

Newsletter



**Mount
Lawley**
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Dates for the Diary		
Friday 24 November Talent Show Assembly – Whole School	Tuesday 28 November Spelling Bee (Yr 4-6)	Thursday 30 November Board Meeting - 5:30pm
Friday 1 December Junior Assembly – Hosted by Pre-Primary	Friday 8 December Year 6 Dinner Dance	Monday 11 December Presentation Night – 6pm
Monday 11 December Kindy Concert (Offsite)	Wednesday 13 December Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and Excursion	Thursday 14 December Last Day of Term 4 for students

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school is always busy and the last few weeks have been no exception. The vibe of Term 4 is one of excitement as we finalise our teaching and learning programs, report on our achievements, celebrate our successes and plan for the new year and all it will bring. Teachers are well on the way to completing their grade allocation and writing of student reports, we have also been working on our school structure and class placements for 2024.

We will run with 21 classes in 2024 based on current school numbers:

- 3 Kindy classes
- 2 Pre-primary classes
- PP/1 composite class
- 2 Year 1 classes
- 2 Year 2 classes
- 2 composite classes of Year 2/3
- 2 Year 3 classes
- 2 Year 4, 5 and 6 classes
- A composite Year 5/6

Changes in enrolments may result in us needing to change some of the planned school structure. We are currently finalising staffing, including interviewing to place teachers in a pool for any vacancies that may occur in 2024.

A significant highlight of this term are the student leader elections. Last Thursday the students from Year 3-6 and staff were privileged to listen to our prospective school leaders' election speeches. With no bias I can truly say the speeches were exceptional. The confidence and consideration the students displayed was a true credit to our school and families. We will announce our Student Leaders at assembly on Friday.

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 today we hosted a program for our 2023 Kindy students transitioning into Pre-Primary in 2024. A lot of planning also goes into giving our Year 6 students a fabulous start to their high school journey. For other students we are mindful of individual transition needs. If you feel your child would benefit from a formal transition plan, please contact the class teacher. 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>.

Our 2023 MLPS Survey has closed. Thank you to the 101 parents who completed the survey and gave us feedback on the 2023 school year. This information will inform our plans for improvement. The survey results will be discussed at Board next Thursday night and a summary will be made available in our next newsletter and in our Annual School Report that will be published next year. The winners of this year's vouchers for students whose parents completed the survey and informed the front office will be drawn at Friday's assembly.

I extend my gratitude to Laurelea McGregor for her dedicated service as the P&C Secretary, as we gathered for the final meeting of the year last Thursday night. This role is not without its challenges, and Laurelea's commitment, attention to detail, and efficiency have greatly benefited our school community. As we bid farewell to Laurelea, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for her contributions. Fortunately, we are in capable hands as Kelsie Ryan steps into the role. Additionally, I would like to convey my sincere thanks to Sharnie Stuart, Katie McMahon, and Shane O'Brien Lynch for their valuable service and

contributions to MLPS through the P&C. Sharnie, in her role as the driver of the Traffic Management Group, Katie as the Uniform Shop Coordinator, and Shane as the Treasurer of the Canteen Committee, have each played an integral part in our school community. Thank you.

Enjoy these last weeks of the school year, immersing yourself in school life and celebrating our successes, and try to stay cool!

Take care
Sandra Martin

ACROD Bay Parking

There seems to be some confusion around what bay/bays are part of the ACROD allocation at the kindy and main school site. Please remember the bay that is marked with yellow lines that is next to the one marked with the blue ACROD symbol is part of the ACROD bay allocation. It is the yellow lined bay that facilitates the ACROD bay being accessible.

We ask you to remember that these are TWO bays are left clear for ACROD permit users, not just the one marked with the blue ACROD symbol.

Library

This week is the last week for borrowing library books for 2023. Next week all library books are to be returned to allow time for the library to be sorted and ready for next year.

Pre-Primary to Year 3 – Home readers will continue to be borrowed until notified by your class teacher.

Coming Soon – MLPS Street Library

Keep an eye out for our Mount Lawley Primary School Street Library, that will be coming soon! Donated by our generous P & C and built and decorated by our amazing Library Captains. The street library will allow you to take a book, give a book, or share a book for 365 days a year and will be in place before the upcoming holidays.



MLPS LEGO Masters 2023 Winners

Congratulations to all of the students who competed in this year's LEGO Masters competition. The quality of the building, creativity and teamwork was outstanding and a joy to watch. Last week, all students and staff were invited to vote for the winning Grand Final builds and both categories were very close.

Junior Division Winners



1st Place - Indi & Adeline (Yr 3)

2nd Place Josefina & Izzy (Yr 3)

3rd Place - Cooper & Lucien (Yr 1)

Senior Division Winners



1st Place - Jacob & Jeremy (Yr 5)

2nd Place – William & James (Yr 4)

The winning builds will be on display in the library for the next few weeks.

We would like to thank the P & C for supporting LEGO club and LEGO Masters by providing funds from their annual wish list for additional supplies to keep LEGO club going and the prizes for the competition.

Mrs Hawkesford and Mrs Brodie

2023 Banksia Yearbooks

A reminder that you can pre order 2023 Banksia Year Books online Via Qkr! for \$35 each. If you are unsure whether you have already pre ordered a Banksia Yearbook (these were available to order when completing your Champion booklist order last year), please call the office to check on 9238 0800.

All orders must be received by 2pm, Friday 24 November. **Unfortunately, no late orders can be accepted.** Yearbooks will be distributed in the last week of Term 4.

Traffic Management Group – Walking School Buses



A Walking School Bus is a group of children who walk to school together accompanied by parents/carers to ensure they arrive safely to school. It promotes active transport and healthy kids, plus helps to alleviate traffic congestion around the school.

Hail to the volunteer walking bus drivers!

Meeting points: Woodsome St - Clifton St - Clotilde St at 8:00am

Week 7: this Friday 24 November

Week 9: Friday 8 December 2023, last one for the year!

Child(ren) can walk to school via the fortnightly walking bus. All you need to do is sign up once on Qkr! & read the [MLPS Walking School Bus Safety Guide](#)



The Your Move 'Hands Up' survey is coming...

Please Continue to walk, scoot & ride to school and see if MLPS has improved its use of active transport!

Honour Certificates

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

Jeff L – Year 4	Catherine R – Year 4	Olive S – Year 4	Annabelle S – Year 4
Tanvi M – Year 4	Olivia B – Year 4	Dhanbee S – Year 4	Karnteera J – Year 5
Jackson D – Year 5	Hirun G – Year 5	Sakura O – Year 5	Jack R – Year 5
Ewan L - Year 5	Lotti H - Year 5	Amelie - Year 5	Samuel B - Year 6
Hamish - Year 6	Harrison N - Year 6	Logan D - Year 6	Isaac S - Year 6
Henry M- Year 6	Haku M - Year 6	Sean C - Year 6	



Community New

Christmas Donations

HAMPER ITEMS NEEDED

- CANNED FOODS (TUNA/BEANS/SPAGHETTI)
- BISCUITS/CRACKERS
- LONG-LIFE MILK
- PASTA/PASTA SAUCES
- TINNED FRUIT
- NEW TOYS/GIFTS FOR CHILDREN (ALL AGES)
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES (BACKPACKS/LUNCHBOXES)
- CHRISTMAS CRACKERS/BON BONS
- CANS OF SOFT DRINK
- GIFTS FOR TEENAGERS

DROP OFF

SIMON MILLMAN'S OFFICE
58 WALCOTT ST
MOUNT LAWLEY
9AM - 5PM



You are invited to our Annual Art Exhibition 2023

an exhibition of creative artworks by our
Gifted and Talented and General Year 7 - 11
Visual Arts, Design and Media students.

Exhibition Opening
Friday 24th November

6pm | Community Gathering, Performance Art & Musicians
6.45pm | Presentations and Awards, Exhibition Opens

Viewing Times
Saturday 25th November | 10am - 4pm
Sunday 26th November | 10am - 4pm
Monday 27th November | 9am - 4pm

Venue
Applecross Senior High School

Artist: Csonger Heivath - Year 10



