

Dates for the Diary

Friday 8 December Year 6 Dinner Dance	Monday 11 December Presentation Night – 6pm	Monday 11 December Kindy Concert (Offsite)
Wednesday 13 December Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and Excursion	Thursday 14 December Last Day of Term 4 for students	Friday 15 December Staff Development Day – NO STUDENTS ATTEND

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the countdown to the end of the school year it is important to reflect on our performance and quest for school improvement. We measure community, staff, and student satisfaction with our annual surveys. Most areas had similar or better results in the agree or strongly agree category from 2022. The Board received 101 responses in the MLPS Parent Survey, up from the 99 responses in 2022 however down from the 138 responses in 2021. 19% of respondents came from the Year 4 and 18% from our Year 5 cohort. We continue to work at promoting the survey to our community to get robust feedback. There was one area of notable concern – when 20% of respondents Disagree or Strongly Disagree with – I understand the school's Business Plan.

The major themes identified in the **2023** MLPS Parent Survey from the combination of both the survey data and specific parent comments are:

- Before school supervision, Walker/ play based learning, P&C events, school clubs and assembly items rated highly in the survey and were recommended to continue in 2024.
- Respondents felt we needed to have swimming lessons in the warmer months.
- Parents would like to see more after school activities and canteen days in 2024.
- Inconsistent Leadership was flagged for improvement in 2024.
- Honour Certificates – Various comments, some referencing continue to recognise students using honour certificates, others saying the current system is not working for their child and another response calling for a certificate for every child.
- Oversized Year 3 class was referenced as something that should be stopped in 2024.

The Board reviewed the survey results at its last meeting and will continue to consider, with the school, plans for improvement in 2024. Further communication about the parent survey, along with staff and student responses will be distributed next year. We thank everyone who responded to the survey and look forward to receiving your continued feedback. Remember you can always email or telephone, you do not need to wait for the survey to contact us.

It has been my pleasure to reflect on the magnificent work of staff, students and the community in 2023. I'd like to express my gratitude to everyone for their contributions. Firstly, the Board Chair and Secretary, Sian Zador and Tara Kelso, thank you. The work of the Board is often unseen and all the members of the Board work very hard to ensure governance of MLPS is at the highest standard. Tara is retiring from the Board, her expertise and efficiency as Board Secretary will be missed. The P&C and the sub-committees 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 Catania and your Executive Committee, thank you for your ongoing guidance and support for MLPS.

We have many programs and activities that run during and after school hours that add to the fabric of MLPS. One being junior netball! I'd like to acknowledge Mrs Mel Redmond for her coordination of the junior netball over the last 4 years. Mel has spent countless hours coordinating coaches and teams to ensure our students get to participate in what is one of the biggest team sports in Australia. Thank you.

MLPS has become synonymous with Chess. This is due to the expert tuition and promotion of the game by Mr Jim Richards, Mr Michael Richards, Mrs Joli Hernandez Mendez and this year Mr David Richards. Their tireless commitment to our students is significant and the growth and progress of our students' chess strategy is noteworthy. Thank you. Mr Jim Richards will not be continuing his volunteering in 2024 so an extra thank you to him for the countless hours he has devoted to chess at MLPS.

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.

To our students, thank you for the joy you bring us every day. A special thank you to our Year 6 Graduands, 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 in Eliza Bedford, Harrison Nilsen, Sophia Mahon and Cohen Dunning 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 2024 leader and congratulate all those who had a go. Please see below for a complete list of the 2024 Leaders.

Bouquets to the executive team of Deputies, Jared Lawson, Grace Adam (first semester), Christine Ashkenazy, Anthea Phoenix and Manager Corporate Services Lesa Mileto, their guidance, wisdom, and work ethic have seen them spend many hours making my job easier. I would not have been able to lead MLPS without their support, insight and knowledge. Thank you.

And last, but not least, 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.

I am so grateful for our wonderful school community, students, staff and parents. Thank you everyone. I wish you a fabulous 2024 and beyond, knowing that our school will continue to flourish and grow due to the dedicated commitment of everyone.

Take care
Sandra Martin

Student Leaders 2024

As 2023 draws to a close, it is time to pass on the Leadership roles to a new group of incoming Year 6 students. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our 2023 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. Congratulations to the Year 5 students below who have been successful in earning leadership positions for 2024.

Student Leaders

Head	Deputy Head
Eva Kaur	Ava Thompson
Jeremy Wilkins	Declan Thorpe-Edwards

Faction Captains

Blue	Gold	Green	Red
Sora Imanari	Hirun Galabada Arachchi	Jackson Dix	Zain Mahmoud
Lara Sukuroski	Lorinda Bowman	Eliza Newton	Ruby Pavia

Sustainability Captains

Mya Karnovsky	Stella Trezise
Arya Fulford	Natalia van Fondern

Music Captains

Rose Rankin	Prani Kidambi
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Library Captains

Coco Ou	Aeon Moran
Ryan Pillay	Miranda Saiman

Spelling Bee

On Tuesday 28 November, we conducted the 2023 Spelling Bee. The competition was tight all the way through from Year 4 to Year 6. After spelling some very challenging words, the Year 4 Spelling Bee winner was Kaname Sato and the Year 5 winner was Linda Hernandez-Mendez. The Year 6 spell-off was both tense and impressive, and we almost couldn't split the two finalists. It came down to the tie-breaker words that were tested prior to the Spelling Bee day and the Year 6 Spelling Bee champion was Kenzie Mahmoud. Congratulations!



Well done to all the students who participated in the Spelling Bee 2023, and we hope more students practice their spelling to compete next year.

Miss Wong and Mrs Downie

Library

Returning library and reading books

It is that time of year again that all books are to be returned to the library. If you have any overdue books please return ASAP, you do not need to wait for your library day. Congratulations to Rooms 1, 3 and 6 who have achieved all students returning all their books.

Mount Lawley Primary Street Library

To enable students to have access to books 365 days a year, Mount Lawley Primary have built a street library which will be placed outside of the school grounds at the end of term. The idea of a street library is that you "Take a book, Give a book, Share a book" which means the library will always be filled with books shared by the community. The library was generously donated by our P&C and was built and decorated by our library captains. Enjoy!

Library Weeding

All libraries on a regular basis go through a process called “weeding”. This is when books that are out of date, not being borrowed or damaged are removed from the library to make room for new books. This ensures the library collection is always up to date, in good condition and engaging for the students and allows new books into the library without the shelves getting overcrowded.

During the last weeks of school we will be offering these weeded books to students to take home. Even though they are weeded there are still fabulous books being offered. Tables will be set up outside the undercover area for students to help themselves to the weeded books. Senior fiction books will be offered to year 5 & 6's in the gold block. Students will be requested to only take one or two books to allow enough for all students to select something. To identify these books as not being required to be returned to the school library, the spine label and barcode will be crossed out.

MLPS 2023 Chess Championship

Congratulations to all the Chess Club members who competed in the MLPS School Chess Championship on Tuesday 14 November. The tournament winner and Open School Champion for the second year in a row was Hamish Atkinson (Year 6).

MLPS Chess Championships 2023 Awards

Award		Name	Year
School Open Champion	Winner	Hamish Atkinson	6
	2 nd	Lincoln Balaratnasingam	5
	3 rd	Huw Richards	6
Year 1/2/3 Award	Winner	Jake Newton	3
	2 nd	Asmika Karki	3
	2 nd	Aleksandar Petrovic	3
	2 nd	Nevidu Jayasinghe	2
Top Girl	Winner	Asmika Karki	3
Most Improved		Kristian Petrovic	5



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

CHESS CLUB FOR 2024

The continued provision of the Chess Club is uncertain for 2024. With the retirement of Jim Richards from his role as a coordinator we are urgently looking for someone to step up and assist with the administration. This would primarily be, to keep an Attendance Roll each week and update the Bumper Board. These are clerical tasks and knowing how the play and teach chess is not critical. We are hoping that someone will be able to step up and assist for 2024.

Michael and David Richards
Jim Richards
Chess Coordinators

MESSAGE FROM THE MOUNT LAWLEY DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE

The Mount Lawley Dental Therapy Centre will be closed from Thursday **21 December 2023 - Monday 29 January 2024 inclusive**. Re-opening Tuesday 30 January 2024.
If any **emergency** dental treatment is needed, please call the available emergency service on 1800 098 818 at Perth Children's Hospital or your Private Practitioner.

Mount Lawley Dental Therapy Centre Ph: 92715561

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Traffic Management Group

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers this year!

An enormous thank you to Alan Morton and Kirsten Whitburn for their continued support to the P&C Traffic Management Group (TMG). They helped plan and promote active transport events, write Your Move stories and newsletters due to MLPS students/parents participating in active transport (thanks community). The TMG officially implemented the Walking School Bus (WSB) this year and without Kirsten's knowledge and perseverance, the WSB would not have come into fruition, thank you.

Also, thank you Principal Sandra Martin, Mrs Nicola Brodie, P&C President Breanna Catania, sustainability captains and the WSB conductors for their efforts in supporting active transport during the year.

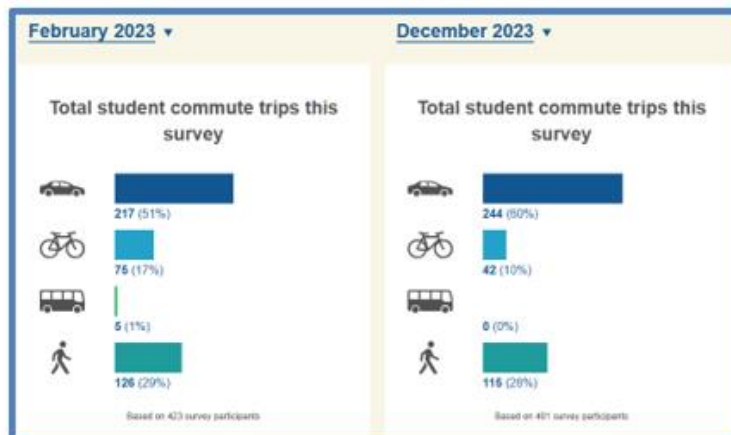
Alan, Kirsten, and I will be leaving the TMG. Although, on a bright note we'd like to welcome **Drew Coulthard and Catherine Egner** who will be your new TMG representatives in 2024!

If you are interested in sustainability, event planning, writing stories, applying for grants, and/or supporting the community to increase safety, reduce traffic and creating healthy environments by promoting cycling, walking and scooting around the school for students/parents, please get in contact with the P&C, contact@mlpspc.org



2023 'Hands Up' survey results show a slight decrease in use of active transport

Not to worry...there are many reasons this may have occurred... Principal Sandra Martin mentioned overall she has noticed many bikes piled on top of each other in the bike racks but on the day of the survey there was a reduced number - **one class had a huge increase in the use of active transport, well done!**



Christmas Donations

HAMPER ITEMS NEEDED

- CANNED FOODS (TUNA/BEANS/SPAGHETTI)
- BISCUITS/CRACKERS
- LONG-LIFE MILK
- PASTA/PASTA SAUCES
- TINNED FRUIT
- NEW TOYS/GIFTS FOR CHILDREN (ALL AGES)
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES (BACKPACKS/LUNCHBOXES)
- CHRISTMAS CRACKERS/BON BONNS
- CANS OF SOFT DRINK
- GIFTS FOR TEENAGERS

DROP OFF

SIMON MILLMAN'S OFFICE
5B WALCOTT ST
MOUNT LAWLEY
9AM - 5PM



BAYSWATER WAVES SWIMMING LESSONS



Did you know?

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Enrolment is easy!

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Phone: 9276 6538

Website: www.bayswaterrecreation.com.au/waves

Email: swim.school@bayswater.wa.gov.au

SUMMERTIME BABY SWIM PROGRAM* 2023/24



Wednesday

(20th Dec 2023 - 10th Jan 2024)

Little Duck 1 (5-12mths)

- 10am-10:30am

Little Duck 2 (12-18mths)

- 10:30am-11am

Little Duck 3 (18-24mths)

- 11am-11:30am

Little Duck 4 (24-30mths)

- 9am-9:30am

Little Duck 5 (30-36mths)

- 9:30am-10am

Price
\$57.20
4 Weeks

Thursday

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Little Duck 4 (24-30mths)

- 9:30am-10am

Little Duck 5 (30-36mths)

- 10am-10:30am

*Lessons begin from 5 months

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Please scan the QR code to see our Term 1 2024 planner

Telephone: (08) 9290 6827

Email: parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au



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