

Newsletter

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**Mount
Lawley**
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Edition 21, 4 December 2024

Dates for the Diary		
Friday 6 December Year 6 Graduation Ceremony	Friday 6 December Year 6 Dinner Dance	Monday 9 December Reports sent home to Parents
Monday 9 December Kindy End of Year Concert and Family Picnic	Tuesday 10 December Presentation Night	Wednesday 11 December Year 6 End of Year Excursion
Thursday 12 December Last day of Term 4	Monday 3 February Uniform Shop Open (8:30-11:30)	Wednesday 5 February First Day of Term 1 for Students

Dear families,

I would like to thank you all for the support you have given the school this year. It has gone so quickly, and the children have achieved so much. I am very proud of the progress shown in the reports for students that will come home to families on Monday 9 December. It is obvious from teacher comments that there has been a lot of effort put into learning over the past 6 months! I was particularly pleased to see the progress that students have made with their Literacy and Numeracy. I would encourage all families to keep their children in a good reading routine over the holidays – for the younger ones reading to them every night and for the older ones, reading something of interest every day. As I often say to the students – the more you read the more you learn.

As I reflect on my three terms at MLPS, I am so grateful for our wonderful school community, students, staff and parents. I wish you all a wonderful and safe school holiday and a happy new start to 2025!

Robyn Crump
Principal

Thank You Parents

As we come to the end of a school year, it has been my pleasure to reflect on the magnificent work of our staff, students and the community in 2024. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for their contributions. Firstly, the Board Chair and Secretary, Sian Zador and Catherine Pearce, thank you. The work of the Board is often unseen and all the members of the Board work very hard to ensure the governance of MLPS is at the highest standard. Sian is retiring from the Board at the end of this year and I thank you her for her leadership of the Board and support for the school. Sian's expertise and efficiency as Board Chair will certainly be missed.

The P&C and the subcommittees have again worked tirelessly for our school; funding items from the wish list and ensuring our school calendar is full of events. To the P&C President, Breanna, and the incredible Executive Committee, thank you for your ongoing guidance and support for MLPS!

I also wish to extend a huge "thank you" to our parent representatives who serve such an important role in our school. They work closely with families to help strengthen our communication, social events and help our families connect with our P&C and other resources within the community. Our parent representatives are compassionate and offer knowledge and understanding of situations and circumstances that impact our families. I sincerely appreciate them and all that they do!

Please consider becoming a representative for 2025 as your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank You Students

To our students, thank you for the joy you bring us every day. A special thank you to our Year 6 Graduates, they have been a fabulous group of students who have lived our school vision of Together – learn, respect, inspire, create, celebrate.

I'd like to acknowledge our school leaders, Declan, Eva, Ava and Jeremy for their contribution to student life at MLPS. I'd like to congratulate all those students who were successful in their quest to be a 2025 leader and congratulate every student who nominated.

Thank You Staff

Thank you to the amazing staff of MLPS. The professionalism of all our staff, no matter their role, is truly inspirational, always putting students first. It has truly been a joy to come to work every day this year and see the dedication of our staff in providing the best for all students in our community. We not only survived our school review but shone through the process as a collaborative and committed team!

A school does not operate without proficient and resourceful office staff. We are so lucky to have the wonderful Julee Clark, Shannon Gunning and Jemma Taylor keeping our front of house joyful and calm no matter how busy we are or what is happening behind the scenes. Thank you.

Bouquets to the amazing Deputies this year, Ali Roberts and Christine Ashkenazy! I have appreciated how well you have stepped into the acting roles this year and have loved working as a strong team together in the office! To our two Manager Corporate Services this year, Lesa Mileto (Terms 1-3) and Stephnee Butler (Term 4), thank you for your guidance, wisdom, and work ethic. This team give above and beyond every day and lead MLPS with great insight and knowledge.

Welcome to Birak

December signals the start of Noongar season – Birak.

Birak (December – January) Traditionally this was the fire season. An almost clockwork style of easterly winds in the morning and sea breezes in the afternoon meant that this was burning time of the year for Noongar people, and they would burn the country in mosaic patterns.



Also known as the 'Season of the Young', and symbolizing heat, the sun, and Karla (fire), Birak is a time of celebration when Noongar people would gather as they moved towards the coast where the ocean provided plenty of fresh food.



Semester 2 Student Reports

Student reports will be sent via Connect and email to parents on Monday 9 December. Year 5 and Year 6 reports are usually required for Secondary School enrolments, so please make sure you have a copy saved for future use.

Student Leaders 2025

SCHOOL LEADERS (previously Head boy/girl)

Florence Cifelli	Zoe Gambitta
Charlie Everitt	Max Sioneloto

FACTION CAPTAINS

BLUE	RED	GREEN	GOLD
Charlie Freeman	Reuben Hii	Kaname Sato	Declan Fatouros
Spencer Emery	Astrid Moore	Olive Smith	Eloise Stuart

SUSTAINABILITY CAPTAINS

Evan Moore	Daphne Knight	Dhanbee Shin
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LIBRARY CAPTAINS

Lauren Nilsen	Audra Salamastrakis
Elisena Ward	Oakley Raven

MUSIC CAPTAINS

Summer Willing	Sreetanvi Mara
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TECHNOLOGY CAPTAINS

Oliver S.	Caitlin Ng
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As 2024 draws to a close, it is time to pass on the Student Leadership roles to a new group of incoming Year 6 students.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our 2024 school leaders - You have done a fantastic job in your roles, and we hope you have enjoyed your time as part of the Year 6 Leadership group!

52 students nominated for a student leadership position at the end of this year, which represents 76% of our Year 5 cohort who were seeking an active leadership position in our school. This makes me so happy that we have such engaged students who care about our school.

Congratulations to the Year 5 students who have been successful in being elected to our student leadership positions for 2025.



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.

As is usual in a school our size, our class structure for 2025 will include a number of composite classes (where there are two year levels in the one class). These occur in government schools across the state as we are funded on a per student model rather than as a year level. We are also governed by Department of Education class sizes. Our enrolment numbers from year level to year level do not always fall neatly into a class structure that does not include composite classes. We place each student carefully into their next year's class. The staff and administration team spend a considerable amount of time trying to get the balance of each class right.

Our 2025 class structure based on projected enrolments this week:

Kindy	4 classes
Pre-primary	2 classes
Pre-primary/ Year 1	1 class
Year 1	2 classes
Year 2	2 classes
Year 2/ Year 3	1 class
Year 3	3 classes
Year 4	2 classes
Year 4 / Year 5	1 class
Year 5	1 class
Year 6	3 classes

LEGO Masters 2024

Congratulations to the winners of LEGO Masters 2024 for your amazing builds voted on by all students and staff.

Senior Winners



Fina and Ginger

Junior Winners



Archer L and Harvey

Runner Up



Archer Y and Ryan

Thank you to the P & C for the donation to provide prizes for the competition and your support in LEGO club.

Book Giveaway

This is the time of year when the library 'weeds' its collection. The purpose of weeding is to remove books that meet the following criteria;

- Have been replaced with an updated version.
- Have seen better days and a new copy has been purchased.
- Need updating to keep the library collection engaging for students.
- Remove books that have not been read in a while to make room for new books.
- Remove damaged or tatty looking books.

However, many of the books still have life in them and are looking for another home to be read and enjoyed. Next week, tables will be set up under the jacaranda trees with weeded books to be given away to students. Please only take 1 or 2 so there is enough to go around to all students.

Mrs Brodie

Medication 2025

A reminder that if your child has regular **or** short-term medication stored at the school, it must be collected by an adult (medication cannot be released to students) on the last day of school, Thursday 12 December.

Medications and updated consent forms will need to be returned to school in 2025. Ideally in the week before school commences to allow our administration team to process any updates required. The office will re-open on Wednesday 29 January 2025.

Medical forms are available online on our website [here](#) or from the administration office.

Presentation Night Tuesday 10 December

Each year MLPS holds a Presentation Night which family and the wider school community are invited to attend. Every child from Year 1 - 6 will be involved in a year group musical item, and teachers will present the Citizenship and Academic Achievement awards for the Year 1 - 5 classes.

This year, Presentation Night will be held on Tuesday 10 December at 6:30pm. We ask that if you are bringing high back/tall chairs that you please sit on the outer edges of the grassed area and leave the inner grassed area for those with picnic blankets and low seats.

All students are to wear their brightest coloured shirts / tops / dresses. We recommend that they bring a jacket as it can become chilly once the sun goes down.

The night will go until approximately 8pm so please ensure students eat beforehand and be back at school with students seated with their teacher by 6:20pm for a 6:30pm start.

We look forward to seeing everybody there!

MLPS 2024 Chess Club Championship Report

Congratulations to all the Chess Club members who competed in the MLPS School Chess Club Championship on Tuesday 26 November. As in previous years we invited students from North Perth Primary school to participate. In the competition between the two schools Mount Lawley defeated North Perth.

Inviting North Perth, provides our students a wide range of opponents to play against over the tournament, however at the end of the day, each school gives separate awards.

The tournament winner and Open School Champion for 2024 was Lincoln Balaratnasingham (Year 6). It was great to see a sizeable contingent of girls playing again this year, led by Caitlin Ng (Year 5)

This year we were lucky to have ex-MLPS student, Iker Hernandez Mendez attend the tournament. Iker was a member of our school's State Champion team of 2018. Among many achievements Iker has represented Australia in International Chess Tournaments across Asia and Europe. He is the current #2 for his age in Australia and delighted many of the students by taking the time to play them and offer his expert advice.

MLPS Chess Championships 2024 Medallion Winners

Award		Name	Year
School Open Champion	Winner	Lincoln BALARATNASINGHAM	6
	2 nd	Kade WHITE	6
	3 rd	Ryan PILLAY	6
Junior Award	Winner	Nevidu JAYASINGHE	3
	2 nd	Callan McQUADE	3
Top Girl	Winner	Caitlin NG	5
	2 nd	Izzy MARTIN	4
	3 rd	Charlie EVERITT	5
Most Improved		Jackson DAVIS	6

Thanks to chess coach Mr Denis Holland from Total Chess for organising the tournament

Michael and David Richards
Chess Coordinators

Spelling Bee

On Monday 25 November, we conducted the 2024 Spelling Bee. The competition was tight all the way through from Year 4 to Year 6. There were some very challenging words, and it was certainly a competitive battle in all year levels.

Our 2024 champions are:

Year 4 – Luca Bassett

Year 5 – Ryan Hu

Year 6 – Ryan Pillay

Congratulations! Well done to all the students who participated in the Spelling Bee 2024, and we hope more students practise their spelling to compete next year!

Scholastic Book Club Orders

Issue 8 book club orders have been delayed due to distribution issues; however I have been notified that they are now all in transit. As soon as they arrive, the orders will be delivered to the student's classroom, or you will be contacted when they are in the office to collect, if you have indicated that the order is a gift.

2024 National School's Opinion Survey

Please be advised that the annual MLPS School Survey 2024 is now open for families to complete. The National School Opinion Survey is collected annually and provides members of our school community with an opportunity to provide feedback on how our school is going. Our staff, in collaboration with the School Board use your feedback to assess the school's performance and set targets for our direction in the future. You may notice the questions remain largely the same every year, this is to ensure we are able to obtain meaningful longitudinal data and track progress. We value all feedback but the most valuable, is feedback we can share.

The survey is now open to complete and will be open until **Monday 9 December at 4pm**. This year, the survey has been created so it is easier for parents to complete and should take you 5-10 minutes. We highly encourage you 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. We will place the link in this week's newsletter and you may see the QR code around the school this week. Please follow the link <https://forms.office.com/r/FwJPNUxu70>, or follow the QR code and have your say!

National School Opinion Survey
2024 MLPS



Community News

Mount Lawley Netball Club is now taking Expressions of Interest for the Winter 2025 Season



All NEW and EXISTING players please register your EOI by scanning the QR code below or clicking on the link

[Mount Lawley Netball Club - 2025 EOI](#)

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Thu 16/01 | 11:30 AM Bold Park
4 PM Cannington Leisureplex
Fri 17/01 | 10 AM Riverton
Sat 18/01 | 8 AM Cockburn ARC
10 AM Scarborough Beach Pool
Sun 19/01 | 11 AM Claremont Aquatic
Mon 20/01 | 2 PM Beatty Park
Tue 21/01 | 11 PM LeisureFit Booragoon
3 PM Bayswater Waves
Wed 22/01 | 3 PM Belmont
Thu 23/01 | 2 PM Fremantle Leisure Centre
Sat 25/01 | 10:30 AM Rockingham Aquatic Jetty
1 PM Mandurah MARC
3 PM Armadale
Sun 02/02 | 3 PM Craigie Leisure Centre

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