciate, this is the 'busy end' of the year when we are finalizing 2018 and getting ready for 2019. We have had positive feedback from our community as to the direction our school is heading and we hope you are sharing the things you are finding special with others in and around Mount Lawley. I encourage you to 'have your say' in our Parent Survey – we would love to have as many families as possible contribute to this, as it assists us with planning and thoughts for the future. All constructive feedback is welcome and you can also go into the draw for your child to win a book voucher!

See you in the playground!

~Ms Cavelle Monck, Principal



Please download the Mt Lawley Primary School app and stay up to date!

Order your 2018 Banksia Yearbook now at the front Office



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

Honour Board

The following students were awarded Honour Certificates at the Friday 16 November assembly. Congratulations to all recipients and a special acknowledgment to Year 6 Room 2 for their class item.

NEXT ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be held on Friday 30 November Pre-Primary – all welcome to attend.



PP	Tian Teh	Year 4	Sara Aitwade
PP	Jackson Dix	Year 4	Bradley Ochoa
PP	Grayson McGregor	Year 4	Felix Moncrieff
PP	Zeiger (Ziggy) Watt	Year 4	Charli Bassett
PP	Tiernan McGregor	Year 4	Jacinda Darroch
Year 1	Abby Jensen	Year 4	Thuli Mdhuli
Year 1	Harrison Davis	Year 4	Lincoln Young
Year 1	Hamsh McElvenny	Year 5	Prezley Davis
Year 1	Emma Kitching	Year 5	Zoe Lazarou
Year 2	Yash Patel	Year 5	Shazia Rawat
Year 2	Shuri Wilkins	Year 6	Matilda Booth
Year 2	Orlando Salamastrakis	Year 6	Reuben O'Rourke
Year 2	Christian Tollis	Year 6	Jade Formica
Year 3	Matteo Tassone	Year 6	Jonah Adamson
Year 3	Keiana Lizza-Blackbee		
Year 3	Archie Fulford		
Year 3	Jensen Tomcala		

The Connect Platform is coming

Connect is a secure online environment developed by the Department of Education for staff, students and parents in public schools. Initially in our school, we will use Connect to deliver Semester 2 student reports however next year it will expand to give our teachers a tool to deliver content to students via an online classroom. This means your children will be able to share with you what they are learning about, submit assignments and Connect will become our primary means of communicating with parents. For you, Connect provides easy access to information relevant to your child's classes and learning such as assessments, teacher feedback and attendance data as well as whole school communications.

As part of setting up to engage with the Connect platform, we sent home Acceptable Use Agreement forms last week for students and parents to complete. This process raised a question from a parent around student email addresses and their use. Students can only access their email accounts through the Department's secure online Portal, either from school or from home. Students' responsibilities around the appropriate use of their email addresses and other personal information are discussed in the online rules section of the forms which were sent home, so it is of the utmost importance that parents are discussing these rules with students before returning the forms to school. As part of the Digital Technologies curriculum, individual teachers may begin engaging with students via email as part of their teaching programs. If you have concerns about your child's use of Information Communication Technology at school, please see your child's teacher.

From the beginning of next year we will use Connect to keep you updated with important information. Things like up-coming events, excursions, classroom updates, classroom activities, photos and stories can be sent to you via email or push notification on your phone. You will be able to download the *Connect Now* app from the Apple App Store or Google Play to receive phone notifications.

On Monday 26 November you will receive your secure parent login information to Connect via the email address we have on file for the person listed as Parent / Guardian 1. If you have recently changed your email address, please let us know by phoning 9370 2170 or emailing MountLawley.PS@education.wa.edu.au so we can update our details.

We hope that you enjoy the Connect experience and see it as an exciting new way for you to stay in touch with your child's school journey.

Last chance to order your Banksia Yearbook

If families have not yet ordered their copy of the 2018 Banksia yearbook, we ask that you do so before the end of this week (Friday 23 November). This is your last opportunity as we will be sending the book off to print next week.

2019 Personal Items for Student Use

Our 2019 Booklists are now available for download from our website (*Parent Information > Booklists*). Should you choose to order from the school's nominated supplier, please note that to take advantage of the FREE delivery service, your order must be finalised online by Friday 7 December. Please follow the instructions on the booklists. In addition to the Personal Items for Student Use, for your convenience, you can also pay your school and P&C voluntary contributions via the booklists.

MLPS School Board News

The first Board Meeting for Term 4 2018 was opened by the Board Chair, Albert Tassone, at 5.32pm in the school staffroom on Thursday 8 November. Enough members were in attendance to form a quorum.

The Principal addressed the Board and discussed a number of different things going on in the school at the moment. Overall everyone is very busy and very productive. It's a very busy time of the year with reports and preparations for the end of the year. Ms Monck discussed the new process for school reports which will begin with Semester 2 Reports in a couple of weeks. All reports from now on will be accessed via the Education Departments Connect platform. Once logon details are received, parents will view their child's report online. You are welcome to print it if you wish but a printed copy will not be sent home as it previously has been.

Communication with the School Board was discussed. You are very welcome to approach Board Members and ask questions and if we can answer them we will and if we don't know the answer we will do our best to find out. If we don't know the answer we will encourage you to email your question to the Board email – MLPSBoard@outlook.com or drop a note in the School Board Communication box in the school's front office. If questions are emailed, then they will be tabled as part of the next meeting and will be discussed by all Board members present. It will also be minuted and you will receive a reply via email. Please note that the email provided here is new. We will discontinue use of the old email in the near future. We look forward to hearing from you.

The next MLPS Board meeting will be held in the staffroom at 5.30pm on Thursday 29 November 2018. You are very welcome to attend.

Thank you,
~ Cara Davis, Board Secretary

L'Angolo d'Italia (The Italian Corner)

Buon giorno a tutti.

In the last two weeks of school, depending on when your child has their Italian lesson, I will be bringing in a traditional Italian sweet called *panettone* for the students to sample. You may have seen this bread based dessert in supermarkets but not really known what it is. There are many interesting stories around the history of *panettone* and how it came to be a traditional Italian staple during times of celebration such as Christmas or Easter.

It is quite a dry dessert so if your child comes home and asks you to get some for your family to try, I would suggest getting some mascarpone, cream or custard to go along with it! Buon Appetito!

~ Signora Ashkenazy

New LAP Program Co-Ordinator Needed

I am so sad to say that this is my last year at Mount Lawley Primary. After being involved in the LAP program for 9 years I feel very emotional about leaving the program which has meant so much to me during my time as a mum at the school. I have worked with such wonderful students and tutors during this time and I am so passionate about seeing the program continue at Mount Lawley. I have seen many students who have loved and thrived with this one on one time, whose confidence has grown through the combination of their classroom teacher and this individualised attention.

As the year draws to a close I need to hand over the LAP Co-ordinator position. The role includes: attending parent information meetings for 5 minutes at the beginning of the year to inform parents of the program and to try to get volunteer parents interested, putting up posters and advertising the program in Term 1, working with Sandra Martin to match students to tutors, arranging initial meet and greet morning tea for tutors, being a point of contact for tutors and keeping tutors aware of key dates etc. in the program.

I will hand over a package of key dates and email samples to make it an easy transition. If anyone is able and willing to take this role please email your interest to sallycherry@iinet.net.au or Sandra.Martin1@education.wa.edu.au.

Many thanks,
~ Sally Cherry

Chess School Championship Report

Congratulations to all Chess Club members who competed in the MLPS School Chess Championship on Wednesday 7 November, when a total of 39 children took part in seven rounds of hotly contested matches. This was probably the best ever School Championship with a number of playoffs required to decide final placings.

Chess encourages and develops problem solving, forward planning, resilience, time-management and dealing with winning and losing. They were all there on the day. Every player demonstrated good chess etiquette and sportsmanship which is the hallmark of Mount Lawley PS Chess Club.

The tournament winner and School Champion for 2018 is Ethan Richards (Year 5). Undefeated on the day, Ethan had two early draws but fought back well to defeat fellow A Team members, Minh Nguyen and Iker Hernandez in critical matches. Ethan has now won the School Championship a remarkable three times.

A group of Year 1 players were invited to play and they acquitted themselves very well. Also pleasing to see was the large influx of middle school girl players represented this year. We hope to see this trend continue next year.

MLPS Chess Championships 2018 Awards

Award		Name	Year	Room
School Open Champion	Winner	Ethan Richards	5	3
	2 nd	Iker Hernandez	4	15
	3 rd	Minh Nguyen	6	1
Year 4/5 Award	Winner	Iker Hernandez	4	15
	2 nd	Jamie Richards	3	5
	3 rd	Spencer Farrell	3	6
Year 1/2 Award	Winner	Orlando Salamastrakis	2	8
	2 nd	Huw Richards	1	11
	3 rd	Fin Lizza-Blackbee	2	9
Top Girl	Winner	Isabella Sanchez	4	16
	2 nd	Julia Ayliffe	3	5
	3 rd	Adele Stegink	4	15
Most Improved		Jin Teh	1	11
"Dark Horse"		Sanjeev Jegan	6	1

The full tournament results are available at <https://tornelo.com/chess/orgs/none/events/2018-mount-lawley-school-chess-championships/pairings>

Engraved medallions were awarded at the school assembly on Friday 16 November.

Thanks to our school chess coach Mr Jay Lakner for organising the tournament free of charge to all students.

~ Michael Richards, Chess Coordinator



Working bee

I want to send a big thank you to the eight parents and grandparent who came along to the library working bee last Tuesday. Multiple boxes of books were covered, ticketed and displays prepared. Your help was much appreciated and you have greatly assisted in getting the books to the kids sooner. THANK YOU!



Holiday borrowing

Week 7 is the last week for library borrowing; all books need to be returned in Week 8 please. As there is no holiday borrowing over the Christmas break I strongly encourage all students to become a member of the local library. City of Stirling has six libraries, and as a member you are entitled to borrow from all. Membership is free and each member can borrow up to 20 books. Further details can be found at the following link.

<https://www.stirling.wa.gov.au/leisure-and-culture/libraries-and-hubs/library-membership-and-services>

Backyard Bookfair

The State Library of WA is holding a backyard bookfair on Saturday 2 December 10.30am - 12.30pm. This event features 10 Western Australian authors and illustrators such as Cristy Burne, Kelly Canby, James Foley, and Dianne Wolfer. You will be entertained with talks, writing and drawing demonstrations and have the opportunity to have books signed and meet the author. For further information, go to <https://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/whats-on/families-children/backyard-book-fair>.

Spelling Bee

On Tuesday 20 November, selected Year 4, 5 and 6 students participated in the Mount Lawley Primary School Spelling Bee. It is an annual event that allows our top spellers from each year level to showcase their skills and compete against the best of the best. This year's competition was no exception, with students spelling extremely difficult words round after round and always keeping their cool. All participants in the Spelling Bee are to be commended on their excellent efforts to practice at home and get up in front of an audience to spell some very tricky words! Thank you to our fabulous audience of students, parents, family and friends, who came along to support our scintillating spellers! Congratulations to our winners from each year level, who will have their names engraved on the Spelling Bee plaque in the front office.

~ Miss Anthea Baros



Spelling Bee Winners L-R: Year 6 Winner: Nayanika Nishi, Year 6 Runner Up: Rosa Dickie, Year 5 Winner: Celia Hawkins, Year 5 Runner Up: Riana Tan, Year 4 Winner: Armani Carlin, Year 4 Runner Up: Sara Aitwade

Oxfam Hunger Banquet – Thank You

Good Afternoon,

On the 9th of November, four student leaders, Charlotte, Sofia, Will, Michael and I, hosted a Hunger Banquet Dinner Fundraiser where we raised money for Oxfam; a charity that supports people in poverty.

Thank you to everyone who attended the event, supported or donated as together we raised \$943 for Oxfam. We want to give a big thank you to Ms Monck, the Parent Helpers, the student leaders, Tiffany Eltwood and Mrs Adam for their massive help on the day and leading up to it.

~ Leah Halberg, Rm 2, Yr 6



Uniform Shop News

Leavers' Shirts 2019

Leavers' shirts are now in stock!

Parents of children in Year 6 in 2019 can now purchase leavers shirts from the Uniform Shop. These shirts do not have names on the back and cannot be worn until next year. A limit of one per person will apply until the end of November to ensure all 2019 leavers have an opportunity to snag one. Please be aware that these have run out in past years. After this time, parents will be able to purchase additional shirts if they wish.

2019 Uniform Shop dates

The Uniform Shop will be open on Friday 1 February 9am-1pm for all your back to school uniform needs. Please be patient on this day as it is usually very busy and we are all volunteers.

The uniform shop will *NOT* be open until 10am on the first day of school, Monday 4 February. The uniform shop is staffed by parent volunteers and we will all be busy getting our own children to class for their first day of the year. We will open from about 10-11am on this day.

Besides the above mentioned changes, the uniform shop will be open on Mondays 8.30-9.30am during Term 1.

Uniform shop volunteers needed

Volunteering at the Uniform Shop is a great way to help out at the school and meet lots of different families. It involves staffing the shop on a Monday morning a couple of times a term with another parent volunteer. All training is provided and it's pretty easy! Contact Katie on 0423763180 or email mlpsuniformshop@gmail.com

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!

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 present with your order. Order forms are available on the school website.

VAC Swim Summer Holiday Programs

With swimming pools and beaches a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is essential.

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays. VacSwim programs are held at pools and beaches all across Western Australia. No matter where you are planning to spend these summer holidays, your children can take part in VacSwim.

VacSwim is for all children – from beginners through to advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation. Your children can start as young as five years old.

See more information [here](#), or enrol your children in VacSwim now at www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming

P&C Social and Fundraising News

Social & Fundraising Team - New Members

If you are keen to be part of a fun team that helps to run events to raise money for our school in 2019, please contact Georgina Hurst on 0423 665 176. We'd love to welcome some new members!

Icy poles - Every Friday

Icy poles are available from the canteen at lunchtime, every Friday during Term 4.

Fruit Sticks - 50c

Lemonade Icy poles - \$1

If you are able to help serve icy poles 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.

Perth Cartoon Camp January 2019

Edith Cowan Children's University / Cartoon Kingdom Holiday Cartooning Workshops are on again in January 2019. See the flyer [here](#).

Relationships Australia Parenting Workshops

Please click [here](#) for information outlining all other Parenting Workshops being held by Relationships Australia this November and December.

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](#).

Beaufort Street Christmas Festival

Beaufort Street is hosting its FIRST EVER Christmas Parade as part of our week long holiday celebrations and we want YOU to get involved!

Are you part of a community, school, dancing, theatre, singing or sport group that would like to be part of Beaufort Streets inaugural Christmas Parade?? Maybe you and your friends just want to get together, dress up and have a bit of fun.

The Beaufort Street Network is calling for expressions of interest for groups to be part of this magical event on 22 December. There will be live animals and carollers to keep you entertained, plus it's free to be part of and your float can be as big or as small as you like. Let us know by 23 November if you wish to participate.

The Parade starts at 6.30pm and goes from Mary Street Piazza to St Albans Avenue Highgate. Bring your family and friends down and experience the Twilight Markets at St Albans Church until 9pm, plus you can do some last minute Christmas shopping at the Market Stalls and on Beaufort Street.

Email bsneventsteam@gmail.com for more information.

Maggie Moo Music

Bring your younger ones along for some musical fun and games to Maggie in the Park! Designed by early education specialists and packed with good times. Children aged 6wks-5years welcome.

www.maggiemoomusic.com.au

ECU Kids Holiday Sports Program

Click [here](#) to find out more information about a sport based program at ECU Joondalup and Mt Lawley centres for the entire holiday period. Our program is great to keep kids active over the holidays while parents/carers are at work or simply taking some time out.

Charity Clothing Drop Off

On Saturday 1 December the City of Stirling is hosting its Charity Clothing Drop Off Day. You can bring your unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags, accessories, curtains, bedding and pillows, as well as electrical items, kitchen appliances and bric-a-brac to support your local community. For a full list of what you can donate, visit www.stirling.wa.gov.au/clothingdropoff