

# Newsletter

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Dates for the Diary		
P&C Meeting Thursday 17 August (6pm)	Winter Walk to School Day Friday 18 August	Senior Assembly (Year 5, Room 6) Friday 18 August
Great Book Swap Monday 21 August	Faction Jumps and Throws Wednesday 23 August	Book Week Parade Friday 25 August

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the School Community,

We farewelled our Principal Sandra Martin yesterday as she headed off on long service leave for the remainder of Term 3. We all wish her safe travels as she enjoys a well-earned break and look forward to her return for the start of Term 4.

School leadership is a privilege for many reasons, but one of the greatest privileges is because of a school's connection to the local community. Although from Melbourne originally, I have worked as a school leader within WA Department of Education schools for the last 12 years. The strong connection that exists between school and community could not have been clearer to me, but I had come to see this as being a unique part of regional settings.

Upon moving to Perth at the end of 2021 and joining the team at Mount Lawley PS for the beginning of 2022, I quickly realised that the connection between a community and its school is not unique to regional contexts. The more time I spent on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue duty, the more I noticed how interconnected the Mount Lawley community is and the strength of the connection between the Mount Lawley community and the school.

Similarly, one of the unexpected delights of life in Perth for me, are my weekly visits to Matthew's Netball Centre where each of my three daughters play on a Saturday. I hadn't expected that as a parent, supporting my own children who play club netball for Scarborough, I would end up crossing paths with students and parents from Mount Lawley PS who are representing the school. Once again, I had wrongly assumed that this was another part of the regional experience that would not be replicated in Perth.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, yesterday we hosted two consultants from the Department of Education who spent the day visiting our early childhood classrooms and meeting with our school leaders and early childhood teachers. All schools, education and care services are required to rate themselves against the National Quality Standards (NQS) annually, but yesterday's visit provides us with an opportunity to receive independent feedback from the Department of Education. Whilst we won't receive their report for another few weeks, the consultants did share some of their reflections prior to leaving.

Some of these reflections were that it was refreshing to see all our students engaged across all the learning areas and that it was abundantly clear our students are confident, capable and creative. We look forward to receiving their report as it will undoubtedly provide us with an opportunity to celebrate our successes and guide us in our planning for continuous improvement. Thank you to all our early childhood staff in Kindergarten through to Year 2 and in particular, those who played a leadership role in the preparation for yesterday's visit.

You might be aware that Friday is our Winter Walk to School Day. Our P&C's Traffic Management Group have organised this event and we encourage everyone to participate by walking, scooting or riding to school this Friday. I'm sure the TMG's sublime skills in long range weather forecasting are not lost on any of us, with it looking likely that Friday will present excellent winter conditions for walking, scooting or riding to school. It would have been quite a different scenario yesterday!

This Friday is also Room 6's senior assembly, attended by all of our Years 4 to 6 students. If you have a child or children in Years 4 to 6, I encourage you to walk, ride or scoot to school this Friday and stay for our assembly.

I look forward to seeing you around the school.

Jared Lawson, Acting Principal

## Great Book Swap

To start our Book Week celebrations next week 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 are 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 Parade

On Friday 25 August we will be holding our 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 parade will begin at 8.50am in the undercover area and all are welcome to watch our celebration of reading. The theme for this year's book week is "Read, Grow, Inspire".



If you have sport on Friday, please ensure you bring your sport uniform to change into.

## Australian Girls Choir - School Assessment Workshop 2023

For nearly 40 years the AGC's philosophy has been that every child can learn to sing. Thousands of parents across Australia have watched their daughters develop musically and socially through our world class music education and unparalleled performance opportunities. Parents comment on the incredible impact our classes have on their daughters' confidence, resilience, and self-esteem.

The Australian Girls Choir is excited to be visiting Mount Lawley Primary School on Wednesday 30 August at 3:15pm to run an Assessment Workshop.

The workshop is an opportunity for girls to participate in simple singing and movement activities; there is no need to prepare anything for the assessment workshop.

Following the workshop, parents will be sent a personalised assessment report and information on our 2024 classes. The workshops are fun and inclusive, catering to girls of all levels and abilities.

If you would like your daughter to participate in this workshop, please follow the below link to register your interest. We are only able to run the workshop with girls who have returned their permission slip to the school or have registered online [School Assessment Workshop 2023 - Australian Girls Choir \(ausgirlschoir.com.au\)](#)

## Cookie Dough Fundraiser - Final Order Date Friday 18 August

A reminder that cookie dough orders are closing this Friday 18 August!

MLPS Cookie Dough fundraiser is running again this term, your child should come home with an information leaflet this week.

- Order tubs of delicious frozen cookie dough which can be safely defrosted and refrozen many times from freezer to fridge for use.
- Ten great flavours to choose from, including doggie biscuits for your furry pals
- Just scoop and bake - simple.
- Earn fun prizes the more tubs you sell.
- There will be a free tub of cookie dough for the top eight sellers.

It's run entirely online/cashless - follow the instructions to set up an account, then forward the link to friends/family to get their orders. (You can take cash for orders but will need to then order online on your account)

How to Setup

- Go to [cookiedough.com.au](http://cookiedough.com.au)
- Follow prompts to register
- Select 'Mt Lawley Primary' (not Mount)
- You may choose to register each child separately, or just once as a family

This was a big hit last year, so we hope you all enjoy some easy delicious home baked cookies in time for easy snacks, entertaining and cookie ice-cream sandwiches over the Term 3 holidays.

Final order date: Friday 18 August

Cookie dough delivery date: 18 September Pickup from canteen

Any questions or problems with ordering contact Bria 0478 615 862

If your child is in Pre Primary – Year 5 and will not be returning to Mount Lawley Primary School in 2024, could you please let us know in writing at [mountlawley.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:mountlawley.ps@education.wa.edu.au) as soon as possible, to assist us with class planning for 2024.

Traffic Management Group



**WINTER WALK  
TO MLPS**

**LET'S ALL WALK, SCOOT OR RIDE TO SCHOOL**  
**FRIDAY 18 AUGUST 2023**

Prizes to be won!  
thanks to: P&Cs Traffic Management Group,



Honour Certificates

Congratulations to the following Students who received an Honour Certificates at last week's Junior assembly.

Will W – PP	Lucas Z – PP	Freya E – PP	Charlotte L – PP
Sabeala M – Year 1	Nixon E – Year 1	Mason B – Year 1	Kristina C – Year 1
Eloise F -Year 2	Harper C – Year 2	Airlie R – Year 2	Hugo S – Year 2





# VacSwim

Enrolments now open!  
Places are limited,  
so get in early.

Help keep your child safe in the water.  
Enrol now for the school holidays.

[education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](http://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)

Shaping the future



Community News

**\$234.50 for 3 days for past participants!**

**THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS!**

Improve your sporting skills with friends this Spring!  
AFL, Basketball, Netball, Cricket and Soccer on offer!

**Program includes**

- ✓ 9am to 3pm each day
- ✓ Delivered by experienced coaches
- ✓ Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- ✓ Guest appearances at selected programs

**Locations**

City Beach | Jolimont  
East Perth

Contact Us 1300 914 368 admin@australiansportscamps.com.au

**CENTRAL DISTRICT**

**Kickstart Your Child's Soccer Journey!**

Join a fun-filled, non-competitive environment to learn new skills and make new friends!

**About the Program**

For Kids in Kindergarten to Year 3  
Train and Play With Your School Friends!  
Optional Midweek Training with Experienced Coaches

**Commences Week 1 of Term 4  
13 October to 15 December 2023**

Games Every Friday Afternoon  
Dorrien Gardens, 3 Lawley St,  
West Perth 6005

For More Info [joeyssoccer.com.au](http://joeyssoccer.com.au) 1300 480 762



The Inglewood Arts Hub is a new local community arts group run by local artists within the Bob Daniels Building at the Inglewood Town Square. This term we are running weekly community arts groups for painting, textiles and printmaking as well as some tutored classes in painting and mosaics for both adults and children. We also run school holiday workshops for kids. For more information about us please visit our website <https://www.inglewoodartshub.org/>