

# Newsletter

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**Mount  
Lawley**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
*Strive for Wisdom*

Edition 20, 20 November 2024

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 25 November Spelling Bee Years 4-6	Tuesday 26 November Interschool Chess Tournament	Thursday 28 November School Board
Friday 29 November Assembly Hosted by PP Rm 19 & 20	Friday 6 December Year 6 Graduation Ceremony	Friday 6 December Year 6 Dinner Dance

Dear families,

Quick! First person with the answer wins! **How many days do we have left of Term 4?**

This is a question I've heard many children asking over the last few days. I am sure many of us have a countdown going on in our heads either until school finishes, Christmas arrives, or we hit that long-awaited holiday. There is much to be celebrated in what we and our students have accomplished this year, and I am excited as we assess and report on the achievement, progress and growth our students have made in 2024 over the coming few weeks!

Mount Lawley Primary School encourages our students to adopt a growth mindset. A growth mindset is a belief that your intelligence and talents can be developed through effort, good teaching, and persistence. When students have this positive outlook on learning, they take on challenges and learn from them, therefore increasing their abilities and achievement.

If you are counting down the school days with your child, I encourage you to frame the countdown in a way that challenges our students (and ourselves) to make the most of the time remaining; to use this limited amount of time to pursue a big goal; to do something challenging; to make something new; to not just arrive at the finish line and mark the end of a school year but to cross it with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment!

For example:

"17 days left to give everything you've got as a \_\_\_\_ grader."

"3 weeks to go to hit that goal of learning as much \_\_\_\_ (subject) \_\_\_\_ as possible so you can hit next year feeling super prepared."

"December 12th is coming. What's on your \_\_\_\_th grade bucket list for making this your most successful year ever? Only 17 days left to do it. Let's go!"

As we continue to tick off all the wonderful events during Term 4, let's have a countdown with a purpose: **We still have more than 8% of the school year remaining. Let's optimise it!**

Robyn Crump  
Principal

## Class Structure 2025

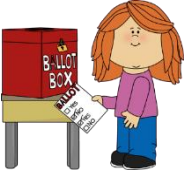
We are currently finalising our staffing structures and constructing our class lists for 2025. Class lists will be shared with the community on Monday 3 February 2025, as enrolment-based changes and restructures are possible over the holiday break. While our planning structures minimise the likelihood of this, we are a local-intake area school and our enrolment numbers can change in those first few days. If you know your child will not be returning to MLPS in 2025, we ask that you please inform us of this asap so we can accommodate these changes in our planning processes.

Next year we will see some movement of staff, as we farewell some, welcome back others, and introduce a few new faces. We currently have 532 students enrolled for next year and will maintain similar class structures to this year, with the intention of running 22 classes across the school.

Some simple things we can all begin doing to support our children is to maintain positive, enthusiastic communication about school and include your child in the planning for a new school year. The Department of Education has more information on this subject at <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/progressing-through-school>



## Student Leadership Positions 2025



We had an amazing response to the call for Student Leadership nominations from our Year 5 cohort for 2025 and we enjoyed listening to the speeches for our Student Leader and Faction Captain positions on Monday. The confidence and consideration the students displayed was a true credit to our school and families.

Our students were able to nominate for the positions of Student Leaders, Faction Captains, Music Captains, Sustainability Captains, Library Captains and our new Technology Captains.

There will be some small changes to our Student Leader positions for 2025. We will no longer have Head and Deputy positions, and we will no longer be gender specific in offering 2 boy and 2 girl positions. Instead, we will have 4 Student Leaders of equal ranking.

We look forward to introducing our 2025 Student Leaders and Captains at a special mini assembly on Monday 2 December 2024 at 9am.

Our Year 6 leaders this year have done an outstanding job with their roles and responsibilities and have set a great example for our next group of leaders!

## Kindergarten Orientation 2025

Transitioning into a new school year does present some challenges and uncertainty for some students. Over the next weeks we have planned transition programs for our new Kindy students and our 2024 Kindy students transitioning into Pre-primary in 2025.

A parent information session for 2025 Kindergarten parents will be held on **Tuesday 26 November at 5pm** in the Undercover Area of the main school site, 92 Second Ave Mount Lawley.

We also welcome our new Kindergarten students, and a parent, to our **Kindy Play Date on Wednesday 27 November from 9 – 10am**, as an introduction the amazing world of Kindy! Students are to meet the Kindy teachers at our offsite centre, 65 Woodsome Ave Mount Lawley at 9am.



## Pre-primary Orientation 2025

We will also be holding a parent information session for our 2025 Pre-primary parents on **Tuesday 26 November, starting at 6pm** in the Undercover Area of the main school, 92 Second Ave Mount Lawley.

We look forward to seeing our current Kindy and new Pre-primary students at their Orientation in the ECE classrooms at the main school site from **9 – 10:30am on Wednesday 26 November 2024**.

## Reporting and Assessment

Teachers have started writing student reports for Semester 2. To ensure every student is given the full opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, teachers use a range of assessments including work samples, moderated writing tasks, one on one assessments and digital or paper-based tests. This information is used with all other assessments collected across the semester which teachers then share with their teams to determine a fair and accurate judgement of your child's current learning ability across all areas. Our early data suggests that a vast majority of our students have already experienced significant growth in their learning this year and we look forward to celebrating this with them through their reports.

Reports will be sent to families via email and Connect on Monday 9 December 2024.

## 2025 School Development Days

Our School Development Days for 2025 have been approved by our School Board as the following:

### Term 1

Monday 3 February

Tuesday 4 February

### Term 2

Friday 30 May (Please note this is the Friday prior to the WA Day long weekend).

### Term 3

Monday 21 July

### Term 4

Monday 13 October

Friday 19 December



## Parent Survey

The MLPS School Survey is Coming Next Week!



### Your Opinion Counts

We highly encourage all families to share your thoughts to help us celebrate what we have done well as a school, as well as the areas in which we can improve. It would be fabulous if everyone in the school community participated to give us considered feedback to help us grow into the new year.

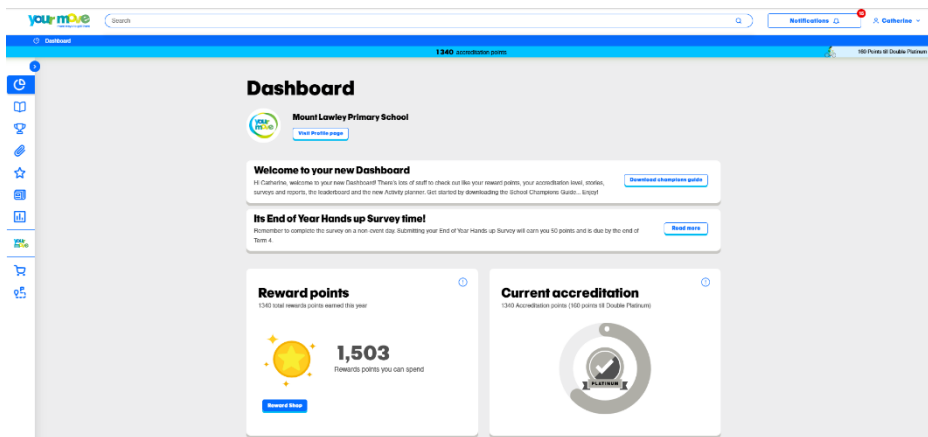
Due to changes in the Department of Education this year, our survey in 2024 will be sent to all families as a Microsoft Forms link. Please be assured this will ask the same questions as in previous years. The school use this data to track data over time, and we are excited to collate this data as we look at writing our new Business Plan in the second half of 2025.

Please contact the office on 9238 0800 if you have any questions.

## Traffic Management Group



### 'Your Move' Platinum Accreditation

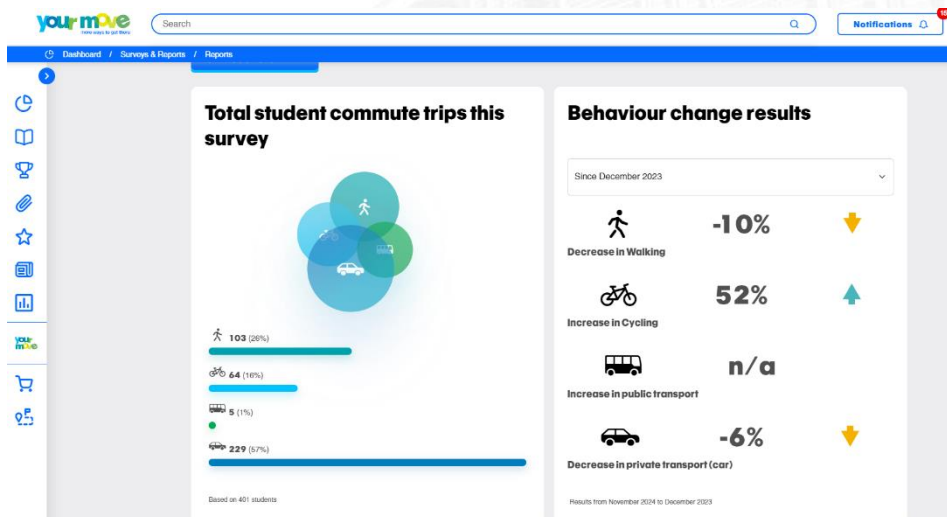


Thank you to all the students and parents that participated in all the Your Move events this year.

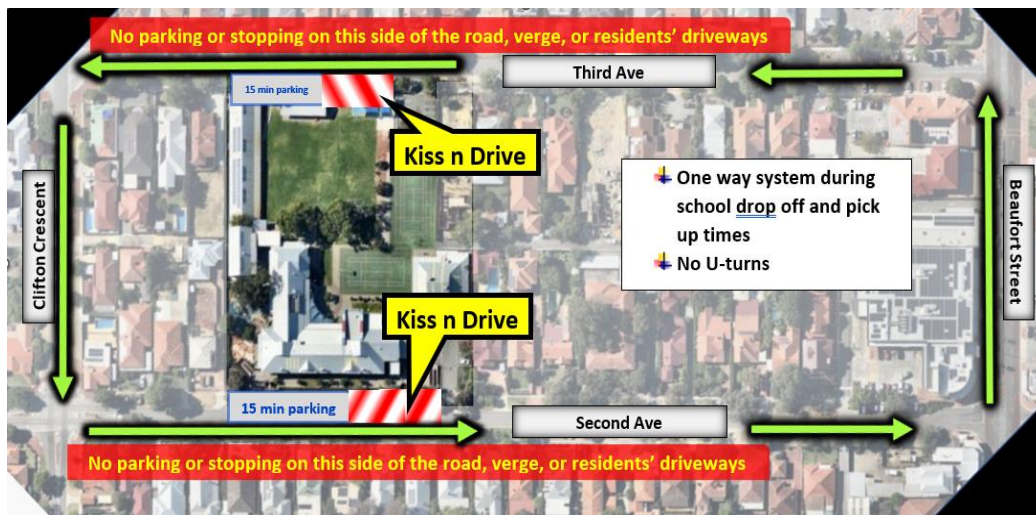
We have acquired platinum status on the Your Move program allowing us to apply for DOT grant funds, if successful it will pay for our Year 1 bike sessions and potentially other related infrastructure at the school (Such as the new Kindy bike racks that are being installed currently). We have also earned 1500 reward points; we use these to purchase prizes and other goodies for our events.

The traffic management group's goal is to encourage safe travel to school, we support days such as National Ride2School day, walk safely to school day, winter walk to school week, WA Bike Month, walking school bus and many more. We post stories of all our events on the 'Your Move' portal which then convert to points.

Below you can see our year-on-year decrease of students getting to school by car and an increase in students riding to school— this is based on survey results gathered at the beginning and end of each year.



We would also like to remind parents about the one-way system for drop off and pick up times. Please share this with anyone who may be dropping off or collecting your child/children from school.



We would love to have 1 or 2 new parents join our team. If you would be interested or would like to get more information about our team and what we do please come and chat to either of us (Drew Coulthard, Kirsten Whitburn & Catherine Egner) or you can pop us an email on [traffic@mlpspc.org](mailto:traffic@mlpspc.org)

### The Green Corner

Last term the Sustainability Captains and Green Warriors started the Green Warrior Garden. We started by weeding the garden to get rid of the weeds that grew through winter. Our school has an abundance of compost that is made from the food scraps that are collected in the green bins. The compost was spread throughout the garden to help the new plants and seeds grow. We worked together to brainstorm what we would like to grow in the garden.

We then planted a variety of seeds and flowers including blueberries, tomatoes, strawberries, and carrots.

The Green Warrior Garden is located behind the Year 4 classrooms in the composting area.



From the Sustainability Captains



### Final Library Book Borrowing

Final borrowing of library books for 2024 is this week (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.

If students have overdue library books this week, they will not be able to borrow on their library day. However if students return their library books they can still borrow up until lunchtime Friday (22 November).

A prize will be given for the class who return all their library books first from week 8 onwards.

Reading books will continue to be borrowed in week 8 for years 1 and 2 at the discretion of the classroom teacher.

Mrs Brodie

### Young Engineers After School Club

YOUNG ENGINEERS AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB is back at Mount Lawley Primary School in Term 1, 2025 & we also have a SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP at various other local schools.

Join us for a hands-on STEM journey! Build motorized LEGO® models and work with electronics kits to create racing cars, earthmovers, FM radios and many more, while exploring the engineering concepts behind each project.

For more information and to sign up: <https://bit.ly/YEPerthNorth> and see the flyer below in our Community News section.



Hands on learning • Creative building • STEM exploration  
Imaginative problem solving • LEGO® models

Young Engineers After-School Club  
@ Mt Lawley Primary School, Term 1, 2025



Scan to book

Classes: Year 1-2 | Year 3-6  
Book at: <https://bit.ly/YEPerthNorth>  
Dates: Feb 10,17,24, Mar 10,17,24,31  
Time: Mondays  
Day: 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM  
Venue: Undercover Area



Upcoming: 2025 SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP

@ West Balcatta Primary (7-8 Jan)  
@ Coolbinia Primary (9-10 Jan)  
@ Osborne Primary (14-15 Jan)



Information and registration: <https://bit.ly/YEPerthNorth>

For more information, please call 0403 754 640 | [perthnorth@young-engineers.com.au](mailto:perthnorth@young-engineers.com.au)  
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Young Engineers club is an Australia-wide initiative to help kids fall in LOVE with STEM



# TWILIGHT FEMALE CRICKET

SKILL DEVELOPMENT, FUN AND GAMES, SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS

Friday 29th November  
for 4 weeks

5 - 6:30pm at Hillcrest Reserve  
\$55 per person Including a shirt



REGISTER NOW!



BRAINways Education, in conjunction with the University of Western Australia, invites gifted and talented students from schools in Perth to participate in

## BRAINways SUMMER CAMP

After its success in previous years, The Summer Camp program is back in 2025. The Summer Camp has two components: an introductory section and an in-depth investigation.

The 2025 Topics available to students years 2-4 and 5-7 are:

Day 1:

The Materials of the Future: The Science of Science Fiction  
Adding Laughter to Your Story: Creating Emotional Texture in Writing

Day 2:

Can Plants Think?  
The Psychology of Coolness

Based on the research suggesting that gifted students benefit from the availability of choice, the Summer Camp program allows the students to select from the variety of topics available in the two days of the program. The extended, uninterrupted engagement with a topic was also demonstrated to be of benefit to gifted students. Therefore, students who demonstrate interest, will be offered the participation in an extension course over three weeks, providing the opportunity to explore their topic of interest in depth.

Program Dates: January 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Program Times: 9:30am - 2:30 pm (please arrive 15 minutes early for registration)

Place: University of Western Australia, Crawley Campus

Cost: \$95/day or \$186/two days

For enrolment and payment please access  
[https://registration.brainways.com.au/summer\\_camp\\_perth/](https://registration.brainways.com.au/summer_camp_perth/)

What to bring: Drink (water only please), morning and afternoon tea, lunch, hat, pencil, the Nomination Letter

# Multi Sports

December Holiday Camp!

Students from all schools welcome!

**\$65**  
Per child, per day

For Pre-Primary to Year 6 (Ages 5-12)

JHub Maccabi Community - Yokine

Enjoy exciting outdoor multi-sport activities, team challenges, and fun-themed games during the school holidays for kids aged 4-12 years. Experience the joy of playing outdoors with friends under the sun in the ultimate holiday adventure.

4, 5, 9, 11TH DEC 9:00am - 3:00pm

-NEW SIBLING DISCOUNT ON CHECKOUT-

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