

Newsletter

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Lawley**
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Strive for Wisdom

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Dates for the diary

29 August	Mathematics Parenting Workshop (Yr 3-6)	11 September	School Photo Day (Graduation, faction, student leaders, music captains, sustainability captains)
30 August	Faction Carnival (Jumps and Throws)	12 September	Gifted Learners Parent Workshop
6 September	Board Meeting	13 September	MLPS Chess Club State Final
6 September	P&C Meeting	14 September	Item Assembly Year 3, Room 5
7 September	Faction Athletics Carnival	14 September	Interschool Jumps and Throws
10 September	School Photo Day (class photos and family photos)		

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,

“Your brand is only as good as your reputation” (Richard Branson). We have speaking with the students quite a lot lately about reputation and choosing the person they would like to be. Many of these conversations have either been one-on-one, in small groups or as a whole school at our Admin. assemblies. The reason it has become a bit of a focus now, is that in Term 3 we see a significant change in students across all year levels. Term 3 is when students are usually feeling ‘comfortable’ in their classrooms, good relationships have been built with their teachers and peers and they are moving through the year with a sense of “I got this”. With this new found ‘comfort’ and sense of belonging however, comes the pushing of boundaries against school rules and towards staff, and there is often a change in dynamics in friendship groups as well. Whilst we understand that the behaviour in many cases is developmental we still use this space as the perfect opportunity to highlight our values which encourage the students to be the best person they can be. Currently at a Leadership level, both teachers and administration have been revisiting the school vision with a view to ‘unpacking’ each element again with students so we can all have a fresh look at the high expectations we have for our school.

In the front of our current Business Plan you will find the Vision with the Values laid out underneath, with an explanation of what it means for our school context. This was the foundational work done by the school and community after the fire and before we returned to the new school site in 2015. It came about as a result of many hours of sessions with a facilitator who used the input from the school community to develop a brand that is the perfect reflection of what we want for every student who becomes a member of our school – Together: Learn, Respect, Inspire, Create and Celebrate. Over the coming weeks, we will be making this more of a focus from K-6 to hear from students as to what these words mean to them and how they apply it to their own lives. We would love you, as their families, to also have conversations together around this. Perhaps talk with your children about your own reputation, what it means to you and how you went about developing your reputation in your work life, or maybe sporting club or whichever arena you prefer. Please talk with them around the Vision and the Values – you might want to share with them if you had input into the facilitator sessions, so they can see how you thought these values were important. Your support from home will certainly assist us in the work we are doing here.



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We want students to continue with that strong sense of belonging but we also need them to be mindful that their actions (either positive or negative) have consequences. When they push the boundaries, they need to know what's on the other side of the line in the sand and our continual reference to reputation (and what it means / how it looks, feels and sounds) is to give students the explicit skills to make good choices.

We have great students here and I am often so proud of the incredible way they act on a daily basis from Kindy to Pre-Primary. As a Principal, I am in awe of their knowledge, their experiences and the way they can make me laugh. They are true reflections of all of you, their parents, families and the school community in which they live and that's pretty amazing too. We want to give our students every opportunity to explore who they are as people so we can continue to grow together as a school. We will always celebrate who they are as individuals and help them learn when they make mistakes. The most important thing is that, as always, we do it together.

See you in the playground!

~Ms Cavelle Monck, Principal

Attendance

Taking your child out of school during term time still continues to have the biggest impact on our attendance. Earlier in the year, former Director-General Sharyn O'Neill went so far to say that taking your child out of school during the term is considered to be illegal, given that all children of school age are required by law to attend school on a regular basis. I understand that statement caused much debate in the media and closer to home as well. From our school's point of view, taking a child out of school during the term has a massive impact not only their academic learning but also their social peer group and beyond. In academic terms, teachers plan an ongoing sequence of lessons around a concept that often involves many facets that can only be done in the school setting. The conversations or 'unpacking' of a concept, the hands-on activities, the group work and collaboration can't be captured in a work sheet or text book, which is why we don't have many nowadays in our school. For the time your child is away, they are missing significant concepts that may be the very stepping stone that will take them to the next level of the curriculum. Once the child returns, they may struggle with new concepts without that foundation to build on. More importantly, the social circle your child is a part of doesn't stop changing or evolving just because your child has gone on holiday. Often the group dynamics change because your child has missed those moments that have been bonding the group together. It may be hard for your child to re-enter their peer group and find their place, increasing anxiety and impacting on that sense of belonging. Families take holidays for all kinds of reasons and I understand that. I would ask that you give it serious consideration before you embark on a holiday during term time as the research also indicates the negative impact it can have on your child and their future success. Please also be aware that holidays are marked as an "unauthorized vacation" and this does show on your child's attendance record. We want all our students to have every opportunity to reach their full potential at school and ask that you partner with us on this.

Crossing Guard

We now have a new crossing guard on the corner of Clifton Crescent and Second Avenue. We are asking all families who cross at this intersection to go to where the crossing guard is stationed in order for her to cross you over safely, as some of our families are still crossing higher up on the street which is a significant safety issue. Please be aware that if you are travelling by car that you need to watch out for the crossing guard and her flags as she steps out onto the road. Please slow down on the approach and be mindful at drop off and pick up times that she is there. We want our crossing to be safe for everyone, including our crossing guard.

Story Time for Kindys

We have had the privilege of the current Kindy students coming up to the 'big school' for a special series of "story time and play". I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of our Pre-Primary teachers, Jenny Gordon, Daniel Jensen and Debbie Taylor who volunteered their time to each read a story to the Kindy students in the library and get to know these lovely little people, many of whom will become Pre-Primary students here next year. Thank you also to the Kindy parents who brought their child to the school for this series, as we know it will aid in a smooth transition next year. We look forward to seeing our Kindy students again next term when they come for their "official" transition day from Kindy to Pre-Primary.

Fotoworks School Photo Day

This year Fotoworks will be visiting our school on Monday 10 September (class photos and family photos), and Tuesday 11 September (Graduation, faction, student leaders, music captains, sustainability captains, etc). For more information on our photo days, please see [information for parents](#).

ICAS Spelling and Writing

Congratulations to all the students who have completed the ICAS Spelling assessments this term. The results have been provided to the school and the students have been given their results and certificates. Mount Lawley Primary would like to celebrate the achievements of the following students who achieved a High Distinction or Distinction in Spelling and Writing. What a great result with fourteen students achieving above the Australian mean. Great job Mount Lawley!

Mrs Adam

ICAS Spelling		
Name	Year Level	Result
Lauren Beresford	Year 3	Distinction
Sara Aitwade	Year 4	Distinction
Iker Hernandez Mendez	Year 4	Distinction
Adele Stegink	Year 4	High Distinction
Celia Hawkins	Year 5	High Distinction

ICAS Writing		
Name	Year Level	Result
Ludo Williams	3	Distinction
Callum Wintle	3	Distinction
Sylvie Fatin	4	Distinction
Iker Hernandez Mendez	4	High Distinction
Adele Stegink	4	High Distinction
Celia Hawkins	5	Distinction
Georgie Connolly	6	Distinction
Leah Halberg	6	Distinction
Emily Nguyen	6	Distinction

Book Week Parade

A huge thanks to our incredible library officer, Nicola Brodie, for her amazing organization of the Book Week Parade, which was a huge success! Thank you also to the teachers and students for the incredible costumes and great day. We can't wait for next year!

Library News

Book Club

Orders are due for issue 6 by Wednesday 5 September. Orders can be made by placing the completed form with correct cash in the Book Club box in the library. Online orders can be made via LOOP www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP using your credit card and will be delivered to the school.

Book Week

On Friday 24 August Pre-Primary to Year 6 students came together to celebrate Book Week with our annual Book Parade themed "Find Your Treasure". What a true celebration it was, with many treasured characters from Dogman to Dementors. Thank you to all students and teachers who shared their treasure and celebrated the love of reading in Mount Lawley Primary School. Congratulations to the students who have found treasures in the books they have borrowed from the library during book week.



Author visit

Last week Years 1, 2 and 3 were treated to a visit by the popular author Sally Rippin. Sally spoke to her students about her real life experiences as inspiration for all her books (Billy B Brown, Hey Jack and latest book, Polly and Buster). The students were then delighted to have the opportunity to have their books signed in a special meet and greet.



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.

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.

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.

L'Angolo d'Italia (The Italian Corner)

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 31 so I can register their name. Please see the [flyer](#) for date, time and location information (please note, the flyer mentions that only one student per school can enter. This has been amended so more students can take part).

A presto!

Signora Ashkenazy

Interschool Lightning Chess Tournament

Congratulations to the students who represented the school in an Interschool Tournament on Wednesday 22 August against Rosalie and St Paul's Primary Schools. Chess clocks were set at 7 minutes per player for this event so speed of thinking was critical. The tournament was hosted by Mount Lawley and was used to encourage our squad members who have been working hard but not had many opportunities to represent the school. For this reason our A Team players were omitted from the event. We nevertheless managed to win the event with eight of our students placing in the top ten, illustrating the depth of our players. Place getters were:

1	Athi Arivuchchelvan	Mount Lawley	6 wins
2	Zachary Pendragon	Mount Lawley	5 wins
3	Sanjeev Jegan	Mount Lawley	5 wins
4	Stephen Williams	St Paul's	4½ wins
5	Callum Wintle	Mount Lawley	4½ wins

Netball News

As the MLPS Netball Club Winter Season concludes for another year we would like to thank our Netball Community for their support and commitment throughout the 2018 competition. Just as Netball has come a long way in WA so too has the MLPS Netball Club. With the "Fever" pitch excitement of the first ever Grand Final held at Perth Arena on Sunday, there is no better time to be part of a grass roots level Netball Club, where so many successful players have emerged. Netball is one the fastest

growing sports in the country and we are proud to support a sport that encourages players of all age groups and genders to participate.

It has been an exciting year for our Club. This year our players were able to represent their school whilst looking very smart in their new uniforms and we would like to thank our amazing P&C for their contribution towards the cost of the uniforms for our players. To our players, coaches, parents/guardians and friends of our Netball Community that participated in our first ever fundraiser, we'd like to thank you for all your hard work. We had many satisfied customers with shiny, clean cars and our members enjoyed the fruits of their labour with some specialised Clinic Coaching sessions that benefited not only our players but also our wonderful team of volunteer Coaches.

To our fabulous Coaches; Sam Peacock, Eve Naomis, Pauline Thompson, Peta Winkless, Renee Bradley and our wonderful assistant Coaches; Sophie Bradley and Hannah Wright both of whom are former MLPS students, we simply couldn't do it without you. The MLPS Netball Club would like to thank you all for the time and effort you have dedicated to our players this season. To our Team Managers and our Team Supporters who turn up each week to encourage our players and coaches, rain, hail or shine, you are the team that enable the dream. We are thrilled to have your enthusiasm, support and half-time oranges!

To our outgoing Year 6 Team, many of whom began their Netball journey at MLPS in Year 3 NSG, we will miss you all, we know you will be an asset to your future Clubs and teams and we hope you continue playing this great sport. To all our players, you have been outstanding in the way you have represented your school throughout the 2018 season. We look forward to welcoming you all back to the MLPS Netball Club in 2019.

Happy Netballing!

Your Coordinators,
Suzie Foreman and Thelma Tassone



Netball Results

Round 12					
Year 3 Net Set Go	MLPS	13	to	Newborough	8
Year 4 Blue Net Set Go	MLPS	19	to	Subiaco	2
Year 4 Orange Net Set Go	MLPS	11	to	Newborough	13
Year 5 Junior Division 2	MLPS	13	to	Holy Rosary	11
Year 6 Junior Division 6	MLPS	10	to	Holy Rosary	22

Round 13					
Year 5 Junior Division 2	MLPS	0	to	St Marys	18
Year 6 Junior Division 6	MLPS	10	to	Storm	20

P&C Social & Fundraising News



FACTION SPORTS CARNIVAL – FOOD SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The P&C Social and Fundraising Committee will be providing a lunch service and cake stall at the Faction Sports Carnival Day on Friday 7 September.

We require volunteers to assist with food service and to provide items for our cake stall.

If you are able to volunteer your time or bring along some baked goods, please sign up here:

[Faction Sports Carnival - Food Service Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Don't worry, you will not miss your child's events if you are volunteering on the day, we will make sure someone is able to cover for you if your child's event is on the same time you are rostered on. We will need the most volunteers between 12 noon and 1pm, when the carnival lunch break is on anyway.

A special thank-you also to MLPS parent **Mos Mahmoud** from **First National Real Estate** who has kindly donated the cost of our sausage sizzle and his team will be cooking the sausages on the day.

So there's no need to make lunch next Friday, with the following food available on the day:

Sausage Sizzle - \$3.50

Sushi Pack (Chicken, Tuna or Vegetarian) - \$5

Drinks (Juice Boxes\Soft Drinks\Water) - \$1

To ensure a speedy lunch service we encourage you to purchase a lunch ticket for the sausage sizzle and/or sushi packs at the sports carnival canteen from 10am onwards. A coffee van will also be on-site for your caffeine needs!
For any further information, please contact P&C S&F Committee Coordinator – Georgina Hurst on 0423 665 176.

Casino Night

Thank-you to all of the MLPS parents who came along to the Mount Lawley Bowling Club for our Casino Night on Saturday night! It was a great night with the gambling tables packed with our 'dressed to impress' parents all vying for the top gambler prize! Live band Groove Night Avenue kept us all dancing late into the night. We also raised \$1111 from our silent auction items too! Thank-you to Simon Millman MLA, Symphony Fitness and P&C Secretary Suzie Foreman for kindly donated silent auction items

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 [here](#) and add your name - the kids will love you for it!

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.school lunchonline.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.

Helping Minds Free September School Holiday Programs

HelpingMinds is a not for profit mental health organisation that offers free school holiday programs for young people. Our programs are designed to be fun and interactive whilst enriching and upskilling participants so that they are better equip to deal with the challenges of everyday life.

We have four very exciting workshops planned for the September school holidays. Places are limited and bookings are essential. For more information or to register head to our [website](#) or call us on 9427 7100.

Inglewood Little Athletics

Inglewood Little Athletics will be holding an information and registration day at the Kyilla Markets (Selkirk Street, North Perth), this **Saturday 1 September 2018 between 8am -11.30am.**

For more information please go to <http://inglewoodlac.com.au/registration-information/>

School Holiday Basketball Camp

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

Relationships Australia September Parenting Workshops

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

Midvale Parenting Hub – September 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