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Dates for the Diary						
Thursday 24 October	Friday 25 October	Saturday 26 October				
School Board AGM	Assembly Hosted by Room 14	P&C Progressive Dinner				
Friday 1 November	Friday 1 November	Monday 4 November				
PP- Yr 3 Incursion (Echo the Gecko)	Assembly Hosted by PP/1 Room 17	Swimming Lessons Commence				

Dear families,

Friday is **World Teacher's Day**. Hats off to our amazing teachers! We are so proud of the high calibre of teachers at MLPS who are completely dedicated to educating, inspiring, and supporting our students. This is an opportunity for us all to celebrate, recognise and thank our teachers for all the work they do. Our teachers continue to put students first and strive to make a difference every single day. Teachers play an important role in our school and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their passion and dedication to inspire our young people. Please make a special effort to thank your child's teacher this Friday!

What a fabulous time we all had at the disco in Week 1! Bopping to the music and partying among the shimmering streamers and glowing revellers was so much fun. Events like the disco do not happen without hours and hours of organisation prior to the event, and parents and staff volunteering to make sure the event runs smoothly. So, thank you everyone who was involved, especially to our P&C who coordinated the event, it was truly fabulous. Our P&C have their next big event this Saturday night with the Parents Progressive Dinner!

This Thursday night, the School Board are holding their Annual Public Meeting. All parents and school community members are invited to attend on Thursday to observe how a School Board meeting runs! I will be sharing some of our NAPLAN and WEC (Wellness and Engagement Census) data with the Board during this meeting. We look forward to welcoming interested community members from 5:30-7:30pm in the staffroom.

Have a wonderful Week 3!

Robyn Crump Principal

2025 Class Placement Requests for Consideration

Our staff have started the process of developing classes for 2025. Organising staffing and student placements is a highly complex process, with many factors playing a role in what the composition of classes will look like. We are governed by the funding we are provided through the Department of Education and the number of students enrolled and working within the Union Award and Agreement guidelines. Please be assured that a lot of time and effort is taken to ensure each child is placed in the best possible class based on all factors, including their social, emotional, and academic development.

Requests that arrive via the below form link and by the due date will be considered based on educational merit and in relation to class structure processes. Only valid educational reasons will be taken into consideration by the school. Parents and carers who present such reasons should do so on the understanding that the request will be read and discussed with the appropriate personnel, but the school cannot guarantee that parent requests will be met.



If you wish to make an educational request for your child's 2025 class placement, please complete the form at the below link or scan the QR code:

2025 Class Placement Request Form

Enrolment Planning for 2025

To assist with enrolment planning for 2025, please advise the office via email mountlawley.ps@education.wa.edu.au if your child will not be returning to MLPS in 2025, and include the name of the school your child will be transferring to.

Please note that this request does not include our current Year 6 students moving into high school. Thank you!

School Board Upcoming Nominations for Parent Representatives in 2025

The role of the School Board is a key component in the Mount Lawley PS governance structure, informing the strategic direction, aligning resources, and ensuring strong accountability towards the school's priorities. The work of the Board supports the school to achieve the best outcomes for every student. The MLPS School Board members have a 3-year tenure, and the Board is comprised of parents, staff and community members. Meeting twice each term, we thank the current members for the time they volunteer and their valuable contributions to Mount Lawley PS.

Our School Board are seeking the nominations of interested parents for TWO positions on our Board, commencing in Term 1 2025.

Nominations from interested parents are now open, until the close of the nomination period on Friday 8 November at 4.00pm.

To be eligible, you must be a current parent of our school and have a child enrolled in the 2025 school year.

If you are interested in nominating, please email a 100-word bio to Steph Butler, Manager Corporate Services - Stephnee.Butler@education.wa.edu.au

If more than two nominations are received, an election process will be conducted later this term.

School Board Annual Public Meeting

The MLPS School Board Annual Public Meeting will be held in Week 3, on Thursday 24 October from 5.30-7.30pm in the Staff Room.

The primary purpose of the public meeting is to increase awareness of the function and operation of our School Board. The school will be presenting our 2024 NAPLAN data and WEC (Wellness Engagement Census) data to the Board on this date and we welcome all community members to attend and hear more about our achievement and progress across the school.

There will be a brief opportunity at the end of the meeting for questions, but questions should be focused on the functions and activities of the School Board only, and not school operational matters as these are not matters which are addressed by the Board.

We look forward to seeing you at this open meeting!

In-Term Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons start on **Monday 4 November** for **Year 1 – 6 students** and will continue until Friday 15 November. It is vital that students have returned **BOTH pages** of the swimming forms before the first lesson to attend. Lessons are being held at Terry Tyzack Aquatic centre and are 40 minutes in duration. You are welcome to come and watch your child during their lesson.

During the 2 weeks **all** students will have recess at 11:00am. Classroom teachers will adjust when their class has recess if their lesson time clashes with whole school recess.

Please note the following important information:

- 1. Students are to come to school dressed in their bathers with their school uniform over the top.
- 2. Please ensure that **EVERYTHING** is labelled. This includes underwear, bathers, towels, thongs, goggles, and school clothes.
- 3. Please bring required swimming items in a separate bag for students to bring to and from the pool.
- 4. Children must wear their regular school shoes to school and can change into thongs or slides for their lessons.
- 5. Students get changed in the centre's change rooms after lessons; however, they <u>will not</u> have access to showers. If your child has a medical condition that requires them to shower, please inform their classroom teacher.
- 6. Please apply sunscreen before school as some lessons will take place in the outdoor pool. If your child is in a later session, they may bring an easy-to-use tube or roll on to apply mid-morning.
- 7. Rashies are recommended but not essential.

A reminder of each classes swimming session is listed below. If you have any other questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Session 1: Rooms 4, 14 & 10Leaving school: 9:00amLesson Time: 9.20amSession 2: Rooms 1, 8 & 11Leaving school: 9:45amLesson Time: 10:05amSession 3: Rooms 2, 15 & 9Leaving school: 10:30amLesson Time: 10:50amSession 4: Rooms 5, 6, 12 & 17Leaving school: 11:40amLesson Time: 12:00pmSession 5: Rooms 3, 16 & 7Leaving school: 12:15pmLesson Time: 12:45pm



Bike Month October 2024!!!!

What an exciting start we've had to WA Bike Month! It's been fantastic to see so many students riding to school, filling the footpaths with bikes and smiles. A special mention to Alexander Martin from Year 5 Room 3, who cycled all the way from West Leederville on Monday – an amazing effort!

Leading the charge in our Bike Month competition, as of last week's assembly, is **Room 11**, thanks to their last-minute **BONUS POINT!** They are closely followed by Room 14 and Room 20 – it's a tight race, so keep those wheels turning! Room 11 also earned the prized **Gold Leader Helmet** for "Best Decoration" and will hand it over to next week's leader – let's see who takes the crown!

Congratulations to our Spot Prize winners for the last 2 weeks:

Ari Di-Lallo Eliza Dobbin Kai Aveling Ben Harrowfield

Important Reminder:

We'll be wrapping up Bike Month with a **celebration on 1 November**, featuring **breakfast snacks and a coffee van** – the first 50 coffees are on us! The winning class will be announced at that day's assembly, so make sure you're there to see who takes the top prize!

Rider of the Week:

A huge shout-out to Annabelle from Room 5, who has been crowned Rider of the Week for her fantastic biking efforts last week! Well done, Annabelle!





Our Rider of the week last week is Annabelle Room 5!!!



Honour Certificates

Congratulations to the following Students who received an Honour Certificates at our last assembly in Term 3.

Khoi P		Tiern	Tiernan M		Macie M	
Dhanbee S		Billy B	Ben H		Cameron B	
Mako H		Mabel T	Lincoln L		Henry M	



Community News



