

Newsletter

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**Mount
Lawley**
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Strive for Wisdom

Edition 1, 31 January 2024

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 1 February
Uniform Shop Open (8:30am-9:30am)

Sunday 11 February
P&C Welcome Back Picnic (2:00pm-4.30pm)

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the School Community,

Welcome to Mount Lawley Primary School for the start of the 2024 school year and of course, welcome back to all our families who are returning to MLPS. It was fantastic to see our students and so many of our parents walk through the gates this morning, enthusiastic and excited for the first day of a new school year.

Upon opening the Third Avenue gates, I was greeted by a continuous and seemingly endless stream of families, all eager to find their way to their new classrooms. It was nice to be greeted by so many familiar faces and to also meet some of our new families. I had the pleasure of visiting Kindy this morning and met our Kindy students for whom today, is their very first day of school. Today is a particularly important milestone for our youngest MLPS students and a significant day for their families.

As a parent of three children, I remember the first day of Kindy for each of my girls, including how it felt as a parent and how it appeared to feel for each of them.

As much as anyone could be, Lucy seemed to be 'born ready' for school. The lead up to her first day of Kindy was one of excitement and she was seemingly indifferent when it was time for parents to leave.

Her younger sister Indi preferred the security and comfort of having her parents within arm's reach, so understandably, she seemed a little more anxious in the lead up to her first day of Kindy and separation was a little harder for her.

I think my youngest daughter Charli would have much preferred to stay at home than start Kindy. Of course, we went with our preference rather than hers, but it has only been more recently that Charli has developed a love of school.

In many ways, not a lot has changed since their first day in Kindy. Whilst today was their first day in Years 10, 8 and 6 respectively, each of them continue to respond differently to the occasion and each of them feels differently as the inevitable first day approaches.

Lucy was excited about starting Year 10 and couldn't wait to get there. The first day of Year 8 had been weighing on Indi's mind for the last two weeks and as the days passed, her anxiety became increasingly evident. Whilst a little anxious leading up to her first day in Year 6, Charli was also very excited and was dressed, packed and ready to go by 6.30am this morning!

Despite their individual experiences and the different ways they respond, I know that for each of them, their first day will be a positive one. I also know, that even if some things don't go exactly as they were expecting on their first day, that with each day, they will settle into the routines, structures and changes that the start of every year brings. As is the case with my own children, for some children this happens quickly and for others, it takes time. All of our children are different and because of this, all will respond differently.

Our staff officially started back on Monday of this week and have been working hard, including during the holidays, to ensure that our students are set up for success this year. On Monday, we engaged with professional learning to explore and strengthen our understandings of complex behaviour and on Tuesday, our professional learning focus was on neurodiversity. Both days presented a great opportunity for us to build on our existing understandings and continue to learn more, as we all are, about neurodiversity.

School leadership is a privilege, and it is a privilege to be sitting in the principal position for Term 1. The permanent principal position at MLPS has been advertised and a merit-select process will be run to appoint a permanent principal, starting Term 2. Miss Alexandra Roberts is filling the deputy principal role for Terms 1 and 2 and brings nine years of MLPS experience, including previous deputy principal experience, to the role. For the first six weeks of Term 1, Mr Richard Murphy will be working in the administration team, providing support to the team as we all work together to ensure our staff and students are supported so that teaching and learning can be our core focus. When Mr Murphy takes leave from MLPS later this term, we will welcome back Mrs Martin, who has offered her services, coming out of retirement to provide deputy principal relief for the last three weeks of term.

It's been an incredibly positive and smooth start to the school year and with the first day of school almost over, our students have adjusted incredibly well to the start of the 2024 school year.

I look forward to seeing you around the school, on the Third Avenue gates, or at the P&C Welcome Back event on Sunday, 11 February.

Jared Lawson
Principal

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open tomorrow, Thursday 1 February from 8:30am-9:30am. For your convenience, the uniform shop will be open every week on a Thursday from 8:30-9:30am, until Thursday 29 February. From Thursday 14 March, it will then go back to being open fortnightly.

Remember that you can also order uniforms using the Qkr! App, the uniforms will be fulfilled and delivered to your child's classroom on the next day the volunteers are in the uniform shop.

Can you spare one hour, once every few weeks on a Thursday morning? The P&C would love to build a bank of volunteers to help in the uniform shop occasionally. If you can spare some time, or would just like to chat about what is involved, please email uniforms@mlpspc.org

P&C Welcome Back Picnic

The Mount Lawley P&C would like to invite new and current MLPS families to the "Welcome Back Family Picnic" on the main school oval, Sunday 11 February from 2:00pm – 4:30pm.

You can expect a fun day getting to know new families and catching up with friends. There will be food and drinks to purchase, and mini market stalls to browse, including; Coffee, Milkshakes, Juices & Smoothies, Ice pops, Pizza and Fairy Floss.

As well as plenty of FREE things like face painting, jumbo games (incl. giant chess, jenga), tug of war, popcorn and fruit straps.

You can BYO Picnic or support the wonderful local businesses who support us. Remember your picnic rug and sun protection.

We hope to see you there!

Mount Lawley Primary School P&C

MOUNT LAWLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C

Welcome Back Family Picnic

2:00PM TO 4:30PM
SUNDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2024
MAIN SCHOOL OVAL, MT LAWLEY P.S.

Lots of food, drink and goodies available to purchase...

- Coffee & hot & cold drinks
- Milkshakes, juices & smoothies
- Ice pops
- Pizza
- Fairy floss
- Mini market

and plenty of free activities for all!

You can BYO picnic or support the wonderful local businesses who support us.

Don't forget your picnic rug and sun protection. See you there!

Free face painting
Free jumbo games, incl. giant chess, jenga
Free tug of war
Free popcorn
Free fruit straps

Library 2024

The library opening days for 2024 are Tuesday to Friday and the library will be closed on Mondays. All books are to be returned in the morning and any borrowing outside of class library time can be done during lunch Wednesday to Friday. Classes visit the library once a week and all library borrowing will commence in Week 3. Your child's library day and time will be advised by your teacher next week.

Please ensure you have a library bag to safely take books to and from school. Great sturdy library bags can be purchased through the uniform shop. We have a no bag no borrow policy to ensure books are kept in the best possible condition.

Students in Year 1-3 will also borrow their home readers during library so will also require their green homework folder on library day.

If anyone still have library books from 2023, can they please be returned to the library by the end of the week. Looking forward to seeing the students and hearing what their reading adventures were over the holidays.

Scholastic Book Club

Mount Lawley Primary School participate throughout the year in Scholastic Book Club. Each term two catalogues go home for students to purchase books and stationery. Ordering can be made online via LOOP (ensure when registering that you select Mount Lawley Primary School) or cash by filling out the form on the back of the catalogue and placing correct money with order form in the book club box in the library. When orders arrive, they will be delivered to the student's classroom. If you wish to order a surprise order anytime through the year, mark the online order or form with GIFT and you will be notified on arrival that the order can be collected from school reception. All orders made through Book Club earn rewards that the library redeem for resources for all students to enjoy.

Issue 1 catalogue is out now and will be distributed by classroom teachers by early next week or view online here www.scholastic.com.au/loop. All orders are due by Tuesday 13 February, 3pm.

We are a registered SunSmart school, and we would encourage our community to familiarise themselves with the SunSmart recommendations, such as those pictured below. Hats are essential if students wish to play in the sun, and we have sunscreen available for students in all learning areas, and in the front office.

Be SunSmart

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. This is largely due to our proximity to the equator, a largely fair-skinned population, and our love of the great outdoors. Fortunately, being SunSmart is a simple way to reduce your risk of developing skin cancer. Cancer Council recommends a five-step approach to sun protection when the UV Index is 3 or above.

There's more to sun protection than sunscreen. Protect yourself in five ways:

-  **Slip**
on sun protective clothing
-  **Stop**
on SPF 30 (or higher) sunscreen
-  **Slap**
on a broad-brimmed hat
-  **Seek**
shade
-  **Slide**
on wrap-around sunglasses

Find your local UV levels

When the UV Index reaches 3 or above, be SunSmart and protect your skin. You can find your local UV levels at:

- **Cancer Council Australia:**
cancer.org.au
- **My UV:**
myuv.com.au
- **Bureau of Meteorology:**
bom.gov.au/uv



Be SunSmart with the free SunSmart app available at the App Store and Google Play

Canteen

Bells Canteen will be open from Wednesday 7 February (Week 2). Students will need a packed recess and lunch for the first week of Term. Moving forward in 2024, Bells Canteen will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays and orders need to be placed before 8:45am.

Remember to login to www.quickcliq.com.au before your first order and update your child's profile to reflect their 2024 teacher and room number. This will ensure their lunch orders are delivered to the right place.

2024 Year 6 Leavers Shirts

A reminder about the process for printing of Year 6 Leavers t-shirts for 2024.

1. Purchase a blank leavers t-shirt by Week 1 of 2024. You can purchase as many shirts you like but please be mindful that stocks may be low and we want to make sure all students have the opportunity to purchase one. Your child can still wear the standard blue MLPS t-shirt whilst waiting for the printing to be completed.
2. Please DO NOT let your child wear the leavers t-shirt at the beginning of 2024 if it is going to be printed on. Once worn it cannot be printed on. You will need to purchase a second brand new t-shirt for printing.
3. Information will be sent to all parents via Connect from your child's teacher in Week one of 2024
4. A due date for payment (correct cash only) and t-shirts to be collected will be set for Week 2 or 3 of Term 1 2024. This will be confirmed in Week 1. This will be one morning only, so please keep an eye out for communication about this so you do not miss it. If your child is sick that day or you know your child will be away from school, other arrangements can be made.
5. The cost is approximately \$8 per shirt with a maximum of 2 shirts per child to be printed.
6. It is not compulsory to have your child's name printed on the shirt. Names are printed as they appear on the MLPS attendance role unless told otherwise and then confirmed with the principal.

Caroline (Amelie's mum) 0410645166



As we move into another exciting school year, we extend a warm welcome back to all our students, parents, and staff!

About the Traffic Management Group (TMG)

The MLPS Traffic Management Group is dedicated to ensuring the safety and efficiency of traffic around our school. Our goal is to minimize congestion, enhance road safety, and encourage active transport methods such as walking, biking, and carpooling. We believe in creating a safe and accessible environment for everyone in our school community.

Your Move Program - Moving Forward Together



We are thrilled to continue our participation in the "Your Move" program, an initiative by the Department of Transport, WA. This program encourages us to reduce car use and explore healthier, more sustainable transport options. At MLPS, we've embraced "Your Move" by promoting walking, biking, and public transport, and we're proud of the positive impact it's having on our community's health and the environment.

Upcoming Events: National Ride2School Day & Year 1 Bike Lessons

Get ready for our first major event of the year – the National Ride2School Day! Thanks to our active participation in the "Your Move" program in 2023 and our success in obtaining approximately \$7,500 from the Connecting Schools Grant, we're excited to offer Year 1 Bike Lessons for free. Let's gear up for a fun and active day of learning and riding!

Join the TMG - Volunteers Needed!

We are actively seeking lukewarm to enthusiastic volunteers to join our Traffic Management Group. Your involvement can make a difference in our efforts to enhance school safety and promote active transportation. The first committee meeting of the year will be held on Thursday 1 Feb at 7pm. Come and be a part of the team! Alternatively If you wish to get involved or have any suggestions please contact Catherine and Drew via the P&C email address, MLPSPC@outlook.com

Reminder: One-Way Traffic System and Kiss n Drive

For those new to the school and a reminder for everyone else, please adhere to our One-Way traffic system around the school at drop off and pick up time. This system is crucial for maintaining smooth traffic flow and ensuring the safety of our students. Let's all do our part in following these [guidelines](#). See the map below showing parking, Kiss n Drive, and no pedestrian or car zones.

And remember when using the Kiss n Drive, don't leave your car, move forward where you can and please don't do u-turns near the drop off zones.





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Anxiety and Your Child

For parents and carers of children aged 4 - 12 years, who reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean or Bayswater



This workshop aims to explore and give an understanding of what anxiety is.

We will discuss:

- signs & symptoms of anxiety
- how we can support our child
- understanding our own reactions

For more information and to register:

Scan the QR code or

Midvale Hub Parenting Service (Perth North East)

Telephone: (08) 9290 6827

Email: parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au

Derrick Ernst
Neighbourhood Centre (the DEN)
3 Tara Street, Morley

Thursday - 8 February, 2024
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Registration is essential
Only 12 places available



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Tuning in to Kids

For parents and carers of children aged 3 - 10 years, who reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean or Bayswater



Tuning in to Kids is a 6 session evidence based program that explores ways that parents can help their children develop emotional intelligence and increase the emotional connection between parents and children. Learn more about:

- developing emotion coaching skills to help children understand and regulate their own feelings and emotions
- promoting co-operative behaviour in young children
- developing parent's own emotional awareness
- managing emotions such as anger and anxiety



For more information and to register:

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Maylands Public Library
28 Eighth Ave, Maylands

Wednesdays - 21, 28 February, 6, 13, 20 & 27 March, 2024

9.30am - 11.30am
(must be able to attend all sessions)

FREE - Registration is essential
Only 12 Places available.

Crèche - Bookings essential. Limited places available at "The RISE" for a minimal fee. Please enrol at www.bayswaterrecreation.com.au/the-rise-crèche and follow the booking instructions. Online bookings can be made up to 7 days in advance.
Phone: 9208 2414 during Crèche hours



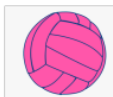
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HURRICANES NETBALL CLUB



WINTER NETBALL 2024

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING NETBALL? WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

REGISTRATION OPEN
9th January till 1st March

Contact us for more information
hurricanesnetball@inet.net.au

All age groups train at Noranda on Tuesdays.



Calisthenics is an exciting sport that is a mix of dance, gymnastics, simplified ballet, singing and apparatus work.

It's perfect for all ages to build confidence, improve stamina, make new friends and stay active.

Come and give it a try, with **FREE trial classes**



Tinies - 3 to 5 year olds
Term 1 starts 3rd Feb
9:00-10:00am
Kingfisher Community Centre, Ballajura

Sub-Juniors 6 to 8 year olds
Term 1 starts 3rd Feb
10:00-11:00am
Kingfisher Community Centre, Ballajura

Please note: week 1 class for Tinies (3-5yrs) and Sub-Juniors (6-8yrs) will be held at Hainsworth Community Centre

Sub-Juniors 9 to 10 year olds
Term 1 starts 31st Jan
5:00-7:00pm
Dianella Secondary College

Juniors 11 to 13 year olds
Term 1 starts 30th Jan
5:00-7:30pm
Dianella Secondary College

Call or text Brooke on 0422 487 930
Email info@athenacalistenicsclub.com
Visit www.athenacalistenicsclub.com
Or find us on Facebook and Instagram



NETSETGO: \$241 6-10 YEAR OLDS	JUNIOR: \$259 11-17 YEAR OLDS	SENIOR: \$289 18 years old +
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