

Newsletter



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Lawley**
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Dates for the Diary

NAIDOC Assembly Friday 21 July	LEGO Club - Group 4 commences Monday 24 July	Interschool Cross Country Wednesday 26 July
Junior Assembly (Rm 11, Yr 1) Friday 28 July	Year 1 Excursion – Kings Park Wednesday 2 August	Senior Assembly (Rm 3, Year 6) Friday 4 August

Dear parents and carers

I hope you had a lovely and relaxing holiday, coming back to school refreshed ready for a term jammed packed with events. Please be vigilant in checking Connect Notices for up to date and detailed information about what is happening.

Staff started the term on Monday with a very fruitful School Development Day. We had a two hour session lead by Emerlyn Van Ryt who has an educational background in counselling and psychology and is also a trained yoga and meditation teacher. She has over five years' experience delivering mental health workshops to organisations all over Western Australia. We unpacked resilience and the strategies to help us thrive and flourish in an educational setting. The more resilient we are as a staff, the better equipped we are to provide and support the teaching and learning environment for our students and families to have success.

We also looked at the Department of Education's Teaching for Impact strategy and the MLPS Instructional Framework developed by staff to articulate what instruction looks like in every classroom at MLPS. This document links to our Business Plan and the Department initiatives. After lunch we revisited our whole school Health and Wellbeing programs. While the junior years staff, Kindy – Year 2, interrogated the National Quality Standards in preparation for a verification visit in August the teachers from Years 3- 6 took the opportunity to analyse cohort data. A very productive day!

In some staffing news we have welcomed back Lucy Ashton to Room 17, Year 4 while Anthea Phoenix takes on the Deputy Principal role for Term 3, Roisin O'Connor, Room 4, Year 5 replacing Isabella Greco and Hana Ilijazi, Room 9, Year 2 covering Sheryl Green who is on LSL. We also welcome as a permanent member of staff Catherine Cleary, School Psychologist, two days a week, Tuesday and Friday. We also appointed Jemma Taylor from our school officer recruitment process for two days a week, Monday and Thursday. I am sure you join me in wishing them all a positive and successful transition into the MLPS community.

Just prior to the school holidays we finally signed off on the publication of our MLPS Business Plan 2023-2025. We are extremely excited to see the finished product. The plan will be available to view on the new website by Friday 21 July. If you would like a hard copy, please pop into the front office and request one. This document, a requirement of all Independent Public Schools (IPS) in Western Australia, clearly defines the strategic directions of the school and includes targets for improvement. I would encourage you all to read it and would value your feedback. Our school, including the Board, use this document to continually monitor school performance.

NAPLAN reports for students in Year 3 and 5 were sent home today. A time for celebration and reflection. We are still waiting on the system analysis and summary of data so we can compare our results to like schools and the state norms. Once this data is available, we will share it with you.

You will have seen in the media the Department of Education has recently released Connect and Respect, a suite of resources to assist school communities in setting shared and respectful expectations to enable us to work together in the best interests of our students.

As you already know and practice at MLPS we all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive, and productive environment, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence. Parents and carers, and other visitors to our school, support safety by ensuring communication and conduct at school and school activities is respectful. We all have the right to feel safe and be safe at school. The resources provided will enable us to continue to build upon our culture of connection and engagement, and we will implement them to further support our staff to deliver quality education at our school.

Further information on this initiative is available at: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/connect-and-respect>.

A couple of reminders about our after school play:

- We ask that parents leave the school grounds no later than 3.45pm each afternoon.
- Students must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- The new boat is for our junior primary students only, K-2.
- Students to play on the playgrounds adjacent to Third Avenue. No play in the nature playgrounds or playground outside of Room 11 and 12.
- Students are not allowed to access any school equipment after school.

Wishing you all a fabulous Term 3, and I hope to see you at one of our special events.

Take care

Sandra Martin

Kindy and Pre-Primary Enrolments Closing Friday 21 July

A reminder that Kindy and Pre-Primary Enrolments for 2024 are due to the Administration office by this Friday 21 July. Any enrolments received after this date are considered late and will be processed as such.

P&C Traffic Management Group

Welcome back to Term 3 and we hope you all had a great break.

A reminder that safe and slow driving around the school is so important in this wet weather.

The school zones speed limit is 40km hour and please be alert for little people in raincoats or with umbrellas crossing roads as you are taking off.

Please also avoid u-turns in the drop off zones outside the school.

The date to remember for Term 3 is **Friday 18 August** – this is the end of the **Winter Walk Week**. And the Traffic Management Group will be organising activities to encourage you to put on your gum boots and raincoats to walk to school, no matter what the weather is doing.



A few mid-year reminders to help everyone safely get to and from school...

1. Second Ave staff carpark

The staff carpark is for staff cars only. For the safety of all pedestrians please use the footpaths around the car park.

2. How to use Kiss n Drive

Kiss n Drive zones are on both Second and Third Ave. These work well but you have to keep moving for the benefit of all.

- Move forward in the zone
- Do not leave your vehicle
- As soon as it is safe - move on. Do not linger!

3. Our informal one way system to keep traffic moving

Drive EAST (ie towards Beaufort Street) on Second Ave
Drive WEST (ie away from Beaufort Street) on Third Ave.

Avoid u turns and be patient with children getting in and out of cars and cars entering the flow of traffic.

We would love new people and ideas on the Traffic Management Committee. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, email Sharnie, Alan or Kirsten at contact@mlpspc.org



LEGO Club

LEGO club will commence in Week 2 with Group 4. Builders are to come to the library on the first bell at 12:30 and eat lunch upstairs on the balcony by the lift. Group 4 will run during Week 2, 3, 4 and 5 each Monday lunch time. Please see the Group lists on the library notice board by the library door and undercover. We look forward to another fun term of building.

Mrs Hawkesford and Mrs Brodie

Library News

Welcome back to Term 3, it's a big one in Library Land, please see below for some key dates and events for your diaries.

Library borrowing will begin again in Week 2.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 book club catalogue are due and will be sent out next week. The due date for orders online or in cash is Friday 4 August. Orders can be made online via LOOP (link below) or cash by filling out the form on the back of the catalogue and placing **correct** money with order form in the Book Club box in the library.

This issue Scholastic are offering free books with any order \$30 and above when ordered online via [LOOP](#) (see the catalogue for more details)

Thank you for your support with Scholastic book club. Each order earns points to the school to redeem for resources that every student can enjoy.

Author visits

[Sean Avery](#) will be visiting Mount Lawley Primary in Week 3 on Friday 4 August and talking to all students in Year 1-3 about writing and illustrating books. Sean is a teacher, author, illustrator, publishing several successful picture books and recently a graphic novel.



[Norman Jorgensen](#) will be visiting Mount Lawley Primary in Week 4.

Norman will be entertaining Year 4-6 with an author talk on Monday 7 August and then working with each class in year 4-6 running writing workshops. This is a fabulous opportunity for the seniors to work and learn from one of our local awarded authors. Norman has published several picture and upper primary chapter books including Jacks Island that was inspired and based on Rottnest Island. There is no charge for either author experience.

If you have any of Sean's or Norman's books, please feel free to bring it in to be signed during the author experiences. If you would like to purchase any books before the day, visit our local independent books store Beaufort Street Books in Highgate and mention Mount Lawley Primary to earn our school rewards.

Great Book Swap

To start our Book Week celebrations in Week 6 the library will be holding a fundraiser for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF). On Monday 21 August bring a gold coin (or two) and swap it for a new or good condition secondhand book. All money raised will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to purchase new books for kids in remote Australian communities. Pre-Primary families will be invited to the book swap in the morning before school and Year 1-6 will visit during the day in their classes. If you would like to donate directly to the fundraiser, please visit our page below

[Mount Lawley Primary Great Books Swap • Great Book Swap](#)



Book Week

On Friday 25 August Mount Lawley Primary will be holding the annual Book Week Parade. We invite all students to come dressed as their favourite book character and each student will parade in a special assembly with their class. The Book Week Parade will begin at 8.50am in the undercover area and all are welcome to watch the celebration of reading. The theme for this year's book week is "Read, Grow, Inspire".



Canteen Update

Please note that Belinda Gambitta will be away from 22 June to 26 July and will not be contactable during this time. If there are any canteen or lunch order issues, please phone Ying on 0430 279 672.

Lost Property

We have an enormous amount of lost property (located opposite the staff toilets/ outside the Deputy office). Please look through the pile if you are missing something, it is probably there.

Any **unlabelled** uniforms that are not claimed by the end of Week 4, will be donated to the Uniform shop for second hand sales.



Mount Lawley Primary School Board Summary of meeting: 15 June 2023

Acknowledgement of Country (AoC) completed by NC

Decision – Minutes of Meeting 18 May approved

Understand – Board Chair Report

- Board members must complete compulsory cultural awareness.
- Representative from North Metropolitan Education Region will be at next meeting to provide input into possible leadership pathways in 2024. Meeting will be open to observers, although no questions will be taken.

Understand – Finance Report

- LM discussed voluntary contribution collection is progressing well.
- Week 6 Finance Committee meeting has occurred, and committee welcomed Shannon Gunning.
 - Agreed for Year 6 students to present to Committee about proposed fundraising drive.
 - Parent representative discussed, and outcome was not to call for Parent representative. Committee believes they have adequate reporting mechanisms to the Board. Additionally meeting schedules can require last minute changes and, at times, members need to respond quickly to email questions. This responsive structure may not be possible with a Parent representative.
- P&C has approved entire wish list from school.

Understand – Principals Report

- SM provided feedback on participation in a school's review, including the positives for her own Professional Learning by engaging with regional representatives and reflecting on MLPS's strengths and areas of growth.
- Thank you to SM for giving up her time to support public education.
- SM outlined Business Plan changes including:
 - removing RAP completion as a goal as unlikely to be completed in 3 year cycle. School will continue implementing Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework,
 - changes to make language consistent
- Staffing discussed, including clarity about requirements/rights within Departmental employment processes.
- SM discussed process for recruiting a School Psychologist being run at present
- SM thanked LM for her work in running a process for School Officer and Special Needs EA's in last month.
- SM outlined that in early Term 3 school will have lock down drill. Complexities of lock down process were discussed.
- Swimming in Week 9 and 10, which has taken considerable organisation and planning.

Curriculum at MLPS

- SM discussed outcome from survey to Board members polling requested content. Responses overwhelming requested information on how MLPS makes decisions about program implementation.
- SM reported that MLPS had a complexity and integrity in the processes that underpinned decision making. These processes are transparent, inclusive and data driven.
- SM presented summary of rigorous processes followed at MLPS including:
 - Programs at MLPS are embedded, so changes need to be necessary to justify the time/money required to support changes
 - Staff regularly assess programs/resources e.g. two/three year cycle of reviewing maths program and text,
 - Changes can be triggered by a range of areas including (but not limited to) educational standards, evolving student's needs, funding, community feedback
 - Committee's often spear head proposed changes by researching options, investigating programs, analysing school data etc.
 - Suggestions for programs are presented to leadership for consideration and leadership take on board recommendations, although make final decision based on needs of the whole school context
- Board discussed different resources available when looking at evidence base for programs. Department of Education resources is library services, including ability to raise request for research articles on specific content

<https://ikon.education.wa.edu.au/-/access-the-department-s-education-library-services-collections>

Business Plan

- Additional discussion from SM to clarify that only the 8-page document will be printed. Following Board suggestion, the 4-page summary will not be published. 8-page Business Plan is easy to understand, making it accessible to the community and negating the need for a summary

SM has added two things to the glossary to assist families to locate information

Subcommittee for Indigenous Uniform

SZ discussed that Mable Wong has been invited to future meeting to talk about MLPS's implementation of the Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework generally. Consideration of incorporating Indigenous designs on polo shirt will be considered in the context of the whole school planning in this area.

Next meeting: Thursday 10 August from 5.30pm in the staffroom. Observers welcome.

Chess Club

The 2023 WA State Junior Chess Championship was recently held from the 10th of July until the 14 July. This event was organised by the Chess Association of Western Australia (CAWA).

Iker Hernandez Mendez a former student of MLPS and alumni of the MLPS Chess Club won the State 2023 WA Junior Chess Championship title (U18). Iker also won the Blitz U18 category, winning the 2023 Junior Blitz Chess Championship title.

Iker has shown dedication, hard work, persistency, passion and a commitment to excellence during and since his time at Mount Lawley Chess Club and he is our most successful chess student ever. Congratulations Iker on an outstanding achievement.

Iker was also selected to represent Australia in the 2023 World Youth Chess Olympiads to be held in The Netherlands in August.

Other MLPS students to play in the under 12s category were Hamish Atkinson (5 points); Sean Chao (4 points); Lincoln Balaratnasingham (4 points) and Huw Richards (3 points), well done boys.



Community News

PERTH BASEBALL CLUB
PLAYERS WANTED
2023-2024 SEASON

LITTLE LEAGUE - 12 AND UNDER
INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE - 13 YEARS OLD
JUNIOR LEAGUE - 14 YEARS OLD
SENIOR LEAGUE - 15 AND 16 YEARS OLD
BIG LEAGUE - 17 TO 20 YEARS OLD
SENIOR GRADES AS WELL

REGISTRATION DAY
AUGUST 20TH - 10AM TO 2PM
MOYLE PAVILLION
INGLEWOOD OVAL

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PERTHBASEBALLCLUBREGISTRAR@GMAIL.COM
OR FIND US ON FACEBOOK
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MIDVALE HUB PARENTING SERVICE PERTH NORTH EAST

FREE parenting programs, workshops and support for parents and carers of children aged 0 - 18 years and reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean & Bayswater

Please scan the QR code to see our Term 3 2023 planner

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