



## Dates for the Diary

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| Friday 3 May<br>Assembly hosted by Yr 4, Rm 16  | Thursday 9 May<br>P&C Mothers Day Coffee Van | Thursday 9 May<br>Board Meeting                    |
| Friday 10 May<br>Assembly hosted by Yr 1, Rm 12 | Wednesday 15 – Friday 17 May<br>Book Fair    | Friday 17 May<br>National Walk Safely to Shool Day |

Dear MLPS families,

What a busy and full fortnight we have had since the last newsletter! It has been wonderful to meet more families during this time, especially at the gate in the mornings and I am certainly recognising more of the student's smiling faces each day.

During this past fortnight, we remembered and honoured the service and sacrifice of those who have served our nation through our Anzac Day commemoration, celebrated individual successes with two interschool swimming champions last Monday, and waved our Year 6 students on their way to camp yesterday.

I am looking forward to my first assembly this Friday, with the talented Room 16 presenting, and another busy fortnight ahead with Kindy school photos, Mother's Day activities, my first School Board meeting and the setting up of our Book Fair in Week 5.

## ANZAC Commemoration

Last Wednesday 24 April, we held our annual Anzac Day Commemoration which was led by our wonderful Year 6 student leaders. We welcomed Mr Simon Millman and Breanna (P&C President) on the day as our special guests who commented how mature our student leaders were in leading such a special and solemn event at our school.

The choir, led by Year 6 student Eva, sang *In Flanders Field* beautifully for our community. We thank Mrs Judith Walpole for her amazing organisation of the commemoration and Mrs Christine Ashkenazy and Miss Ali Roberts for supporting the set up and smooth running of the morning event.

Miss Roberts was joined by students Eva, Declan and Jeremy in attending the Mount Lawley local commemoration on Anzac Day morning, and we thank our students for representing our school with pride at this special community remembrance.



## Staff Professional Learning Day

Last week on Friday 26 April, while you were all (I hope) enjoying an extra-long long-weekend with your children, the staff of MLPS were participating in a range of professional learning and school review activities. We started the day with some *getting to know you* activities as it was my first staff day with the incredible team here at MLPS.

With our Public School Review being held at the beginning of Term 3, we then focused on working in teams to self-assess 6 domain areas. Our staff completed this review session by using their creativity and critical thinking skills to design a Lego model representing the characteristics that make MLPS a successful school. We celebrated our achievements in these areas as we shared with each other what we believe makes MLPS such a wonderful place to work and learn.



We finished our day with a great session focused on our Behaviour Management Policy and the importance of having clear and visible expectations for our staff, students and community. We will be working through this policy and reviewing it over the remainder of this year.

## Public School Review at MLPS 2024

All Western Australian public schools are reviewed every three years by the Department of Education's Public School Accountability directorate. A review gives assurance to the local community, the Minister for Education and Training and the Director General that a school is operating effectively and delivering high quality education to its students. The review acknowledges the achievements of the school and gives feedback to support the principal and staff with their improvement planning.

The principal provides the review team with a self-assessment of the school's performance based on evidence gathered by the Principal and staff. Information validated by the review team is considered before and during the school visit, which will be held on **Tuesday 6 August 2024**. This forms the basis for the school review report.

This report focuses on information gained from the self-assessment submission and the validation visit/process. It is focused on a review of the following 6 domains of school performance:

- Relationships and Partnerships;
- Learning Environment;
- Leadership;
- Use of Resources;
- Teaching Quality;
- Student Achievement and Progress.

A report is then provided to the principal, the Chair of the School Board and the Regional Executive Director and will be available on our school website later this year.

## Before School Expectations

Please remind your child/children that if they arrive at school before 8.30am, they must go straight to the Undercover Area. Students are supervised in this area by a member of the admin team. If you are with your child in the school grounds before 8:30am, we remind parents that there is no play on the equipment before school (except when part of an organised school activity). When the bell rings, students walk to their classrooms calmly and the school gates are opened.

Students are also reminded that all bikes and scooters should be walked through the school gates each day to make sure that we are keeping everyone safe during this busy arrival time.

## Year 6 Camp 2024

The greatly anticipated Year 6 camp has started and Day 1 sounds like it was a blast for our students! The students embarked on the bus yesterday morning with a group of excited parents waving them off.

The students are spending this week at Dare Adventures Camp in Dwellingup as they create some lifelong memories. I heard from Miss Ali Roberts this morning to say the students had a great first night with lots of 'the usual talking and excitement' as they settled down for the night.

The camp at Dare Adventures is an amazing experience for the students, being regularly challenged to overcome their fears and anxiety by participating in raft building, kayaking, crate climbing and participating in the night walk. Throughout the week, the students will be working as a team and supporting others through these challenges.



## Road Safety around MLPS

Next week is National Road Safety week and a great opportunity for us to share some reminders about road safety around our school.

Mount Lawley Primary School are very lucky to have 2 Kiss and Drive Bays at our school. Students who do not need supervision to and from the classroom are encouraged to use these facilities to help alleviate our parking issues at the beginning and end of the day.

The Kiss and Drive system is designed to:

- ensure children and families are safe at all times,
- minimise the impact on school neighbours,
- enable families to collect the children as efficiently as possible.

All school families play a role, and we thank you in advance for your support as we communicate and reinforce Kiss and Drive.

How to safely use the kiss and drive:

- Move as near to the front of the Kiss & Drive bays as possible.
- Always remain courteous to other road users.
- Drivers must remain in the vehicle; the bays are to be used for set down and pick up of students only.
- Children alight from/get into the vehicle from the left side only.
- Always indicate to enter and leave the kiss and drive bays.
- Please do not make a U-turn in front of the school, or turn into the school driveway in Third Ave.
- If your child is not waiting and ready, please be considerate and drive around the block or find a parking spot. This takes only a couple of minutes and is essential to the effective operation of the Kiss & Drive.
- Children should not be dropped off on verges on the opposite side of the road. It is extremely busy and hazardous during peak school drop off and pick up times, and not suitable for children to be crossing the road amongst traffic unattended.
- At no time should an adult or child cross in between cars in the Kiss & Drive line. This is a constantly moving line of traffic and should not be interrupted by pedestrians crossing Second or Third Ave.
- Double parking is illegal and dangerous, please do not park behind or beside cars that are waiting in the bays, this just creates a traffic jam further along the road.
- If your child needs assistance to alight the vehicle or requires assistance with their bag, then the Kiss & Drive facility is not the right option for you to drop or pick up your child from.



If you are able to leave the car at home, we encourage families to walk or cycle to school. It is wonderful to see so many bikes and scooters in the racks each day.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this issue and consideration of changes that you can make to help keep our school and community safe.

## Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

Playing our part to build a national picture of child health, Mount Lawley's Pre-primary teachers are currently participating in the sixth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of fulltime schooling. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary and parents in Pre-primary are encouraged to speak with the classroom teacher if they choose not to include their children in the census or have any further questions.

The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children. To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families, please visit the AEDC website: [Australian Early Development Census \(aedc.gov.au\)](https://www.aedc.gov.au)



## 2025 Kindy Applications

A reminder that applications for Kindy 2025 are now open and must be submitted by **19 July 2024**.

If your child will be 4 years old by 30 June 2025, they can enrol to attend Kindy in 2025. Enrolment packs are available from the school office, or online [here](#).

## Scholastic Enchanted Book Fair



Start saving your pocket money and mark your diary - Scholastic Book Fair is coming. The library will host the Scholastic Enchanted Forest book fair in Week 5. The fair will run for 3 days, before and after school.

Dates and times as follows:

Tuesday 14 May: 3.10 – 4pm (**Pre Primary families only**)  
 Wednesday 15 May: 8.20am – 8.50am and 3.10pm – 4.30pm  
 Thursday 16 May: 8.20am – 8.50am and 3.10pm – 4.30pm  
 Friday 17 May: 8.20am – 8.50am and 3.10pm – 4.30pm

The fair will offer, books from \$5, stationery from \$2, posters from \$3 and a variety of activity kits for sale. Payment by cash and credit card will be accepted.

A variety of books will also be available to purchase and donate to the school library. A note will go into the book with the name of the student/family, thanking you for your generosity. All sales from Scholastic book fair earn rewards that are redeemed for resources for all students to enjoy.

The fair is a highly popular event on the library calendar and the success wouldn't be possible without the generous time given by parent volunteers. If you are available to assist with selling at the fair, please contact me by email with days and times you are available, and a roster will be drawn up [Nicola.brodie@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Nicola.brodie@education.wa.edu.au)

Due to the book fair being in the middle of the term this year. No book club catalogues will be distributed in term 2.

## LEGO Club

We have had record-breaking interest in LEGO club for the juniors, resulting in having to split the 129 students into 4 groups.

The students listed in the table to the right will start LEGO club this week on Friday. Each group will build for 3 weeks over Term 2 and 3.

Please check the notice boards outside the library and undercover area for names of all Junior groups and weeks that students will be building.

We have done our best to accommodate student requests to build with friends, however due to numbers and time constraints we are unable to move students between groups.

We look forward to a term of creative LEGO building from our junior students.

Mrs Hawkesford and Mrs Brodie and Mr Fogliani

| LEGO Club Group 1 |      |      |          |      |      |
|-------------------|------|------|----------|------|------|
| Name              | Room | Year | Name     | Room | Year |
| Lenny B           | 6    | 3    | Audrey R | 12   | 1    |
| Nevidu J          | 6    | 3    | Amelia M | 14   | 2    |
| Ryan T            | 6    | 3    | Anya     |      |      |
| Demi D            | 6    | 3    | Rose G   | 14   | 2    |
| Jana A            | 6    | 3    | Mason B  | 14   | 2    |
| Ben H             | 6    | 3    | Will C   | 14   | 2    |
| Henley H          | 6    | 3    | Liam C   | 14   | 2    |
| Aston B           | 6    | 3    | Marcus J | 14   | 2    |
| Albert C          | 9    | 2    | Akshay S | 14   | 3    |
| Archie G          | 9    | 2    | Judd S   | 14   | 3    |
| Hamish R          | 9    | 2    | Loukas M | 17   | 1    |
| Louis T           | 9    | 2    | Theo M   | 17   | 1    |
| Lucien J          | 9    | 2    | Yusef A  | 17   | 1    |
| Alex C            | 11   | 1    | Arlo B   | 17   | 1    |
| Callum Q          | 11   | 1    |          |      |      |

## Interschool Swimming Carnival

Last week Mount Lawley Primary School ventured to HBF Stadium for the 2024 Interschool swimming carnival. This year was going to be tough with our promotion to the Division A competition. Everyone gave it their all and put in a huge amount of effort. We cheered loudly as every swimmer raced down the pool. Mount Lawley finished in a hard-fought 7th place in a very strong field. We had some great individual results with two students achieving age champions in their respective years.



**Left: Our individual champions**  
 Dom V – Year 4 (Champion Boy)  
 Sora I – Year 6 (Champion Boy)



**Right: Some of our fabulous swimmers**

## Traffic Management Group



### National Walk Safely to School Day – 10 May

Next Friday is National Walk Safely to School Day.

Let's paint the streets around MLPS blue with kids and parents walking to school on 10 May. We will welcome the cooler weather, get healthy and go green by walking to school safely!

There will be some treats (second breakfast) for the kids on arrival at school.

### Walking School Bus Programme

The Walking School Bus programme starts on Friday 3 May and will run every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday during term 2.

**Don't miss the bus and sign up via Qkr now!**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Friday 10 May 2024**  
National Walk Safely to School Day

## MLPS Students Vs Teachers Netball Game

On 19 April the MLPS student netball teams played a friendly lunchtime match against the MLPS teachers. Even in the heat of the day, everyone put in a super effort and the kids and teachers all loved it. It was a fabulous way to demonstrate how much fun team sport can be. Thank you to our fabulous Netball co-ordinators Jo and Jess for organising this fun event!



## P&C Mother's Day Event



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Time: 3:40pm 4:30pm 3:40pm 8:45am



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**ANYONE FOR TENNIS!**

Dear Parent,

Working within the Covid 19 guidelines of [Tennis Australia](http://TennisAustralia.com.au) 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](mailto: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



**MIDVALE HUB PARENTING SERVICE PERTH NORTH EAST**



**Tuning in to Teens**

For parents and carers of children aged 12 - 18 years who reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean or Bayswater

Tuning in to Teens is a 6 session program that provides parents with a greater understanding of their teen's emotional experiences. The program explores specific skills that help parents to be supportive, empathic and stay connected with their teen. Learn more about:

- understanding teenage development
- supporting teens to manage difficult emotions
- promoting positive behaviour
- supporting teens to maintain friendships and deal with conflict

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Thursdays - 23, 30 May,  
6, 13, 20 & 27 June 2024

6.30pm - 8.30pm  
*(must be able to attend all sessions)*

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**Only 12 places available**



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