

Newsletter



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Lawley**
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Dates for the Diary

Thursday 7 November Pre-Primary Faction Carnival	Thursday 7 November P&C Meeting	Monday 11 November Year 5 & 6 Swimming lessons commence
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Dear families,

We are midway through Week 5 already- I can't believe how quickly the term, in fact the year, has flown by. Our teachers are busy assessing and starting to write the students' end of year reports. This is always a busy but rewarding time as teachers acknowledge and celebrate our student academic growth and achievements.

More than half of our students have started their Term 4 Swimming program this week. Thank you for your understanding with the change to our lessons over the next fortnight and for making sure your child is ready for their lesson each day. Our students are learning vital swimming and water survival skills during their lessons and are enjoying the change of routine and being in the water!

Robyn Crump
Principal

Massed Choir Festival

The Massed Choir Festival took place last Friday evening at HBF Stadium for our students and Mrs Walpole. What an honour it is to be principal of this amazing school. Our students were exemplary in their presentation, their behaviour and their performances. Thank you Mrs Walpole for all your work in getting our students ready for their performance.

Recognising our school Psychologist: Little Moments, Lasting Change



Friday 8 November 2024 is School Counsellor and School Psychologist Recognition Day. We will be celebrating Ms Catherine Cleary and all her amazing work at MLPS!

This year's theme, "Little Moments, Lasting Change," captures the essence of the invaluable work our counsellors/psychologists do every day. They have provided little moments of listening, understanding, and connecting that have supported students, families, and staff to notice their needs and strengths, persevere and grow.

Ms Cleary, we are grateful for your skills, professionalism, and dedication to our school. Thank you for your hard work this year in supporting the resilience and growth of our students!

Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs

Applications for Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance programs are now open for our current Year 5 students who will be entering Year 7 in 2026.

Applications are now open at www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented. The website also contains information about the programs, where they are offered and upcoming parent information evenings. The PowerPoint parent presentation will be made available on the website link in early December if you are unable to attend a session.

For more information, you can contact the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit on [9264 4307](tel:92644307) or at gtsu@education.wa.edu.au.

Click [HERE](#) to view the Gifted and Talented Flyer.

Applications close 11:59pm Sunday, 9 February 2025.



Reporting to Parents

As part of a department-wide initiative, all schools have been asked to review their current assessment and reporting practices to align with the requirements of the Department of Education (DOE) and the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) and to remove any unnecessary workload.

At Mount Lawley Primary School, our current reporting practices exceed these requirements.

Over time, we have gradually added more information to our reporting processes to provide parents with detailed insights into their child's progress and achievements. However, this has reached a point where it is an unsustainable workload for our teachers each semester.

As part of this initiative to reduce red tape and workload pressures for teachers and to rebalance our teaching, assessing, and reporting with DOE requirements, you will notice some slight changes to our upcoming formal reports, particularly in our English and Math comments. These changes aim to streamline the process for our staff, ensuring that we can dedicate more time to effective teaching while keeping you well-informed about your child's progress.

These changes have been made in consultation with our teaching staff and school board. The DoE will be reviewing the current policy in early 2025, with further potential changes in the new year. We thank you for your ongoing support.

World Kindness Day 2024

We celebrate World Kindness Day next Wednesday, 13 November. This day serves as a reminder of the positive impact that kindness can have on individuals, communities, and the world at large. It encourages people to perform intentional acts of kindness and foster a culture of compassion and generosity.

World Kindness Day highlights the importance of empathy, understanding, and cooperation to create a more harmonious and caring world. The theme for World Kindness Day 2024 is "**Kindness: A Global Movement.**" This theme highlights the collective power of kindness and encourages everyone to participate in spreading goodwill across the globe. It aims to inspire individuals to commit to acts of kindness, thereby creating a ripple effect that fosters a kinder world.



Planning for 2025

To assist with class 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.

2025 Booklists

The 2025 Personal Items for Student Use List (Booklists) are now available on the school's website in the "Parent Information" tab or by clicking on this link [2025 Booklists](#).

The school has negotiated competitive prices for materials on this list, however parents are not obliged to use our supplier. If you do wish to order through the school's provider, please follow the directions on the Booklist.

The delivery service is \$5 for orders placed **on or before Monday 16 December 2024**. Orders can still be placed past the 'return date' but may incur a late fee of \$10.

In line with Mount Lawley Primary School's sustainability vision, please check to see what your child brings home at the end of Term 4 as you may be able to retain some items for 2025.



Bike Month 2024 Winners – Room 14!



A big congratulations to Room 14 for winning Bike Month 2024 - they walk away with the Bike Month Class Competition trophy, the gold helmet and a 'Your Move' reflective slap band each that can also go on their handlebar.

Thank you to all the students, parents and teachers that supported the competition - it was so wonderful to see more and more students (and their family members) each week making their way to and from school safely on their bikes.

Thank you to the wonderful Year 3 mums that assisted with the celebratory breakfast, and of course breakfast cannot be enjoyed without a good cup of coffee which was supplied by Bee Delighted Café. Thank you once

again to our trusty IGA Ballajura for the yummy & healthy breakfast snacks.

Congratulations to our Spot Prize winners - Jack Hennesy & Natalia van Fondern

Our Rider of the week is Mr Jensen Room 17!!!

Big Kudos to Mr Jensen for leading the way on his bike!! No doubt you have all seen Mr Jensen arrive and leave from school on his bike almost daily.



Honour Certificates

Congratulations to the following Students who received Honour Certificates at our assemblies on 25 October and 1 November

Annaliese Z	Elisena W	Jana A	Lily M
Cooper C	Paxton L	Eveyln W	Samuel H
Hazel M	Jackson F	Coco O	Oakley R
Lauren N	Sadie H	Henry L	Heston N
Willow M	Mali G	Amelia K	Arna B
Lotti H	Lincoln B	Sofija J	Sam P



Final library borrowing

Final borrowing of library books in 2024 will be Week 7. This is to allow time for all books to be returned and give adequate time to sort the library ready for the new school year. A prize will be given to the class who returns all their library books first, from Week 8 onwards.

LEGO Master Grand Final

Congratulations to the 8 teams who competed last Friday in the LEGO Masters Grand Final. There was a lot of excitement in the room and some incredible builds created.



- Builders names were drawn out of a hat and they selected what table to build on.
- On the table was their base plate and a mini figure hiding under a dish.
- The challenge was to build a place for their mini figure to live, which must reflect who the mini figure is.
- Teams were given 1 minute planning time then 20 minutes to build.
- Creations are now on display in the library and students and staff will vote over the next fortnight during library time on their favourite senior and junior builds.
- Voting will be anonymous other than knowing if it is a junior or senior build.
- Winners will be announced, and prizes handed out during assembly after swimming lessons have concluded

Scholastic Book Club



Please be advised that the final delivery of Issue 7 book club has been delayed leaving the Eastern States so is still in transit. As soon as the orders have arrived, they will be processed and delivered to students classrooms.

Issue 8 and the last catalogue of the year is now available to [view and order online](#). To allow for orders to arrive before school breaks up the due date for this catalogue will be 15 November by 3pm. As always 3 orders will be made from now until the due date. Reminder if you wish for the order to be a gift, please tick GIFT in loop when ordering. Thank you for your support to book club through the year. All purchases earn rewards for the school which are redeemed for resources for every student to enjoy.

A Message from our Local Community Health Nurse



For Kindy and Pre Primary Parents

Undescended testes: Screening for undescended testes is recommended for boys at school entry (~4-5 years of age). Around 2-4% of boys have an undescended testes at birth. But sometimes the testes (also known as testicle) is in the scrotum at birth but is pulled up into the groin or abdomen at around 4-10 years of age. This happens because the cord that attaches the

testicle to the abdomen doesn't grow at the same rate as the child.

Undescended testes don't fully sit within the scrotum. The condition isn't painful but can increase the risk of several other health issues such as decreased fertility and testicular cancer. For those boys who develop an undescended testicle later in childhood, the 'ascending' testicle often needs surgery between 5 years and 10 years.

Please read through the information about undescended testicles provided by [Raising Children Network](#) and encourage your child to check themselves as described there.

If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner or Community Health Nurse, **Melanie Gacer on 0456 837516**.

Colour Blindness

Children who are colour blind can see as clearly as other people but can't tell the difference between some colours or see colours differently from other people. Very few people who are colour blind are 'blind' to all colours – most often they see red and green as very similar. It's good to know if a child is colour blind because they may have difficulty at school with activities that use colours, such as drawing and sorting blocks, and with computers. Please read through information on [colour blindness](#) provided by Raising Children Network.

If you have any concerns, colour vision testing can be performed by some General Practitioners (GP), eye specialists or optometrist. You can also contact your local Community Health Nurse, **Melanie Gacer on 0456 837516**.

For Year 6 Parents

Scoliosis: Scoliosis is an abnormal sideways curvature of the spine. It can be detected by a simple examination of the back. The normal spine has three curves – one in the neck, one in the upper back and one in the lower back. These curves can be seen from the side, but when you look from behind the spine should appear straight. If the spine has a sideways curve, this is scoliosis. Please read through the [scoliosis](#) information provided by Raising Children Network and check your child for scoliosis as described. If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner or Community Health Nurse, **Melanie Gacer on 0456 83**



⚽⚽ 2025 Inglewood United - NEW Female Players - EOI ⚽⚽

Open training for those girls born between 2011-2015

Register here: <https://linktr.ee/inglewoodunitedfc>