

Newsletter



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Lawley**
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Dates for the Diary		
Monday 22 April Interschool Swimming Carnival	Wednesday 24 April ANZAC Day Service	Thursday 25 April ANZAC Day Public Holiday (Students do not attend)
Friday 26 April Staff Development Day (Students do not attend)	Tuesday 30 April – Friday 3 May Year 6 Camp	Friday 3 May Assembly hosted by Rm 16, Yr 4

Kaya (Hello) and Wanjoo (Welcome) to the entire school community.

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to our families as we commence Term 2, 2024. I have certainly been made to feel very welcome this week, and I look forward to settling further into Mount Lawley Primary School over the coming few days.

It was a wonderful atmosphere as we returned to the classroom on Monday when many excited young people bounded through the school gates, eager to see their friends and teachers. This beautiful buzz has continued throughout the week, and it is lovely to see students happily settling into the school term quickly. In the very short time I have been here, I have seen students thoroughly engaged in their learning and eager to give their best to whatever task they were undertaking.

Open communication and collaboration are essential to our students' success, and I encourage parents and families to continue actively engaging in their child's educational journey and participating in the vibrant school community at MLPS. The school newsletter, website and Connect will continue to be the primary communication methods for our community, including important events, academic achievements, and extracurricular activities. Please do not hesitate to reach out and contact the school if you have any concerns as we continue building relationships and working together as a team at MLPS.

Congratulations and thank you Mr Lawson

We congratulate Mr Jared Lawson on his appointment as the Acting Principal at Beldon PS for the next 6 months. Mr Lawson has been an integral part of the MLPS leadership team since 2022, and while we wish him well in his new position, we know he is dearly missed by our students, staff and community!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jared for the immeasurable impact he has made at MLPS. I know the community will join me in expressing our appreciation and gratitude for Jared's leadership and commitment to providing a quality education for our children. This is a well-deserved appointment for Mrs Lawson, and we wish him all the very best in his start at Beldon.

Stop-work Industrial Action for Teacher – Tuesday 23 April

As you may be aware, the Department of Education is negotiating with the State School Teachers' Union (SSTUWA) and Principals' Federation of Western Australia to reach an industrial agreement. While discussions are continuing, the SSTUWA have decided to hold a half-day stop-work meeting next **Tuesday 23 April**.

This means some of our teachers may choose to attend the stop-work action and not be at school until 12.30pm on the day. Currently we are working out how many of our staff will be absent and participating in the stop-work action. There will be disruption to normal teaching and learning programs on this morning, with students in attendance provided with supervision and a modified program of activities. Regular teaching and learning will recommence as soon as the strike action concludes at 12:30pm. The Department of Education has assured us that they are making every effort to minimise the inconvenience to our school and families and resolve the situation with unions as quickly as possible.

Please keep an eye on your Connect notices for further updates in the coming few days.

WA Student Assistance Payment

Last month the State Government announced the WA Student Assistance Payment. This initiative offers a cost-of-living payment for every student in Western Australia to provide financial relief and assist families with their children's schooling.

All Western Australian school students (Kindergarten to Year 12) currently enrolled in a public school, registered non-government school, or home-schooled, with a valid WA student number (WASN) are eligible to claim this payment from **Monday 15 April 2024**.

Your child's WA Student Number (WASN) is an 8-digit number and is sometimes called a SCSA or student number. This number can be found on the front page of our school reports, the top of your child's NAPLAN report, or on a student's SmartRider if they have a student card. Please follow this [link](#) for further information on where to find your child's WASN:

The WA Student Assistance Payment is available to claim within the ServiceWA app. More information about setting up the app and step-by-step instructional videos are available on wa.gov.au/servicewaapp. The ServiceWA app is the fastest and most convenient way to claim the payment, however alternative claim methods will be available for those unable to access ServiceWA. More information is available at: education.wa.edu.au/wasap/questions-and-support.

Your claim must be submitted during Term 2, Monday 15 April to Friday 28 June 2024. Details on eligibility requirements and how to claim can be found on the website: education.wa.edu.au/wasap.

Walking and riding together safely to and from school

It has been great to meet so many of you at the Third Ave gate in the mornings and to see so many families walking and riding safely to school together. Walking to and from school is a great way to spend time together and encourage safe and healthy behaviours. It is also a good time to talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath - it is not a safe place to play near the road and to be mindful and careful as vehicles may be entering or exiting driveways. After school, meet your child at the school gate or at one of the safe kiss and drive school zones. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted or tired and often are not concentrating on their own safety.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au

Robyn Crump
Principal

Library News

Library borrowing will begin tomorrow, Thursday 18 April. Remember to bring back your books, including the extra holiday borrowing.

To ensure our library collection is kept in good condition we have a no bag no borrow policy in the library. This means students require a library bag to borrow library books. Students should be transporting their books to and from school in a library bag to keep them safe and in good condition. Thank you for your support with this policy.

Book Fair - Start saving your pocket money and mark your diary - Scholastic Book Fair is coming this term. The library will host Scholastic book fair Week 5, Wednesday 15 May until Friday 17 May.

The fair will be open in the morning and afternoons and will offer, books, stationary, posters and activity kits for sale. More details on times of opening and volunteer signups for assisting with the fair will follow shortly.

LEGO Club

We would like to invite our students in Years 1-3 to sign up for LEGO club. LEGO club will run at lunch time on Fridays in the library.

Interested students can sign up with Mrs Hawkesford in Digi Tech class or Mrs Brodie in the library from Thursday 18 April (Week 1) to Wednesday 24 April (Week 2). Depending on the number of interested students there will be multiple groups and these will be posted on the library notice boards at the start of Week 3, with the first group to start building Friday in Week 3.

We look forward to another term of creative LEGO building.

Mrs Hawkesford and Mrs Brodie

Message from the P&C President

Welcome back to school to our students, families and staff. I hope that you all had a lovely break.

I want to extend a warm welcome to our new Principal Mrs Crump. I am excited for the wonderful contribution you will make to our school and school community and look forward to working with you in my capacity as President. I for one am happy that our school has a permanent Principal and know you will be a wonderful addition to our school.

I want to say a huge thank you to Mr Lawson for his leadership of the school. A valued and loved member of our community who will be missed. Mr Lawson was a great support of both myself and the P&C and I wish him all the best in his new school.

I have some great news in relation to our canteen. As of **Monday 6 May**, the canteen will be open each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and will be closed on Wednesdays. Please give our newest canteen staff member Michelle Hendry a warm welcome when you see her. A sign-up roster for volunteers will be posted on the Facebook page in the coming weeks. Please sign up if you are able to assist. **Please note that the canteen will be closed on Wednesday 24 April.**

As always, keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information.

Breanna
President.



Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
 - you cross the road
 - you're on the footpath
 - you're in a car park

Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

STOP!

one step back from the kerb

LOOK!

continuously both ways

LISTEN!

for the sounds of approaching traffic

THINK!

whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across



Just a reminder to parents and caregivers to utilise the informal 'one way' system around the school during drop off and pick-up times to reduce congestion.

Walking School Bus Programme – starts 3 May

The Walking School Bus programme will start on Friday 3 May and Run every 2nd week until the end of term 2. The full information guide is available on the MLPS website – [MLPS P&C Walking School Bus](#)

There are 3 meeting points & routes: Woodsome, Clifton and Clotilde. **We still require volunteers to coordinate the Clifton and Clotilde routes.** Please email the TMG committee on traffic@mlpspc.org by Friday 19 April if you would be interested in volunteering.

To register to join the walking school bus please complete the form for each child on Qkr by Wednesday 24 April.

Upcoming Events:

National Walk Safely to school day (10 May)



Community News



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ANYONE FOR TENNIS!

Dear Parent,

Working within the Covid 19 guidelines of Tennis Australia and with a view to promoting tennis locally, Playtennis is offering an 8 week before school "Hot Shots Tennis Course" at Mt Lawley Primary School in term 2/2024.

This is a fun way to introduce tennis at an early age through ball skills and hand eye coordination tennis games and activities. This program uses soft balls, smaller tennis net's and smaller tennis racquets and has been adapted for use in smaller areas. It's a fun tennis and skills based program for children aged 4yrs – 12yrs.

Playtennis successfully runs this program at a number of primary schools locally with many children very eager for their weekly tennis lesson! All Racquets and equipment are provided however it is preferred if you can bring your own racquet.

Cost: \$140 per child for an 8 week course

PP-Yr 6: Tuesday 7.45 – 8.30

Duration: 45 mins

To enroll: go directly to this link <http://www.playtennis.com.au/primary-school-tennis/> and follow the prompts to Mt Lawley Primary OR fill out a form available from the school office and return it by email directly to rhys@playtennis.com.au OR call Rhys on 0401873440 and bring payment along to the first lesson or pay by direct banking from the emailed invoice.

First session will commence week 2 Tuesday 23 April and runs for 8 weeks consecutively.

Edu-Sing 4 & UNDER
Tuesdays
"Hands down the best toddler music class I've ever been to!"

Embark on a joy-filled musical journey with your little one! Join our specially crafted sessions for 0-4 year olds, where the joy of bonding meets the rhythm of world music. Beyond just singing, we explore beats, rhythms, and interactive musical adventures. Create precious memories as you and your child delve into the enchanting realm of music together.

When & Where
Tuesday mornings - 40 minute classes
(See website for availability)
10 week program from 23/04/24
Anglican Church Hall, South Perth

Who
0-4 year olds
(with a special parent/guardian - no musical experience required)

Bring
Water Bottle
(Wear comfy clothes as we'll be on the floor)

Who
Directed by Hayley Roseby
info@edu-sing.com.au

Pricing
• \$210 for 10 week Term
• Siblings: half price
• Under 9 month-olds: half price
• Under 9 month-old siblings: free

Contact Us
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