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Dates for the Diary						
Thursday 15 August	Friday 16 August	Monday 19 August				
P&C Meeting	Assembly – Hosted by Year 5, Room 5	Book Swap for Indigenous Literacy				
Wednesday 21 August	Friday 23 August	Monday 26 August				
Faction Jumps and Throws	Book Week Parade	Yr 5 Excursion – Perth Zoo				
Tuesday 27 August	Tuesday 27 August	Wednesday 28 August				
Yr 2 Excursion – Caversham Wildlife Park	Yr 3 Excursion – WA Museum Boola Bardip	Interschool Jumps and Throws				
Friday 30 August						
Faction Athletics Carnival and P&C Bake sale, Lunch and Coffee Stall at Inglewood Oval						

Dear Parents and School Community,

It has been a busy start to the term as we move into the Noongar Season of Djilba. It is the start of the wildflower season and represented by the colour pink, which symbolises the growth of our wildflowers and plants. Djilba is a transitional time of the year, with some very cold and clear days combining with warmer/rainy and windy days mixing with the occasional sunny day or two.

We have a very action-packed fortnight ahead on the term planner – so please mark some dates in your calendar! From our annual Book Week celebration and parade next Friday to our Faction Jumps & Throws and Athletics Carnival, we are looking forward to these wonderful opportunities to



celebrate with our whole school community. Some year levels also have some exciting excursions coming up with Year 3 heading to the WA Museum, Year 2 to Caversham Wildlife Park and Year 5 to the Zoo. Please view our website calendar for more information on this and our future events.

A part of our school that I really value is our MLPS School library. Each day I find many children in there, reading, talking about the books they have read and taking the time to find their next imaginative adventure though books. It also hosts our well attended Lego Club, is a hub for all, and our students always support its use extremely well. Next week we celebrate Book Week with our annual book week parade on Friday and I know Mrs Brodie is excited and already preparing her displays! It will be magic!

Please keep reading to find out more about what our wonderful students and school community have been up to and are looking forward to in the coming weeks.

With many thanks,

Robyn Crump Principal

#### **Staffing Update**

Last Thursday we celebrated Mrs Alexia Pinto's last day in Room 8 as she starts her maternity leave. We wish her the very best as she embarks on this exciting new journey and can't wait to meet her new baby when she comes in to visit us next term sometime.

We welcome Miss Emma Stevens to our community as our newly appointed Room 8 teacher. Miss Stevens joins us from the U.K and has recently been working at MLPS in a relief EA capacity. Miss Stevens has enjoyed getting to know the students this week and is looking forward to working closely with our students and families for the remainder of this year.

#### Planning for 2025

Yes, it is that time of year where we start planning for the 2025 school year. It is very helpful to organise class structures and as we input our projected enrolments for the Department of Education, that we have confirmed enrolment numbers. I, therefore, request that if you have confirmed an enrolment for 2025 at a different school or you know that your child will not be returning to MLPS, please advise us via email to <a href="mountlawley.ps@education.wa.edu.au">mountlawley.ps@education.wa.edu.au</a>

Thank you for your support of our classroom planning for 2025.



Our new Focus of the Fortnight is:

#### We cultivate a positive attitude towards learning, through persistence and effort.

A child with a positive attitude may show enthusiasm, curiosity, or engagement when a learning opportunity occurs. Even when they might not be interested in the subject, a child with a positive attitude participates in the learning activity and shows a willingness to try and learn. This positivity inspires others in the learning environment.

#### Benefits of Having a Positive Attitude to Learning:

Research suggests that embracing a positive attitude to learning has a lot of benefits. Among these is making our educational journey more enjoyable and fruitful:

- Amplified motivation: A good mindset increases our motivation and becomes our driving force. It gives us the
  determination to pursue our goals.
- Future avenues: Eagerness to learn new skills can open doors to opportunities and pave the way for personal growth and development.
- Increased self-confidence: A positive learning attitude boosts self-confidence, providing a sense of accomplishment and self-worth.
- Fuelled creativity: Positivity ignites creativity, encouraging us to think beyond boundaries and develop problem-solving skills.
- Sharper memory: A positive mindset enhances memory, making it easier to retain and recall information.



#### Bullying No Way: National Week of Action – important conversations to have with your child

Mount Lawley Primary School is participating in the Bullying No Way: National week of action this week - 12 to 16 August 2024.

By working collaboratively within our community, we can collectively help reduce bullying.

The National Safe Schools Framework (2011) defines bullying as repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons.

Parents and carers play an important role in helping your child understand bullying and know how to respond to it. If your child tells you about things at school, or you observe something in public that involves conflict or bullying, take the opportunity to talk about what bullying is. You can learn more about what defines bullying at <u>bullyingnoway.gov.au</u>.

Questions you could ask:

- What do you think bullying is?
- Have you seen it? How did you feel?
- Have you ever felt scared at school because of bullying?
- As well as me, who are the other adults you would talk to when it comes to things like bullying?
- Have you or your friends left other kids out on purpose? Do you think that was bullying? Why or why not?
- Have you ever tried to help someone who is being bullied? What happened? What would you do if it happens again?



Remind your child that bullying is never okay and discuss how they can respond safely if they experience or witness it. Encourage them to seek help from a trusted adult and keep seeking support if needed. By promoting open communication, we empower children to stand up against bullying and create a safer environment where everyone can feel that they belong.

For more information, visit bullyingnoway.gov.au

#### Banksia Yearbook Pre-Order

The Banksia is the MLPS Yearbook. Every class from Kindy to Year 6 is represented in the Banksia, along with the other school events such as Athletics events, Italian week, Book week, Harmony Day and many more, which have occurred over the course of the school year.

The Banksia is *only available by pre-order*. You may have pre ordered a 2024 Banksia via the Campion Booklist at the end of last year, *if you are unsure, you can call the school office on 9238 0800 to check*. If you did not order via the booklist, the 2024 Banksia is now available to pre-order on Qkr! Pre-orders for the Banksia will close at the end of Term 3.

#### **Public School Review**

What a wonderful day we had last Tuesday focused on reviewing the efforts of our school over the last 3 years!

Our collaborative community approach to the review was a real commendation from the Public School Review team, as was our staff team's enthusiasm and dedication to our school. The review team appreciated speaking with so many staff, students, and community members from across the school and we really valued all the support we have received as a school during this review period.

The review team will now write a formal report for the school, but I am pleased to inform our community that we have received a **3-year return on all 6 domains** of the standard. This is a wonderful achievement, and I am looking forward to now focusing on our school direction, our strategic priorities, and the recommendations from our review throughout the remainder of this year and into 2025. We will share the formal report with you, and place this on our website, when it is presented to us later this term.

#### The Green Corner - GOING GREEN DAY!

This year our school was nominated for the Waste Sorted Awards. The nomination acknowledges the efforts of the students, staff and wider community to reduce our waste and take care of the environment.

Going Green Day is taking place to celebrate our schools' achievements in sustainability and waste reduction.

Children are encouraged to wear green on Thursday 5 September (Week 8). We can't wait to see the field of green across our school as we celebrate our achievements.

#### **Book Week 2024 - Reading is Magic**



On Friday 23 August (Week 6) we will be holding our annual Book Week Parade. We invite all students to come dressed as their favourite book character and parade in a special assembly with their class. The Book Week Parade will begin at 8.50am in the undercover area and the school community are welcome to watch our celebration of reading from the back of the assembly area. Please keep the aisles free so the students can move freely while parading their costumes. The theme for this year's book week is "Reading is Magic".

If you have sport or physical education on Friday, please bring your sports uniform to change into.

#### **Indigenous Literacy Foundation Book Swap**



We will start our reading celebration next week on Monday 19 August with the Indigenous Literacy Foundation book swap fundraiser.

We have an amazing selection of titles available so there will be something for everyone from picture books – graphic novels – chapter books and nonfiction. Bring a gold coin to swap for a new or good quality secondhand book. The fundraiser is only being held on Monday so make a note in your diary today to remember your gold coin so you don't miss out. All money raised

will go to ILF to purchase new books for kids in remote communities that do not have access to amazing libraries like ours.

Pre Primary and Room 17 families are invited to the library in the morning from 8.30-8.50am. Year 1-6 classes will visit the book swap during the day with their teachers.

If you have books to donate, please drop off this week in the front office before Thursday 15 August.

Thank you to all the amazing families who have already donated books, without your generosity the fundraiser would not be possible.

From your Library captains Aeon, Ryan, Coco, Miranda and Mrs Brodie.

#### **James Foley Author Visit**



Last Monday the Year 4 students had the privilege to meet and work with award winning author James Foley. They started the day with a Meet the Author presentation, where James shared stories from his first writing award as a school student to today as a bestselling author.

This also included a couple of character drawing sessions where he worked step by step to create characters from his books.

The students then worked in their individual classes in a

writer's workshop where James went through the process of writing a comic book. I can't wait to see the final products. James will be returning to the school again in Term 4 Week 2 to work with all students in Year 5 and 6.



#### MLPS LEGO Masters – sign up now!

Sign up for LEGO master competition is now open, here is what you need to know to take part;

- LEGO Masters is open to all year 1-6 students.
- Every effort will be made to accommodate every student wishing to take part, however as time and space is restricted not all students who nominate to participate may get in.



- Heats will be held from Week 8 Term 3 to Week 4 Term 4 on a Monday or Friday lunch.
- Contestants must be in a team of two students from the same year group.
- The theme for each heat will be announced on the day of the build.
- Teams will have 30 minutes during heats to complete their build.
- After each heat, teachers will vote for the best build and that team will compete in the Grand Final.
- Winners of the heats will be announced over the PA.
- Grand Final will be held during Friday lunch in Week 7 Term 4.
- Grand Final builds will be put on display in the library for one week and all staff and students will be able to vote once
  for their favourite build during their library time.
- Grand Final builds will be anonymous for voting.
- The Lego Masters champions will be announced during assembly in Week 9.
- All builds in the heats and grand final will be judged based on building to theme, creativity, and teamwork.

#### Want to sign up?

Find a partner and see Mrs Brodie in your team at lunch time (after the second bell) in the library **before Thursday 22 August!** A list of the heats will be posted on the library notice board and outside the assembly area by end of Week 7 Term 3.

#### **Honour Certificates**

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

Ryan P	Saanvi P		Leon M		Emma L
Navreet N	Flynn M		Emma M		Zunair R
Evinnah D		Za	ic D		Will W



#### Help us, help you avoid losing belongings at school!

School uniforms and drink bottles are not cheap. To ensure lost items can be returned to their rightful owners, please follow these simple steps and with some **L.U.C.K!** lost items will always find their way home:

LABEL – make sure everything is labelled clearly using indelible ink with the student's full name, class and ideally a mobile phone number.

UPDATE - Don't forget to update labels when your child changes class.

CHECK – Check labels regularly to make sure the information remains readable.

KEEP CHECKING LOST PROPERTY – Sometimes you don't realise something is lost until it's too late. Parents, please take a look at our lost property outside the Deputy Office and staff toilets. You'll be surprised what you might find.

#### Does your child have an Allergy or Medical Condition?

If your child has an allergy or medical condition, which requires medication or management by school staff, it is very important that you inform the front office so that correct forms can be completed, and all staff are made aware and kept up to date, should your child need medical assistance at any point.

#### **Before School Expectations**

A gentle reminder that for the safety of your children, they should not be on school grounds before 8am. If they arrive at school between 8 - 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 between 8-8:30am, we remind parents that there is to be 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.

#### **Upcoming Sporting Events**

With our busy sporting term continuing, please see below an easy reference guide so you don't miss anything.

Please note the venue changes for the Interschool Jumps and throws. Unfortunately, the change of venue was out of our control, we hope you can still join us on the day.

Please keep an eye on Connect which will have more detailed information about the events.

Event	Date	Location	
MLPS Faction Jumps and Throws	Wednesday 21 August	MLPS School Oval	
Interschool Jumps and Throws	Wednesday 28 August	Charles Riley Memorial Reserve - North Beach	
MLPS Faction Athletics Carnival	Friday 30 August	Inglewood Oval	

#### **Community News**







## PROGRAM IN MAYLANDS

4 Week Free 'Girls Only' Program at De Lacey Reserve, Maylands

5 - 10 Year Olds

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