

# Newsletter

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

Edition 16, 11 September 2024

| Dates for the Diary   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| Thursday 12 September<br>Board Meeting                            | Thursday 12 September<br>School Photos                | Thursday 13 September<br>School Photos    |
| Tuesday 17 September<br>R U OK? Day at MLPS                       | Friday 20 September<br>P&C Colour Splashtacular!      | Friday 20 September<br>Last day of Term 3 |
| Monday 7 October<br>Staff Development Day – NO STUDENTS TO ATTEND | Tuesday 8 October<br>First day of Term 4 for Students |   |

Dear Parents and School Community,

Term 3 has been another very successful term with many highlights for our students. Some of our most notable events have been linked to our Athletics with our very successful Faction Carnival and our Interschool events. We wished our Interschool athletics team all the very best as they competed today at Hamer Park, and we congratulate our Interschool Jumps and Throws team for winning the interschool competition!

Congratulations to Ms Lesa Mileto who has accepted a new position with Main Roads. Lesa will sadly be leaving MLPS at the end of Term 3, after many years of dedicated service as our incredible Manager of Corporate Services.

Lesa has been an amazing support for me over the last two terms and I know has supported our community for much longer as her passion and dedication for MLPS shines through in all she does. Her kindness, humility, commitment, and positivity are appreciated by us all as she strives to always support our school community and team. Lesa works above and beyond in her role, and I hope this new position provides a well-deserved work/life balance for Lesa as she focuses on her professional growth and personal wellbeing.

Lesa leaves a great reputation behind her as our Manager of Corporate Services, colleague and friend. We know she is a great fit for this new position, and although our team won't be the same without her, Main Roads are very lucky to have Lesa joining their team.

Term 3 concludes next Friday 20 September and Term 4 resumes for students on **Tuesday 8 October**. The staff will be involved in school development processes on Monday 7 October.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday everyone. We will see you for an exciting, jam-packed Term 4.

Robyn Crump  
Principal

## Connect and Respect

Our school community is a vibrant and diverse representation of society, where children learn and grow. We rely on our local community, parents, and families to partner with us in their children's learning journey and encourage open communication.

We all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive, and productive environment, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination, and violence.

Parents and carers, and other visitors to our school, support safety by ensuring communication and conduct at our school and school activities is respectful. We all have the right to feel safe and be safe at school.

The Department of Education has released Connect and Respect, a suite of resources to assist school communities in setting shared and respectful expectations to enable us to continue to work together in the best interests of our children.

This includes when and how to contact the school, what you can expect from us and the behaviours that interfere with teaching and learning. These resources and guidelines will assist us to continue to build upon our culture of connection and engagement, and we will implement them to support our staff to deliver quality education at our school.

Further information is available on the [Department of Education](#) website and will be available on the MLPS website in due course.

## School Arrival Expectations

We remind all families that our school gates and classrooms open at 8:30am.

Twice this week we have had approximately 25 students in the Undercover Area prior to 8am. This is unsafe for our students and our community and is not fair on our staff who do not officially start their workdays until 8:30am.

No student should be on the school grounds prior to 8am as there is no supervision available. If your child arrives to school before 8am, you will receive a written notification that they have been on school grounds before it is safe to do so. Supervision begins at 8am, and we remind families that this supervision is only to be used when required by families. If your child requires daily supervision before 8:30am, please contact Inglewood Station to enquire about their before school care program.

## Bike and Scooter Safety

Mount Lawley Primary School encourages safe, active travel through walking or riding to and from school to promote physical activity and positive road safety behaviours as individuals now and into the future. The staff thanks the parents/carers of MLPS for supporting safe, active travel.

It is important that all students remember to dismount their bike or scooter before entering the school grounds and walk all wheeled devices on school grounds in a direct route from the entry/exit gate to the bike/scooter racks.

We also ask our community to be aware of others using the footpaths around the school. If you are riding a bike or scooter, please be mindful of your speed on the footpaths and remember that our footpaths are shared with both school and community members, so safety is our priority.

## Waste Sorted Awards

The Waste Sorted Awards is an initiative of the State Government of Western Australia that acknowledges and celebrates the outstanding achievements of Western Australians working towards a better waste future through improved waste practices and innovative waste solutions.

Last Thursday evening, ten staff from our team attended a Gala Dinner to celebrate our school as a finalist in these awards. We were celebrated for our sustainability initiative in addressing waste management and recycling. Our implementation of composting, recycling, and the containers for change program, linked with our curriculum was a key component of our nomination.



A huge congratulations to our Sustainability Committee for their nomination and for all the work implementing such wonderful whole school programs which help provide a more sustainable future for our students and families.

## School Photos

A reminder that Fotoworks will be attending to take our Annual School Photos Tomorrow **Thursday 12 September, and Friday 13 September**. Please see the schedule below which was also sent out via connect.

**ALL** students need to bring their envelopes on the day, even if you do not intend on purchasing photos. Sibling photo forms are available from the office.

Students in Years 1 - 5 need to wear their **blue** Mt Lawley uniforms (i.e. no faction shirts) and Year 6 students please wear their Year 6 Leavers t-shirts.

Please note the following for specific group photos:

**Netball** - Students in netball teams need to bring their uniform to change into.

**Music** - String orchestra, band and guitar students please bring your instruments.

**Faction Captains** - Please bring your faction T-shirt to change into

| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September<br>9am START | Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September<br>9am START |
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| Year 5 Room 5                                    | Faction Captains and Mr Cruz                   |
| Year 5 Room 4                                    | Year 6 Graduation Photo                        |
| Music Captains                                   | Year 5/6 Room 3                                |
| Vocal Ensemble (Year 6)                          | Year 6 Room 1                                  |
| Band (Year 5-6)                                  | Year 6 Room 2                                  |
| String Orchestra (Year 4-6)                      | Student Leaders                                |
| Choir (Year 4-6)                                 | Interschool Cross Country                      |
| Guitar Ensemble (Year 5-6)                       | Interschool Jumps and Throws                   |
| BREAK  | BREAK  |
| Year 1 Room 11                                   | PP Room 19                                     |
| Year 1 Room 12                                   | PP Room 20                                     |
| Year 2 Room 9                                    | Interschool Athletics                          |
| Year 2 Room 10                                   | Interschool Swimming                           |
| LUNCH - SIBLING PHOTO/BREAK                      | LUNCH - SIBLING PHOTO/BREAK                    |
| Year 2/3 Room 8                                  | PP/1 Room 17                                   |
| Year 2/3 Room 14                                 | Chess Club                                     |
| Year 3 Room 6                                    | Netball Year 2 – Leopards                      |
| Year 3 Room 7                                    | Netball Year 2/3 – Blue Sapphires              |
| Year 4 Room 15                                   | Netball Year 3 - Rubies                        |
| Year 4 Room 16                                   | Netball Year 4 - Rockets                       |
| Library Monitors and Mrs Brodie                  | Netball Year 4/5 – Shooting Stars              |
| Sustainability Captains                          | Netball Year 5 – White Diamonds                |
|  | Netball Year 5 – Blue Diamonds                 |
|  | Netball Year 6 - Emeralds                      |
|  | Netball Year 6 – Sapphires                     |

## R U OK? Day

Due to school photos this Thursday on R U OK? Day, we will be celebrating R U OK? Day next **Tuesday 17 September**.

There will be a live DJ and R U OK? Day activities during lunchtime in the undercover area for all students who wish to participate. We will run R U OK? conversation bingo during lunch, and for students who do not want to dance or participate in the bingo, there will be access to a word puzzle and colouring station. Everyone is encouraged to wear clothes or accessories in the colour yellow, students can wear full yellow or even something as simple as a yellow ribbon in their hair.

This annual campaign emphasises the importance of meaningful conversations and encourages Australians to check in with others regularly, not just on R U OK? Day. To learn more, visit [HERE](#)

So whilst R U OK? Day on Thursday September 12 is our National Day of Action, we encourage you to **Ask R U OK? Any Day of the year** because a conversation could change a life.



## Student Achievement

Year 6 student, Declan Thorpe-Edwards is currently in Melbourne representing MLPS and WA in the SSWA Boys 12s State Netball Team. Declan has been a member of the MLPS Sapphires Netball Team since Year 3 and we wish Declan all the best in the competition this week!

## 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 Champion 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 on Friday 20 September**.

## Update from the MLPS Board

It's been a busy term for the Board, supporting the preparation for the Public School Review and meeting with the reviewers as part of their verification visit. In August, we welcomed Breanna Catania to the Board, who was elected as a Parent Representative. Our sixth meeting for the year will be held this Thursday 12 September from 5.30pm in the Staff Room. Observers are welcome at any Board meeting, but we particularly encourage anyone interested in learning more about the Board, to attend our Annual Public Meeting which will be in Week 3 of Term 4, on Thursday 24 October 5.30-7.30pm in the Staff Room. Please save the date and more information on the agenda will be provided next term.

Save the date:

- Thursday 12 September (Meeting 6)
- Thursday 24 October - Annual Public Meeting

## P&C Splashtacular

Our Splashtacular event is coming up in less than 2 weeks, on Friday 20 September. Thank you so much for your support so far, we have already raised more than \$6000 of our \$10,000 goal. You can still sign up to fundraise and find further information here: <https://www.schoolfundraising.com.au/faq>

Important Event Details:

- Friday 20 September 2024
- 1:30pm – 3:00pm
- Inglewood Oval
- Permission is required for students to attend, please go to Qkr! – School Payments to give your permission. There is no cost for this event.

If you can volunteer to help on the day, please sign up here: [MLPS P&C: Colour Splashtacular \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)





## **Bike Month October 2024**

We're excited to celebrate Bike Month in October as we return to school for Term 4 on 8 October!

Throughout the month, we'll be running a competition to find the champion class with the most kids riding to school. There will also be weekly spot prizes for two lucky riders, announced at assemblies.

On 1 November, we'll announce the winning class at assembly, followed by a celebratory breakfast with snacks and a coffee van for kids and parents to enjoy.

To help you prepare for Bike Month, here are a few suggestions for the holidays:

1. Get your bike ready for the big competition:
  - [Check out this video for tips!](#)
  - [Your Move - Basic Bike Maintenance](#)
2. Explore some of our local pump tracks and bike parks:
  - [Bayswater BMX and Mountain Bike Facility](#)
  - [Lake Monger Pump and Jump Track](#)
  - [Britannia Reserve Bike Trail and Pump Track](#)
  - [Dianella BMX Facility Pump Track](#)
  - [Booyeembara Park Mountain Bike Trails](#)

***We'll also be celebrating our enthusiastic riders from Mount Lawley Primary School by recognising a 'Rider of the Week' throughout Bike Month. To kick things off, we've already identified our first bike enthusiast: Hunter!***

**BIKE MONTH OCT 24**

**#1 Biking Class @MLPS Competition**

**8 - 31 Oct**

**Gold trophy for class with most bike riders**

**Weekly spot prizes**

**Just ride your bike to school every day between 8-31 October to count towards your class cycling tally**

**your move** more ways to get there

**Celebration breakfast and winning class announced @ assembly on 1 Nov**

**RIDER PROFILE**

**Hunter - Room 7**

Favorite thing to do on your bike?  
Riding with my friends.

Favorite place to go riding? The pump track.

Best thing about riding? Learning new tricks!

How do you make sure you ride safely to school?  
Wearing a helmet, using my bell and checking driveways for cars.

What is the furthest you've ridden your bike? 7km at the mountain bike track.

## **Message from the Mount Lawley Dental Therapy Centre**

The Mount Lawley Dental Therapy Centre will be closed from **Monday 23 September - Friday 11 October 2024 inclusive.**

**Emergency only** dental treatment is available during this time at the following centres;

Tuart Hill Dental Therapy Centre (9344 1585) Tues 24/9 - Thurs 26/9/24

Roseworth Dental Therapy Centre (9342 4657) Tues 24/9 - Fri 4/10/24

Hillcrest Dental Therapy Centre (9271 7184) Mon 30/9 - Wed 2/10/24 & Fri 4/10/24

If any after hour emergencies arise, please contact the emergency service Ph: 1800 098 818 (Perth Children's Hospital) or your Private Practitioner.

## Honour Certificates

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

|         |          |          |          |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| Harry G | Yuina T  | Kavya P  | Ernest V |
| Kai A   | Archer L | Janine B | Alex C   |
| Wyatt B |          | Alice D  |          |



## Free VacSwim

This week the State Government announced free VacSwim lessons for children aged 5 to 17 across swimming stages 1 to 16 during the December / January school holidays.

Please find further information regarding this offer below.

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# Free VacSwim for WA kids this summer

Help keep your kids safe in the water with the WA Government's free VacSwim lessons and pool entry these December and January school holidays.

**VacSwim lessons save little lives.**  
Enrol now [education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](https://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)

**Enrolments close 16 October 2024**

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# VacSwim

## Enrol in school holiday swimming lessons

VacSwim offers fun swimming lessons over the December and January school holidays. These lessons give children across Western Australia the skills to stay safe and confident in the water.

**Who can enrol**  
Children aged 5 to 17 years across swimming stages 1 to 16. For specific stage information, refer to our [website](#).

**When enrolments close**  
Enrolments close on Wednesday 16 October 2024.

**How to enrol**  
It is easy to enrol online.  
You can also download an enrolment form to complete, print and mail by the enrolment closing date to:  
VacSwim, Department of Education, Statewide Services Centre, 33 Giles Avenue, Padbury, WA, 6025

**Program locations and times**  
Available on our [website](#).

**Find out more about VacSwim**  
Website: [education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](https://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)  
Email: [vacswim@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:vacswim@education.wa.edu.au)  
Telephone: 9402 6412

| Program               | Start Date         | End Date             | Duration | Lesson Length |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------|---------------|
| Country early start   | Monday 16 Dec 2024 | Sunday 22 Dec 2024   | 7 Days   | 45 minutes    |
| January program 1     | Monday 6 Jan 2025  | Friday 17 Jan 2025   | 10 Days  | 35 minutes    |
| January short program | Monday 13 Jan 2025 | Friday 17 Jan 2025   | 5 Days   | 35 minutes    |
| January program 2     | Monday 20 Jan 2025 | Thursday 30 Jan 2025 | 8 Days   | 45 minutes    |



*Morning tea provided!*

# EDU-SING

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Join us for a vibrant morning of vocal exploration. We promise laughter, learning and the sheer joy of making music together.

**When & Where**  
 9 AM - 12 PM  
 SOUTH PERTH - Wed 25/09  
 SCARBOROUGH - Thurs 26/09  
 NORTH PERTH - Tues 01/10

**Who**  
 Boys & Girls  
 4 to 9 years old

**Bring**  
 Water Bottle  
 (Morning tea is provided)

**Register**  
[edu-sing.com](http://edu-sing.com)

- \$40/child
- \$35 for subsequent siblings



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# Creative Kids Art Club

Join us for the  
**September Holidays & Term 4**  
 After School Term Classes, Holiday Workshops,  
 Art Parties for Kids 4 to 14 years  
 Holidays start 24 Sept, Term 4 starts 14 Oct



Ph 0476149696. Visit the website for more info and to book!  
[www.creativekidsartclub.com.au](http://www.creativekidsartclub.com.au)

## UWA Little Athletics Season 2024/25



REGISTRATIONS OPEN 1st September  
 TRAINING STARTS 19th September  
 FIRST COMPETITION 12th October

Check out our our registration page for more information  
<https://uwalac.com/registration/>  
 or email [contact@uwalac.com](mailto:contact@uwalac.com) for further details.

[uwalac.com](http://uwalac.com)

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## UWA ATHLETICS

# LEARN TO SAIL CENTRE AT HILLARYS YACHT CLUB

# TACKERS COURSES

Join the Spring sailing

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 Check eligibility and apply for your voucher today.



Apply online [www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport](http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport)

**SEPTEMBER 2024** **FOR AGES 7 - 12**

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