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Edition 3, 28 February 2024

Dates for the Diary	
Thursday 29 February Uniform Shop Open (8:30-9:30am)	Thursday 29 February P&C AGM and General Meeting (MLPS Staffroom 6:00pm)
Friday 1 March Whole School Assembly – Hosted by Year 4 Rm 15	Friday 1 March Year 1 Bike Ed Commences
Monday 4 March Labour Day Public Holiday (No students attend)	Friday 8 March Year 6 Fete (In School Activity for students only)

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the School Community,

Today represents the half-way mark for Term 1, with 20 school days behind us and 20 days in front. I think it's safe to say that this term will be over before we know it. Last week the school Board met for the first time this year. You may recall that we called for parent representative nominations to fill vacant positions on the Board. With fewer nominations than vacant positions, I can announce that Sian Zador was re-elected to the school Board and furthermore, appointed to the role of school Board Chair at the Board's first meeting. Sian provided excellent leadership as Chair during her tenure, and her reappointment to the Board and Chair position provides the school Board with leadership continuing and stability.

At our first meeting we were able to discuss a summary of the feedback received from the school's annual survey of parents and carers. Feedback presents an excellent opportunity to listen, understand, reflect and learn. Feedback also provides an important opportunity to celebrate strengths and successes. With notification that our school can expect a Public School Review (PSR) in Term 3 of this year, your feedback regarding opportunities for school improvement will play an important part in our own internal review processes that will help us to prepare for the Department of Education's PSR.

Having read all of your feedback, there was a clear alignment between feedback from parents and community, and our school's internal feedback, observations, and reflections. This is a positive and healthy sign, with experience telling me that the greatest risk to school improvement is when a school is blissfully unaware of the opportunities for continuous improvement.

A practical example of this alignment is the additional classroom support we put in place for this year. In response to the question: *What do you think the school should stop doing in 2024?* a survey response indicated we should *"Stop having large class sizes of 22+ without additional teacher assistance."*

Leading into 2024, and prior to the collection of survey data, we intentionally increased the amount of classroom support for teachers and students by employing additional Special Needs Education Assistants. This was a deliberate strategy as we felt it important to strengthen support for our staff and students at the point of need in classrooms. The improvement to student outcomes resulting from this strategy is already evident.

Of course, there will also be instances where community feedback provides the school with an opportunity to listen and understand new perspectives. Whilst it's not always going to be possible for us to change what we do and how we do it, particularly in the short term, it's important you know that you are heard, and that all feedback is considered.

The awarding of Honour Certificates at assemblies is a practical example of our openness to feedback and when appropriate and possible, demonstrate our agility and responsiveness.

As a school, we understand that people will have different perspectives about Honour Certificates, and this holds true not just for community, but also for our staff. Whilst **what** we do and **how** we do it are important, the most important question for all of us is **why** we do what we do.

In response to your feedback, we have implemented a new system to accurately track Honour Certificate student data. In the first instance, the collection of this data will support us to identify any patterns or trends that will help us to better and more broadly understand our current practice.

Survey feedback also highlighted some consistent strengths that are valued by parents and community. These included:

- The provision of Lego and Chess Clubs
- The provision of after school activities such as Young Engineers
- Class assemblies

- Before school supervision starting at 8.00am
- After school stay and play

These valued practices will continue in 2024 and we understand the value they add to the life of the school, student outcomes and community.

This Friday is our first whole of school and community assembly for 2024. We believe that assemblies present a valuable opportunity for our school and community to come together and to be inspired by student creativity, to learn and to celebrate. We understand that the parents and carers of those students performing or receiving certificates or other awards value the opportunity to celebrate their child/children and with this in mind, we will reserve some of the community seating for these parents and carers.

I look forward to seeing you on the gate or at Friday's assembly.

Jared Lawson
Principal

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open tomorrow, Thursday 29 February from 8:30am-9:30am. Please note, that after tomorrow (29 February), the uniform shop will go back to being open on a **fortnightly** basis (odd weeks) and will be open again on Thursday 14 March.

Remember that you can also order uniforms using the Qkr! app, and uniform orders 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

Library News

I am delighted to announce Mount Lawley Primary School will be hosting international best-selling author Jacqueline Harvey, on Tuesday March 12. Jacqueline is well known for her book series Alice Miranda, Clementine Rose, Kensy & Max, and Willa & Woof. She will be presenting to all students in years 1-3, which will include a reading from her new picture book Kevin the sheep, telling stories about how she gets the ideas for her books and experiences as a teacher and travels as a bestselling author.

There is no charge for this incredible opportunity, it is kindly being made possible by Beaufort Street Books. After Jacqueline has entertained the students there will be time available for questions and signing books.

If you would like to order any of Jacqueline's books, to have them signed on the day, you can do so by following the link below (select free delivery to Mount Lawley Primary for delivery option), or by visiting the friendly staff at Beaufort Street Books (567 Beaufort Street) where they already have a selection in store. Books will also be available to purchase on the day.

[Jacqueline Harvey \(beaufortstreetbooks.com.au\)](http://JacquelineHarvey.beaufortstreetbooks.com.au)



P&C Annual General Meeting

A reminder that the P&C AGM, followed by the General P&C Meeting will be held this **Thursday 29 February 2024** in the Staffroom. Please come for an informal catch-up and to complete any membership or nomination forms from 5:30pm. This ensures a prompt start of the formal meeting at 6pm.

New faces are always welcome, please come along and get involved in your school community. It is a great opportunity to hear directly from the school leadership and work collaboratively with other P&C members to support our school.

The AGM Agenda, Membership and Nomination forms are available in recent Connect Notices.

If you would like further information, please feel free to approach me if you see me at school to discuss or send me an email and we can arrange a discussion.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Breanna Catania

President, Mount Lawley Primary School P&C.



Walking School Bus

The Walking School Bus programme will now launch in **Term 2!**

A huge **thank you** to the parents who have already volunteered – your support is invaluable! We're thrilled to see so many eager participants. However, we still need volunteers for the Rookwood/Clifton route and Almondbury/Clotilde route. If you are interested in volunteering as a 'walking bus driver' then please email the TMG committee on traffic@mlpspc.org by no later than 22 March.

The full information guide is available on the MLPS website – [MLPS P&C Walking School Bus](#)

Year 1 Bike Ed Lessons

Thanks to the points raised last year through the 'Your Move Program' we are able get the People on Bicycles team in again for the Year 1 bike lessons this year, they will run for 4 weeks on Friday 1 March, 8 March, 15 March and 22 March.

All year 1 families must register their child for the program with the link below:
<https://www.peopleonbicycles.com.au/schools/mountlawley/> ([peopleonbicycles.com.au](https://www.peopleonbicycles.com.au))

Year 1 students registered for the bike lessons are to arrive with their bikes from 08:15am on Friday 1 March and head to the basketball court, there will be some volunteer parents assisting with bike checks.

- Bikes need to come to school with your child each of the 4 mornings.
- Please check bikes and ensure the tyres are pumped up and are in good working order.
- Please do not send bikes with the training wheels attached.
- All children must have a helmet, or they won't be able to participate.

Upcoming Events:

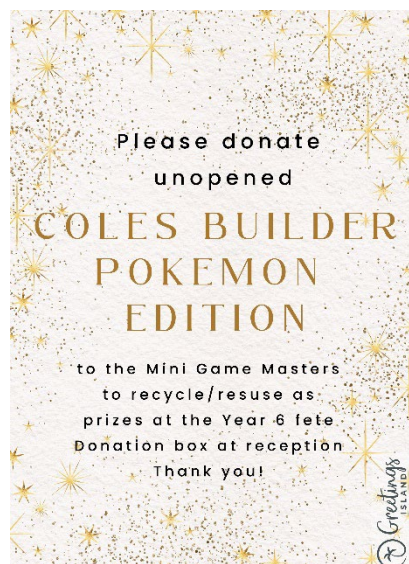
National Ride2School Day (22 March)

Year 6 Fete

The Year 6 Students will be holding their annual Fete on **Friday 8 March**. This fundraising event is to raise money for our Year 6 student activities for 2024, including subsidising camp cost and end of year graduation. The fete will run during school hours and all students PP-6 are invited to attend.

Detailed information will be sent out via Connect tomorrow. Pre-Ordering for the Sausage Sizzle is currently available on Qkr! until **Tuesday 5 March**. Please complete **one order per child** (not per family). This will ensure orders are delivered directly to your child's classroom and not their siblings on the day.

Year 6 stall coordinators are still seeking donations for the following:



White Elephant Stall

If you have any of the following items in good condition, the White Elephant stall would love if you could donate for the fete.

- Toys
- Board games
- Trinkets
- Books
- Plushies



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NET Program

REGISTRATIONS ARE **NOW OPEN** FOR OUR PLAYERS TURNING 5-10 IN 2024.

PROGRAM DETAILS:
 Day: Wednesday
 Start Date: 17 April 2023
 End Date: 19 June 2023
 Time: 4:45pm - 5:30pm
 Location: Noranda Netball Courts
 Cost: \$100 for 10 weeks

At this level, there are no competitive games. A uniform is not required to be worn and the only fee payable for the 10 weeks will be the registration fee. For more information email us scorpionsnetball@hotmail.com

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Modernians Hockey Club


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Minky Program
 Primary years 3 to 4
 Starts April to mid August
 Training - Thursdays 4:30 to 5:30pm
 Games - Saturday mornings - abridged rules vs other clubs at Perry Lakes.

Come and try hockey
Give us a call

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