

Newsletter



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Dates for the Diary

Monday 19 June – Friday 30 June Swimming Lessons (Yr 1-6)	Saturday 24 June P&C Quiz Night	Monday 26 June Semester One Reports Published
Friday 30 June Last Day of Term 2	Monday 17 July Staff Development Day – No Students to attend	Tuesday 18 July Term 3 Commences for Students
Friday 21 July NAIDOC Assembly	Wednesday 26 July Interschool Cross Country Carnival	Friday 28 July Junior Assembly (Room 11 Year 1)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and you have managed to escape all the illness going around.

It is with great joy and a tinge of sadness that we let you know Mrs Grace Adam has been appointed Principal of Spearwood PS for 12 months commencing next term. We congratulate Grace on her appointment and wish her a very successful tenure as Principal. We would like to congratulate Mrs Anthea Phoenix, who will undertake Grace's Deputy Principal role for Term 3 and then be taking parental leave after completing her Term 3 appointment as Deputy. We are also pleased to announce that Mrs Lucy Ashton will be taking over as classroom teacher of Year 4 Room 17 in Term 3.

Our swimming has started very well. It is always a challenge when we are allocated our swimming sessions in a winter term, and the weather this week has not been very kind to us. We have been extremely fortunate that for many years we have had our lessons scheduled in Term 1 or 4. I compliment all the resilient students who are telling me they are loving getting into the warm water and enjoying the break from school routines. There are already some tired bodies, I am sure you have some things in place at home to ensure a restful afternoon and an early night. We are also considerate of the student's capacity at school and will modify our programs as needed.

On a completely different note, considering the recent media attention on class sizes, I thought this was a good opportunity to discuss a couple of aspects of the debate in relation to MLPS.

At MLPS, we believe that class size plays a pivotal role in shaping the quality of education we provide to our students. We understand that the size of each class impacts the overall learning experience, individual attention, and the development of our students. Therefore, we strive to maintain optimal class sizes to ensure a successful journey for every child.

We, and I am sure you, know there are many advantages to maintaining smaller class sizes:

- Smaller class sizes allow teachers to provide more individualized attention to each student.
- With smaller class sizes, students have more opportunities to actively participate in class discussions, ask questions, and engage in group activities.
- When class sizes are manageable, students have increased opportunities for collaboration and peer learning. Smaller class sizes contribute to better classroom management.
- Teachers can build meaningful relationships with their students, getting to know them on a deeper level.
- With fewer students to assess, teachers can provide more detailed and timely feedback on assignments, assessments, and projects.

At MLPS, although we continuously strive to maintain optimal class sizes, which allow us to provide the best possible learning environment for your children, we cannot always do this based on fluctuations in enrolment, the physical number of classrooms, and resourcing.

As I have communicated previously, we started running an extra class in 2022 and we were able to continue this in 2023. The result was a minimal number of split classes and lower-class numbers in Years 4-6, where maximum class sizes can be 32. The impact of this has been some enrolment pressure on a few of our lower primary classes where maximum recommended class size is 24 for Year 1-3, and 27 for PP. When this occurs, we provide extra support to the class to maintain some of the advantages of lower numbers. This may be in the form of extra teacher DOTT, Education Assistant time or other negotiated strategies. We have the interests of the whole school to consider when we are planning and making decisions. This is a very complex process, and we endeavour to maximise the learning of our students with the decisions we make.

Thank you for your continued support in providing our students with an exceptional education. Together, we can ensure that every child receives the attention and resources they need to thrive and succeed.

Take care,
Sandra Martin

Young Engineers After School Program

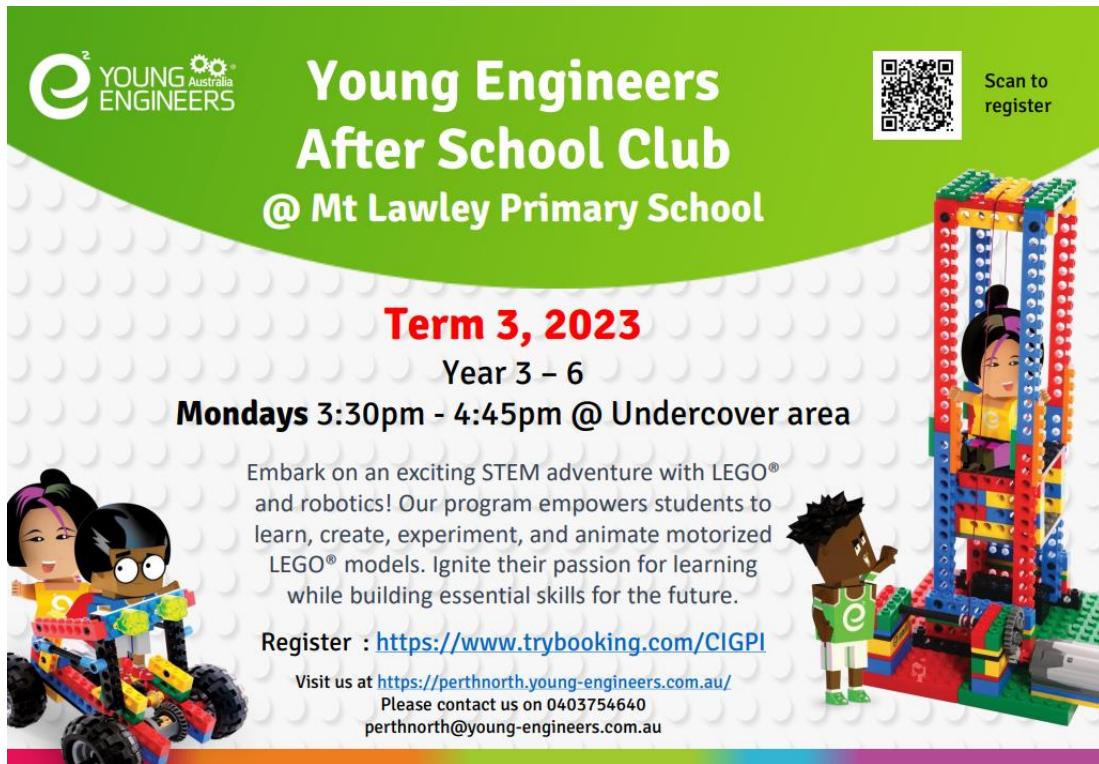
Young Engineers is an after-school enrichment program that provides unique learning opportunities for students. Their programs and workshops introduce primary school children to the basic principles of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Children learn to 'think like engineers' by building complex motorised machines using LEGO®, motors and batteries.

The program will commence in Week 2 of Term 3. We will be offering this opportunity to students in **YEARS 3-6 ONLY** during Term 3. It will run from 3:30pm-4:45pm on a Monday afternoon in the undercover area. The sessions will run from Week 2- Week 10. In Term 4, the program will be opened only to our junior students. If the program is successful this year, we will consider running Young Engineers each term in 2024.

To enrol your child in this exciting afterschool program, please scan the QR code attached to the flyer on this notice and fill in the details required. **Signing up and program inquiries are all handled externally through the company and not through the school.**

Please note:

- There is a cut off limit of 20 students per term and it is a case of first in, first served.
- A cost does apply to attend the program (\$260 for the 9 Week Program)
- Young Engineers also run holiday programs out of Perth Modern if you miss out on Term 3 sessions or if you are interested. Please see their website or contact them directly for further information.
- The company run Gifted and Talented enrichment programs at Perth Modern on weekends. These are open to all schools. Please see their website or contact them directly for further information.



The flyer is green and white, featuring the Young Engineers logo (a stylized 'e' with gears) and the text 'YOUNG ENGINEERS Australia' and 'After School Club @ Mt Lawley Primary School'. It includes a QR code for registration and a photo of children playing with LEGO. The text 'Term 3, 2023' is prominently displayed in red, along with 'Year 3 – 6' and 'Mondays 3:30pm - 4:45pm @ Undercover area'. A descriptive paragraph about the STEM adventure with LEGO is included, along with the registration link <https://www.trybooking.com/CIGPI>, contact info (0403754640, perthnorth@young-engineers.com.au), and a photo of a child with a LEGO creation.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended Book Fair last week, it was a huge success. Books, posters, activity kits and stationery were purchased to the value of over \$9000, earning the school an amazing \$2750 of rewards. These reward points will be used through the year to purchase resources for the whole school to enjoy. On top of the rewards points, 28 books were donated to the school to the value of \$512. Thank you to all the families for your generosity who donated a book. Your names will be placed in the front of the book and they will be available to be borrowed at the beginning of term 3.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the volunteers that assisted at the fair. Thank you to Niamh, Herma, Carla, Brooke, Jo, Bridget, Olivia, Michelle, Kirsten, Chen, Phillipa and Anna. Without your help the book fair would not be the success that it is.

Premiers Reading Challenge



The Premier Reading Challenge is still going strong, well done to all our students registered and reading books. We now have a fabulous 150 students registered with 118 students logging books they have read. Congratulations to last week's prize winners who each won a gift voucher to spend at the book fair - Isabelle Martin, Meara Thorpe-Edwards, Francesca Loro, Herkus Vaivada, Ginger Koerting, Lotti Harman and Alice Phillips. This week's winners who will select a prize from my prize box are – Hazel Young, Oliver McDonald, Charlie Everett and Tyce Naraidoo. Congratulations! Each week a random number draw of students who have registered and logged books in the challenge will take place. It's not too late to register and start logging all the amazing books you are reading.

For more details go to [Home - Premier's Reading Challenge \(premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au\)](http://Home - Premier's Reading Challenge (premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au))

Book Week

Next term we will celebrate Book Week in Week 6, with our annual book week parade taking place on Friday 25 August at 8.50am. All students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character and will be invited to parade with their class. The upcoming school holidays is a great time to organize a costume by visiting your local op shop or creating something from your wardrobe. The book parade is always a highlight on the school calendar as is a celebration for everything books and reading. The theme for this year's book week is "Read, Grow, Inspire".

Library Bags

A reminder that Mount Lawley Primary School has a no bag, no borrow policy when borrowing books from the school library. Please ensure students have a suitable library bag to safely transport all borrowed books to and from school. This is particularly important as the wet weather has arrived and school bags often get wet. Books that have been damaged while being transported to and from school without a library bag will be asked to be paid for so a replacement can be purchased. Strong sturdy library bags can be purchased from the uniform shop.

If you have loaned a bag from the library this term, can it please be returned.

Green Warriors Club

Do you have a love of nature and sustainability? Join our Green Warrior Club today!

Green Warriors will meet Mr Cameron and Miss Praizelin every Tuesday at lunch time and learn about all the different things that make MLPS a sustainable and green school. They will assist with the day-to-day duties of composting, recycling, Containers for Change and worm farming. The club will run in Semester 2 from Week 2, until Term 3. To apply please fill in the [application form](#) and return to the front office (Green Warrior tray under the notice board) by **this Friday - Week 9 Term 2**.

Message from the Mount Lawley Dental Therapy Centre

The Mount Lawley Dental Therapy Centre will be **closed** during the July School holidays

Monday 3 July 2023
Monday 10 July – Thursday 13 July 2023

Emergency only dental treatment is available during this time at the following centres:
Hillcrest Dental Therapy Centre ph: 9271 7184 Monday 3 July 2023
Ballajura Dental Therapy Centre ph: 9249 3812 Monday 3 July 2023
Tuart Hill Dental Therapy Centre ph: 9344 1585 Mon 10 – Thurs 13 July 2023
Roseworth Dental Therapy Centre ph: 9342 4657 Mon 10 – Thurs 13 July 2023

If any after hour emergencies arise and treatment is required, please contact the Emergency Service 1800 098 818, The Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) or your Private Practitioner.

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.

A reminder that the canteen will be running as normal next week, except for students in **Rooms 6 and 14** who will be unable to order from the canteen during swimming lessons.

Have you got the wrong Scooter?



This scooter has been left on the bike racks for many weeks now, does this belong to you? Perhaps you have taken home the wrong colour scooter? One of our students is missing a Scooter identical to this, but in black. If you think you may have accidentally taken home the wrong scooter, and this is in fact yours, please contact the office and we can facilitate a scooter swap!

Community News

WE'RE BACK MOUNT LAWLEY
Former Perth Wildcat and Olympian Shawn Redhage is bringing his basketball skills program to your school.

REDHAGE BASKETBALL SCHOOL PROGRAM

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LOCATION: Mount Lawley Primary School

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Child's name: _____ **Age:** _____
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Parent/Guardian's name: _____
Address: _____
Suburb: _____ **PCODE:** _____
Phone (home): _____ **MOB:** _____
Email: _____

Shirt, Shorts & Hat (Please Circle): SM M LRG
(Optional \$70)

Medical Conditions: _____

At the end of the afterschool clinics, does your child Go to aftercare? Get Collected?

CHECKLIST

- Parents need to remind children of starting date.
- All participating students need to fill in a form with payment attached.
- You will be notified if program has been cancelled & money will be refunded.
- Wet weather programs run if required.

Parents consent: I hereby authorise Grasshopper Soccer to act on my behalf if my child requires medical attention, and release Grasshopper Soccer from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Grasshopper Soccer Programs.

Parent name: _____
Parent Signature: _____

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit card.
Credit Card: (please circle) Visa Mastercard

Credit Card Number: _____
Credit Card Expiry: _____ / _____ **Payment Amount:** _____

Return your form before 28th July to Email: perth@grasshoppersoccer.com.au OR ph: 0451172877

Enrolment forms will not be processed without payment. Do not leave enrolment forms at the school office.

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INGLEWOOD ARTS HUB
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Looking for something for the kids to do during the upcoming July school holidays?

The Inglewood Arts Hub has a range of activities for your budding young artists to take part in. Classes in painting, textiles, printmaking, mosaics and photography.

Book in now before places are gone!

BOOKINGS:
www.inglewoodartshub.org

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WEST COASTERS NETBALL CLUB

Trials for 2024 Year 7

West Coasters are holding trials for current Year 6 students (commencing Year 7 in 2024) which will begin on **June 27th from 6:30-7:30pm.**

If your daughter is interested in attending this trial, please contact our President, Shannon Black, at shannonrobertselive.com.au



More about WEST COASTERS:

With over 30 teams, West Coasters Netball Club is one of the biggest clubs at Perth Netball Association. We are now accepting expressions of interest for the 2024 season.

We believe in the development of every individual on and off the court. West Coasters has great coaches and a fantastic club culture.

Trials for current Year 6 students (entering Year 7 in 2024) will begin on **June 27th from 6:30-7:30pm.** Trials will be held on court 35 at Matthews Netball Centre in Wembley.

Please be advised that like all clubs, we have limited positions available. Please email our President, Shannon Black at shannonrobertselive.com.au to register attendance at trials.



For club updates, please see our Facebook, Instagram and website
<https://www.westcoastersnetball.com>

Do you love the environment, recycling, composting, worm farming, and want to help Mount Lawley Primary School be a sustainable school?

Join our Green Warrior team today!

Green warriors will be taught about the school's different areas in being a sustainable and green school and help with the day-to-day duties needed to achieve this.

Green Warrior club will run in semester 2 and will meet once a week on Tuesday lunch with Mr Cameron and Miss Praizelin from Week 2 Term 3.

If you would like to be part of the Warrior team at MLPS (you must be available to attend the meeting each week on Tuesday lunch), fill in the form below and return to the library by Friday week 9 Term 2.

Green Warrior club is open to students in Year 1-6 and limited numbers will apply.

Name _____ Year _____ Room no. _____

- What are your interests in sustainability and helping the environment?

- Tell us why you think you would make a great Green Warrior Team member?

- What interests you most (circle 2)

- Recycling
- Composting
- Worms
- Containers for change
- Gardening
- Keeping the environment clean

Mount Lawley Primary School Sustainability Committee