

Newsletter

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**Mount
Lawley**
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Strive for Wisdom

Edition 16, Week 9, 12 September 2018

Dates for the diary

12 September	Gifted Learners Parent Workshop	21 September	Coffee and Chat with the Principal
13 September	MLPS Chess Club: State Final	8 October	Staff Development Day (Students Do Not attend)
14 September	Interschool Jumps and Throws	9 October	First Day of Term 4 for Students
21 September	Last Day of Term	12 October	Pre-Primary Faction Carnival

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,

How do the days pass so quickly? It seems like we were just welcoming everyone to the start of the new year and all of a sudden we're nearly at the end of Term 3! Although it's been a busy term, there has been much to celebrate – Book Parade, Kindy Story Time, Parent Workshops, Jumps and Throws and the hugely successful faction carnival, to name but a few fabulous events that have happened in our school. As always, I am incredibly grateful to all of those people who make these events look so effortless because of the tireless work they do behind the scenes to make it so. Sometimes it's easy to forget to be grateful. It's often easier to focus on the negative than the positive but I hope, as a school, we are looking around with our eyes wide open and seeing the wonderful work of our staff, our P&C and School Board, as well as our parent volunteers, our LAP tutors and so on who all work together for our common goal: the best outcomes for our students. Before the end of the term, may I encourage you all to create an opportunity to find someone in the school who you appreciate and thank them for all that they do. It's often the simple things that mean the most and gives us a spring in our step to continue on with our amazing work.

From day one, I have been explicit in our focus for Mount Lawley Primary School – “students at the centre of all that we do”. This means that the ‘lens’ that we look at our curriculum, our extra-curricular activities, our professional learning for staff and the direction for the future all has to meet that specific criteria. Our students are the ones that need us to make some of the most important decisions about their learning and development. It's no easy feat to look across over 500 students and ask, “Who is this person in front of me and what do they need?” but we are relentless in building this capacity in everyone, especially our staff to ensure that every student has what they need to be successful and reach their full potential. This may mean you might see different things for different students – it may be they are on different levels of readers, be in different groups for maths, work in small groups for intervention in certain areas of struggle or be extended to challenge their already high level of thinking. From the outside looking in, you may wonder why your own child hasn't been placed in a certain group or on a certain level. These are the times, the most important thing you can do is have a chat to someone who is the closest to your child – the teacher. Speaking with your child's teacher can alleviate a lot of your worry or concern and you can really focus on where your own child is at with their learning and how you can support them as they move through the curriculum. Being informed about your child and their progress means you can work with us as partners, which is vital to your child having continued success.

We are constantly working on our Differentiation for students which has each of them in the centre of their own learning. It's a different journey for every student, which makes sense because although our



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system is built on the old “industrial model” our students are unique individuals who engage in learning through a variety of ways. If you are concerned or curious as to how your child fits in the “centre” of their class, I encourage you to make an appointment with the classroom teacher to talk it through.

As always, my door is open to anyone who would like to come and see me as I’m always delighted to meet with you. If you find it a challenge to come into school, please feel free to email me Cavelle.Monck@education.wa.edu.au.

Our next “Coffee and Chat with the Principal” is on the last day of school, Friday 21 September 2018 in the staff room at 9.30am, which is another lovely way to catch up.

See you in the playground!

~Ms Cavelle Monck, Principal

Honour Board

Honour Board

**The following students were awarded Honour Certificates at the Friday 31 August assembly.
Congratulations to all recipients and a special acknowledgment to Year 1 Room 13 for their class item.**

NEXT ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be held on Friday 14 September at 8:50am by Year 3 Room 5 – all welcome to attend.



PP	Lotti Harman	Year 2	Molly Cloughley
PP	Liana Chan	Year 3	Claire Wang
PP	Noah Lizza – Blackbee	Year 3	Mima Tadesse
PP	Sora Imanari	Year 3	Alex Bossong
PP	Lorinda Bowman	Year 3	Jakub Jakupovic
Year 1	Will Earley	Year 3	Dash Pocock
Year 1	Nina Reid	Year 4	Gallagher Robertson
Year 1	Lava Boskani	Year 5	Alda Saji
Year 1	Charlie Langston	Year 5	Charlotte Overton
Year 1	Eilish Looby	Year 5	Greer Grubisich
Year 1	Dennis Campbell	Year 5	Asha Thompson
Year 1	Charlie Langston	Year 5	Jessica Thomas
Year 1	Lava Boksani	Year 6	Owen Bossong
Year 2	Hunter Millington	Year 6	Aiden Helean
Year 2	Eleanor Stuart	Year 6	Athi Arivuchchelvan
Year 2	Sophie Cornelissen	Year 6	Max Ferguson

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.

Maths Workshop

Thank you to our Deputy Principal, Grace Adam who presented an excellent middle-upper primary mathematical problem solving workshop to some very brave parents who came out in the wild Winter weather! This workshop is part one of two, with the next being presented early next term. It was great to watch the parents work together to do some hands-on problem solving and listen to the many ways we can present an answer. This was a good way for parents to gain some insight into how students actually collaborate during problem solving and draw on a range of strategies. It was also interesting to see how as adults, we still have to overcome some of our maths 'fears' when presented with multi-step problems!

Maths Problem Solving Tips

There is an old Chinese proverb that says, "Tell me and I'll forget. Show me and I may remember. Involve me and I'll understand." Simply put, we grow the most through experience.

With exposure, experience, and shared learning, children will develop a repertoire of problem solving strategies that they can use flexibly when faced with new problem solving situations.

Problems can be one or two step simple word problems. They also can be open ended, which can be solved in more than one way and can have more than one solution.

It is important that children are exposed to a variety of strategies to help solve problems. The strategies will vary according to age levels and maybe developmental. As teachers we work with students every day and may use the following strategies across a variety of learning areas.

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| • Find a pattern | • Guess and check | • Act it out |
| • Make a model | • Draw a picture/diagram | • Make an organized list |
| • Use concrete materials | • Write an equation | • Work backwards |
| • Construct a table/chart | • Eliminate | • Simplify the problem |
| • Be systematic | • List all possibilities | |

This is only an introduction to Mathematical Problem Solving, which I conducted a few weeks ago in a workshop. There will be a follow up next term looking at how to use the strategies and apply to everyday problem solving.

Stay tuned,
Mrs Adam

Board Meeting

The sixth Board Meeting for 2018 was opened by the Board Chair, Albert Tassone, at 5.32pm on Thursday 6 September. Apologies were received by a couple of members but enough were in attendance to form a quorum.

The Board Chair and Principal, Ms Monck discussed the Professional Learning they attended that day about School Boards and their roles and responsibilities. There were some minor changes to wording for Board documents but otherwise we are operating as expected.

Ms Monck went on to inform the Board of the different Professional Learning opportunities that had been attended over the past few weeks by some staff. Mrs Martin attended one regarding Attendance rates at schools. We were informed that our attendance results are still impacted by families holidaying throughout term time and Ms Monck shared studies that show the social and emotional impact this has on the students as well as the academic impact when students miss school.

We were informed that a NAPLAN Readiness test had been conducted in the school in preparation for NAPLAN online next year. There were some minor glitches with some of the laptops but overall it was successful. Members were told that 2018 NAPLAN results were being released later this year and current information was that they were hoping to have results to schools by mid to late September.

A number of parenting workshops have been run at the school and were successful with good attendance from parents. The Board spent some time looking at the DPA (Delivery and Performance Agreement) and the Business Plan. We discussed the way the school and the Board are meeting the different criteria in both. There was a lot of positive discussion with us agreeing that a lot of our expectations for the Business Plan in the Values section were being met very well and some great suggestions were given as to how we could move forward to further improve.

The next MLPS Board meeting will be held in the staffroom at 5.30pm on Thursday 1 November 2018. You are all very welcome to attend as observers.

Thank you,
Cara Davis (Board Secretary)

Cycle Safety

We are grateful to our community who are always invested in our students' safety and we have had a couple of reports over the last week about some students who are cycling to school and riding out on to the road, across Clifton Crescent, without looking. Please speak with your children if they cycle to school about stopping at the curb, getting off their bike and walking it across busy roads. We want to ensure all our students arrive safely to school.

Year One Excursion to Peninsula Farm

On 28 August, the Year One classes visited Peninsula Farm in Maylands. We were joined by our teachers and our amazing parent helpers. We learned about the Swan River Colony and the Hardey Family, who built the house we visited. The house was filled with 200 year old furniture such as a four poster bed, a spinning wheel, a manual drier, the underground food cellar, a chamber pot and parts of the original thatched roof of the Hardey house. Mr Hardey built this house by hand and he had six children— five of which were girls. We learned SO much about life before technology, electricity and plumbing. We all looked fabulous in our costumes and a great day was had by all!

Ms Moone, Mrs Underwood, Miss Praizelin and the Year One Classes



L'Angolo d'Italia (The Italian Corner)

Buon giorno a tutti.

I am so proud of the hard work and effort the students have been showing during their Italian lessons. This term they have been learning about various cultural aspects of Italy as well as building up their Italian vocabulary. The year 4s and 5s have learnt how to speak, read and write about their daily routines and how to tell the time using Italian. The year 3 classes have focussed on the months of the year, the seasons and the weather. They have written about these things in Italian and created some fantastic illustrations to match their writing. Pinocchio and parts of the body have been the focus for the Pre-primary, year 1 and year 2 students.

The week of 15 – 21 October (Week 2 of Term 4) is **Worldwide Italian Language Week 2018**. In anticipation of this, the students have been learning a modified version of a traditional Italian dance called the Tarantella. The enthusiasm they have shown towards learning this dance is infectious. If your child would like to practise at home, the song we are using is called *Tarantella 2000* by the Linguini Brothers and can be easily found on You Tube. I am hoping to have the whole school dance the Tarantella together in the undercover area on Thursday 18 October at approximately 2:50pm. Parents and the wider community are invited to come and watch and hopefully join in as well!

On Tuesday 16 October the students in Year 3, 4 and the 4/5 class will be involved in an Italian incursion presented by *Into the Mask Theatre*. *Into the Mask Theatre* are a highly regarded drama company who perform plays based on Italian theatre. I am very much looking forward to their visit with our middle primary classes. If your child falls into this category, please see the [note](#) on the website for further information.

Grazie e arrivederci,
Signora Ashkenazy



Left and above: Year Ones making Pinocchio

Below: Year 4/5 Class learning the "Tarantella"



Wednesday Workshops

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 tonight.

Cost: FREE to Gifted WA Members, \$25 for non-members. Please register for this event [here](#).

Chess News

Chess Kids State Final

Congratulations and good luck to the eight students selected to represent the school in the Chess Kids State Finals to be held this coming Thursday 13 September 2018 at Perth Modern School Library. Players were selected on their results in previous Chess-Kids Tournaments. Last year Mount Lawley won this event, but this year, schools from Mt Barker Community College, Nedlands Primary, Whitfords Catholic College, Carmel College and South Coast Baptist College have entered, so the competition will be very strong!

Wear Your Footy Colours for the Chess Team!

On the last day of school, Friday 21 September, we will be having a "Wear your footy colours" to school day in order to help the Chess Team attend the National Championships in Adelaide. Please bring a gold coin donation to support our awesome competitors!

Mount Lawley Open Junior Chess Tournament

On Sunday 14 October 2018 the school Chess Club will conduct an Open Junior Chess Tournament in the Undercover Area. We are trying to raise money to help send the School chess team to the 2018 Australian Schools Chess Finals in Adelaide. Under 10, Under 14 and Under 18 Junior Chess players are invited to enter, with trophies and cash prize for winners.

We are hoping most members of the school Chess Club will enter as well as players from outside the school. Entry forms have been sent home with all Chess Club Players but extra forms can be obtained from the MLPS [Website](#). Entry can be made online and costs \$25.

Parents can also support the event by providing items for a Cake Stall and Hamper Raffle to be held on the day. Please contact Mrs Joli Mendez on 0431 419 208 if you can assist.

Michael Richards
Chess Club Coordinator
0419 952 627

Jim Richards
Chess Club Parent Coordinator
0408 902 314

Library News

Next week is the last week of term. Students with no library book overdue are able to borrow one extra book for extra holiday reading. Remember to return ALL your library books next week.

Mount Lawley Dental Therapy Centre Closures

Mount Lawley Dental Therapy Centre will be closed Monday 24 September – Tuesday 2 October 2018 inclusive.

Emergency only dental is available at the following centres: Hillcrest Dental Therapy Centre- 9271 7184 (27, 28 September), Roseworth Dental Therapy Centre – 9342 4657 (26 September, 1 October), Warriapendi Dental Therapy Centre – 9349 3975 (2 October).

Mount Lawley Dental Therapy Centre will be open on the school holidays Wednesday 3 October – Friday 5 October. Please phone 9271 5561 if any dental emergencies occur on these dates.

After Hours emergency dental treatment is available. Please call 1800 098 818

Uniform Shop News

Opening hours

Monday mornings 8.30-9.30am.

Kindy 2018 / Pre-Primary 2019 parents

During Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 4, the Uniform Shop will be displaying a sample of MLPS Uniform items at the Kindy for you to peruse. You can look at the available options, check sizing and even submit your orders for delivery before the end of year. Of course, you are also welcome to visit the Uniform Shop in the undercover area at the main school site.

Second-hand Uniform

Clearing out your closets? The Uniform Shop needs your second-hand uniform items! Donations of uniform items in good condition can be dropped at the Uniform Shop on Monday mornings during opening hours or at the school office at other times. All profits from the sale of these items go directly to the P&C.

Uniform Shop Volunteers Wanted

The P&C Uniform Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers. We need a group of friendly, reliable people to help parents, caregivers and children with uniform purchases on a roster basis. If you can offer your time for a couple of Mondays a term 8.30-9.45 we would love to hear from you. Uniform shop duty is a great way to meet new families and get involved in the school community. All training is provided. Please contact Katie if you are interested.

Katie McMahon – mlpsuniformshop@gmail.com or 0423763180

Email orders

Can't make it to the Uniform Shop on a Monday morning? No worries! Just drop an email to mlpsuniformshop@gmail.com with your completed order form (including credit card info) attached and we will deliver your order to your child's classroom. Forms can be downloaded from the school website at <http://www.mountlawleyps.wa.edu.au/uniforms> Orders will be filled on Monday mornings.

P&C Social & Fundraising News

Toasty Tuesday

Next week is our last Toasty Tuesday for the year. A big **thank-you** to all our volunteers that have provided yummy toasties each week for our children. **Icy-pole** sales will recommence in Term 4.

Faction Carnival

A big **thank-you** to all of our food service volunteers and providers of delicious cake stall items for last Friday's Faction Sports Carnival, which raised **\$1920** for our school. A special thanks to parent **Mos Mahmoud** and his team from **First National Genesis** who kindly donated all supplies and their time for our sausage sizzle.

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.

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.

Helping Minds Free September School Holiday Program

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.

City Of Stirling Youth Framework Consultation

Do you live or hang out in the City Of Stirling? The City values the innovative ideas and feedback of youth people 10 - 18 years-of-age to help make a youth-friendly community. This is the opportunity for students to have a say on what's important to them, helping to shape future services, programs and buildings. We encourage students and families to participate in our survey, with prizes from a pool of over \$1,000 up for grabs! Please click '[Complete the Survey](#)' to view the questions.

Relationships Australia September Parenting Workshops

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

Kids Holiday Cooking Classes

Nutrition Force is running holiday cooking classes to build a healthy relationship between your children and food! See the full flyer [here](#).

Redhage Basketball School Program

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

Come and Try at Mt Lawley Tennis Club for Free!

PLAYTENNIS @ Mt Lawley Tennis Club is offering a **FREE** first lesson to new players before the end of Term 3!

Come and try tennis for **FREE** to make sure you like it first before committing for Term 4.

Hot Shots tennis programme with accredited tennis coaches offering lessons Monday – Friday after school and Saturday mornings. Start from age 3 +. Adult programme also available. Call today and start playing right away!

Call Rhys on 0401 873 440 or email rhys@playtennis.com.au

Trinity College Open Morning



We warmly invite you to our

Junior School Open Morning

Wednesday, 24 October | 9:30–11:30am

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

REGISTER AT trinity.wa.edu.au
OR CALL (08) 9223 8121

