

# Newsletter

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Lawley**  
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## Dates for the Diary

Thursday 11 May Yirri Yaakin In School Activity (Yr 1-6)	Thursday 11 May Uniform Shop Open (8.30-9.30am)	Friday 12 May Music Assembly
Wednesday 17 May Year 4 Excursion Kings Park	Thursday 18 May Board Meeting (5.30pm)	Friday 19 May Year 1 Room 12 Assembly

Dear Parents and Carers,

I was reminded this week of the importance of showing gratitude. It is something we do at MLPS regularly, and that is because we have so much to be grateful for. Our community is very special particularly our P&C who are major contributors to our overall sense of belonging, so it is important we note P&C Day WA. This year it will be celebrated on Friday 19 May, within National Volunteers Week. MLPS's P&C are a significant factor in bringing our school community together. Please take the opportunity to thank a P&C member for their contribution. Take it a step further and attend the P&C meeting on Thursday, 25 May at 6.00pm or volunteer for one of the many P&C events coming up.



Our recent Parent and Kid's Camp Out is an initiative of the P&C. I am sure all the families who had a great time on the weekend will join me in thanking Trent Everitt and his many helpers. Events such as this take many hours of organisation and commitment. So, thank you again Trent, you have contributed to the fabric of the MLPS community.

Parents who become involved in our P&Cs have an opportunity to:

- Learn about the school's policies and programs
- Share information and your views
- Make connections with other MLPS families
- Assist the school in building positive attitudes to students and their families
- Help raise funds to provide extra resources

It is important we acknowledge and thank the many P&C volunteers who support our school in so many ways. Particularly noteworthy are our office bearers – President Breanna Catania, Secretary Laurelea McGregor and Treasurer Jennifer To. Without these key drivers we would not have an effective P&C providing services and funding to our school. You may not be aware of some of the things our P&C do:

- They oversee, through committees, the canteen, traffic management and social and fundraising
- Parent Liaison overseer – Claire Hyman
- Uniform Shop – expertly managed by volunteer Katie McMahan
- Provide funding for special projects and resources
- Provision of Access Fund monies to support cash scholarships to families who may need financial assistance

So, thank you for our nature play, library resources, iPads, delicious canteen food, uniforms, safe walking, riding and scooting to school, social functions, parent and kids' campout and the myriad of other things you provide and do for us all. To all P&C members we are extremely grateful for your contribution. Thank you.

Stay safe,

Mrs Sandra Martin



## School Gates

All students arriving before 8.30am need to enter the school from the Second Avenue gate. From 8.30am, the Centenary Gates on Third Ave will also be opened. As the supervising staff member leaves the gate it will be locked, at approximately 8.50. The gate on Third Avenue closest to Room 20 (Pre Primary) will be unlocked at this time to allow late comers to enter and parents to leave. This will assist us in keeping our students safe. The Second and Third Avenue gates will be locked at 9.15am and unlocked at 3.00pm. The gate outside Room 11 on Second Avenue remains locked for safety reasons.

## COVID-19

As already communicated in a Connect notice last week we have students and staff absent, some with COVID-19. I would like to remind families of some very important considerations:

- If your child becomes a close contact, due to a person in your household being COVID-19 positive, please watch carefully for symptoms and conduct a **Rapid Antigen Test (RAT)**
- Please notify the school office and your child's teacher if your child tests positive to COVID-19, although we are no longer reporting cases to the department it does help us monitor class outbreaks
- We ask that you monitor your child/yourself for symptoms of COVID-19 and get tested and isolate until you receive a negative result if symptoms develop.
- If you or your child develop symptoms, please do not attend school.
- Rapid antigen tests are available from the front office

## Before School Supervision

MLPS originally implemented before school supervision from 8.00am as we are not able to offer before school care on site. Duty of Care requirements are that staff supervise during this time. We would like to continue this provision however; it is becoming increasingly difficult with the large numbers of students attending. We would like to remind families this service is in place when students need to be dropped at school earlier than 8.30am because parents need to go to work. Students sit quietly in the undercover area talking to friends, reading, drawing or engaging in other quiet activities.

## Traffic Management Group



### ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS

FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

To celebrate [National Walk Safely to School Day \(NWS2SD\)](#) and [National Road Safety Week \(NRSW\)](#) the P&C's Traffic Management Group (TMG) along with the MLPS staff **would like to invite you to walk, ride or scoot to school on Friday, 19 May 2023.**



Everyone is welcome to participate, here are the details so you can get involved!

- Ride, walk, scoot to school (or you can drive and park at Hamer Park carpark, Three Coins or Brear Park and commute via active transport) so there's less traffic to improve safety
- Students - help yourself to a breakfast snack (compliments from Your Move)
- **Lucky dip - prizes to be won for students who use active travel.** We will be outside the school on Second Ave from 8:00am, Third Ave from 8:30am, and outside of the undercover area. The TMG will pack up by 8:50am ready for the assembly. Following this the scheduled Year 6 Fete will begin, and the 'White Elephant Stall' will set up in our place (a reminder that Year 6's are kindly requesting toy, board game, book and trinket donations - look out for Connect Notices!).
- Posters will be displayed by the sustainability captains for adults & students to pledge a safety message from a NWS2SD or NRSW perspective, **EVERYONE** (students, teachers, & parents) **CAN BE INVOLVED, you can see examples of pledges here [National Road Safety Week](#)**, or try some of the below simple ideas:

*"I will ensure I look before crossing the road"*

*"I will ensure I don't have my mobile in reach when I drive"*

*"I will be vigilant when I walk"*

A big thank you to the MLPS community, Department of Transport's Your Move and the Department of Education for making Connecting Grants happen! MLPS were successful in obtaining this grant due to Your Move stories, MLPS community involvement and accumulating Your Move points! Connecting Schools Grant ([yourmove.org.au](http://yourmove.org.au))



## Premiers reading challenge



Reading can take you anywhere! Sign up today and take a journey with the Premiers Reading Challenge.

**What is the challenge?** – Simply read at least 12 books between Monday 8 May and Friday 8 September and log them on your Premier Reading Challenge page – Easy. And don't stop at just 12, add more as you read more.

**Who can join?** All Mount Lawley Primary school students can join the challenge Kindergarten to Year 6.

**Does it cost anything?** – No, it's free and you can win some amazing prizes.

**How to join?** Simply click this link [Home - Premier's Reading Challenge \(premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au\)](http://Home - Premier's Reading Challenge (premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au)) go to sign in, then sign up. Fill in your details and make sure you click Mount Lawley Primary School. If you don't have access to a computer, see Mrs Brodie for a manual signup sheet.

Once you are registered you can search for more than 7000 recommended books from the online book list, log the books you have read during the challenge, write a review or "like" a book, view your bookshelf to see the books you have read during the challenge and track your progress.

**What type of "books" can be included in the challenge?** Reading can take you anywhere and can also take many formats. You can log comic books, graphic novels, magazines, newspapers, articles online, poems and of course books, books, books. Check out the Challenge book list for inspiration, there is something for everyone.

**Do I have to read books from the Premier Reading Challenge book list?** No - the list is there to help you search for books of interest and reading level. You may log any book of your reading level you have read, and if you have enjoyed it, write a review and recommend it to others.

To celebrate student's efforts in the challenge there will be prizes drawn each week during the challenge. Students who log their reading achievements weekly will be eligible to win a prize. There will be 2 weekly prize draws which will be divided into age categories – Kindergarten to Year 4 and Year 5 to Year 10.

Winners of the weekly prize draw will receive a prize which include:-

- A zip line experience from the Matagarup Bridge
- Wireless headphones
- Book packs
- A Perth Zoo family pass
- Cinema vouchers
- A kindle
- A Caversham Wildlife Park family pass and
- A mystery device.

Every student registered in the challenge who has logged books weekly will also go into a draw to win a gift voucher to our school book fair in Week 8 Term 2, plus weekly luck dip prizes from Mrs Brodie's prize box.

**You can uncover great mysteries and explore amazing stories throughout the enchanting world of books – join the challenge today!**

## Scholastic Book Club

Issue 3 of Scholastic book club is due this Thursday 11 May by 3pm. Orders can be made online via LOOP ([www.scholastic.com.au/loop](http://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)) or cash by filling out the form on the back of the catalogue and placing correct money along with your order form, in the book club box in the library.

Issue 4 catalogue will not be sent home due to the book fair being held in Week 8 Wednesday 13 June – Friday 16 June.

Thank you for your support with Scholastic book club. Each order earns points to the school to redeem for resources that every student can enjoy.

## World's Greatest Shave

On Monday the Student Leaders hosted an Assembly and the Mount Lawley Primary School Crazy Hair team had the pleasure of presenting a cheque for **\$16,880.60** to Lauren from the World's Greatest Shave! Thank you to the Mount Lawley Primary School Community for everyone's generous donations and support in this fundraiser. It was an incredible achievement by all and will help many people now and in the future.



## Italian Week Wrap Up

Buongiorno a tutti!

What a fantastic time we had during Italian Week last week. Our visiting restaurateur Tino was extremely impressed with our students' Italian speaking skills when ordering their gelato, and the students were equally impressed by his delicious gelato making skills. Franco (Mr Accordion Man) added an extra joyful vibe, with students enjoying singing and dancing along to his music during their recess breaks.

Well done to the upper primary students who performed the play "An Italian Fashion Parade" at our assembly on Friday. You all did a fantastic job. And finally thank you to all those staff and students who came dressed in Italian colours on Friday. It certainly made the singing and dancing at assembly extra festive.



Grazie Mille!  
Christine Ashkenazy  
Italian Language Teacher

## Social and Fundraising Committee



### Mother's Day Coffee & Chat

The P&C Events committee have organised a coffee van to come to school on Thursday 11th May, in celebration of Mothers Day on Sunday 14th May.

The coffee van will be available on school grounds from 7:30am until 9:00am. We will be under the walkway near the piano and Buddy Bench.

Come and buy a hot drink and/or bite to eat on your way to work, or stay and chat. We will have tables and chairs set up.

Students will need to be supervised by parents before classes commence, unless they are attending before school supervision in the undercover area.

Eftpos/card facilities available.



Quiz Night Update - 10 individual tickets left!

Nine of the 10 tables for the quiz night have sold!

The last table (10 individual tickets) will be sold as singles or pairs rather than as a table.

Why? Because we know some people really wanted to come but didn't have the opportunity to be on a pre-organised team.

So now is your chance - buy a ticket or two on Qkr and let us create a team for you.

Only 10 seats available – be quick!

## MLPS Board Meeting Summary March 23, 2023

Acknowledgement of Country: SM completed Acknowledgement of Country

The minutes of the meeting on 1 March 2023 were approved.

Reviewed action register.

**Board Chair Report:** SZ thanked SM and Helen Willox for work on Business Plan, as well as SM for work on Annual Report. SM also acknowledged work of Anthea Phoenix. SZ updated on investigation of Indigenous Polo design for uniform. School has decided to implement Reconciliation Action Plan and any consideration of uniform changes would be aligned with RAP.

**Finance Report:** LM discussed preliminary budget approved by Finance Committee last week. Budget should move from preliminary to operational by end of March. SZ suggested requesting students to present to Finance Committee directly when requesting permission to fundraise. Allowing students to do this will increase student voice and provide leadership opportunities to a more diverse student group. LM will have discussion at next Finance meeting about Parent representative.

**Principal Report:** SM reported that

- NAPLAN was almost completed, and PP on entry assessment was finished. PP results available immediately for use in classroom planning. Parents are provided with key information from on entry assessment.
- Discussed reminding parents of avenues to address concerns during the year so that a favourable outcome is reached. SM has provided information in Term 1 newsletter and may repeat later in year e.g. Term 3. TK discussed regular Term 1 and Term 3 repetition may be useful as reporting in School Survey does not allow any concerns to be resolved.
- SM reported school culture survey completed by staff, results showed consistently high ratings of satisfaction/agreement.
- SM updated progress with performance development process, which has been recently standardised by Department. Discussion highlighted differences between performance development and performance management.

**Annual Report:** SM discussed draft Annual Report. Board provided feedback on minor edits to spelling, naming, which SM will action. Discussion regarding behaviour data, changes in definitions, areas that have improved and areas that require focus.

**Register of members, TOR & Code of Conduct:** SZ reviewed key sections of Code of Conduct and present members signed register.

**Review new Business Plan:** Discussed possible changes including:

- Having Acknowledgement of Country at start of document, and utilising an AOC that MLPS students created
- STEM part of school curriculum, not explicitly stated in Business Plan as BP aims to outline the points of difference at MLPS.
- Goal setting e.g. all Year 3 NAPLAN results at, or above, like schools. School feedback was that goals were intentionally aspirational as this supported the school to strive for optimal outcomes.

SM to take feedback to leadership staff

**Policy review: Fundraising/Sponsorship:** Clarified fundraising not possible from Board, however, school and P&C could fundraise. Minor edits to formatting provided.

**Board visibility plan:** SM discussed positive progress with visibility. Agreement that no additional strategies required. May need to complete similar strategies every 203 years so the community remains aware of the board functions. SM will show Board video to staff at Staff Development Day to increase staff awareness.

Next meeting Thursday 18 May at 5.30pm in the staffroom. Observers welcome.

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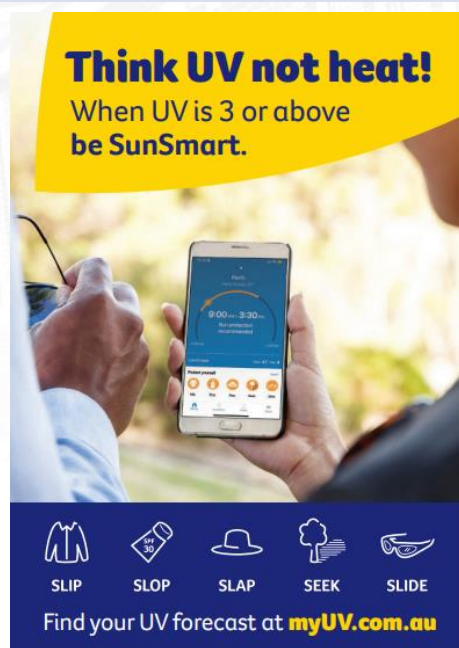
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## Anxiety and Your Child

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

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

Wednesday 31 May 2023  
10.00am - 12noon

FREE - Registration is essential  
Only 12 Places available.

Please note: This workshop is not suitable for children to attend.

For more information and to register:  
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