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"Linking the school with the community"

MOUNT LOCKYER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dates to remember

Term 1

Early Close - 2:30pm

25th February

11th March

25th March

Wednesday 18th

February

Assembly @ 2.30pm

Monday 2nd March

**Labour Day Public
Holiday**

Wednesday 4th March

**Pizza with the
Principal**

Assembly @ 2.30pm

Wednesday 11th

March-Friday 27th

March

NAPLAN

Monday 23rd March -

Thursday 2nd April

Year 5 and 6

Swimming Lessons

P&C Uniform Shop

Open Days:

Friday ONLY

8.30am - 9.30am

**Orders can be
made via Spriggy
everyday**

**Child and Parent
Centre**

Playgroup

**Every Wednesday
during the school**

term at the

**Child and Parent
Centre 9.00am to**

11.00am

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

A Warm Welcome to 2026!

What an energetic start to the year we've had at Mount Lockyer! The grounds are buzzing, uniforms are crisp (for now), lunchboxes are full of optimism, and we're thrilled to welcome **65 new arrivals** to our Pre Primary classes.

Our Pre Primary students have made the big leap to full-time school—an achievement that deserves its own medal category. Yes, there have been a few tears... and that's just from the parents! But rest assured, our early childhood staff are absolute experts at guiding our youngest learners through the wobbly first weeks.

While it can be tempting to keep your little one home during this adjustment period (especially when the morning routine starts to resemble a hostage negotiation), **daily attendance is incredibly important**, no matter the year level.

Of course, if your child is *actually* unwell, they're better off at home resting—preferably somewhere they're not sharing their germs with 350 other people.

P & C – First Meeting of the Year

Our first P & C meeting for 2026 will be held on **Tuesday, 24th February**, in the Community Room (right near the crosswalk on South Coast Highway).

We'd love to see parents from across the school attend. The meetings are welcoming, relaxed, and filled with good people who are passionate about supporting our students. No special qualifications needed—just a willingness to join in and maybe share a biscuit or two.

Term 1: Off and Running

This term is already shaping up to be a busy one, packed with the usual extras our dedicated staff offer every year. Please take a moment to check our Term Planner, and make sure you're connected on **Seesaw** to stay up to date with classroom news, events, and reminders about things you may (or may not) have already forgotten.

-Swimming Trials - week 4

-Pizza with the Principal - weeks 5 & 9

-NAPLAN - weeks 6 & 7

-Harmony Day - week 7

-Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons - weeks 8 & 9

Year Six Leadership Conference

Our Year Six Student Leaders recently attended a leadership conference where they explored what integrity really means—beyond just remembering to return your library books on time. They discovered that integrity involves:

- always telling the truth
- aiming for high standards
- apologising for mistakes
- acting according to your values
- ensuring actions match your words

These principles form a fantastic foundation for our leaders, and for our whole school community. If we can all aim to live these values—students, staff, and families—Mount Lockyer will continue to be a place we're proud to belong to.

Before School Expectations – A Reminder for a Smooth Start to the Year

As we settle into the new school year, I'd like to remind our community of a few **whole school expectations** that help ensure a smooth and positive start to each day.

Before School Supervision (Mammang Koort) – All **Year 1–6 students** who arrive **before 8:35am** are required to go to the **undercover assembly area**, where students are supervised until they are dismissed to class at 8:35am. Where possible, we encourage students to arrive as close to 8:35am as possible, with the school day officially beginning at **8:50am**.

"Care, Compassion, Excellence; Mount Lockyer Primary School a place to learn and grow"



School Uniform Expectations

At Mount Lockyer, we take pride in our smart and consistent school uniform and ask that all students adhere to our dress code:

- **Uniform:** Students should wear maroon shorts, skirts, or bottoms paired with either the maroon school shirt or their **faction shirt**, which is **preferred on sports days only**.

Hats: A **wide-brimmed or bucket hat** is a **mandatory part of our uniform all year round**. Students must wear their hat whenever they are outdoors, including during **recess, lunch, Phys Ed lessons**, and any other **outdoor activities**. Thank you for ensuring your child follows our uniform expectations and helping to foster a sense of **pride and belonging** in our school community!

Welcome New Staff

We are delighted to welcome several new (and returning) faces to Mount Lockyer Primary School this year, each bringing their own strengths, personality, and sense of fun to our growing team.

Miss Annika Keall will be a familiar face to many. Students will see her in a *multitude of roles* this year—she will be in PP2 each Thursday, teaching Digital Technologies, and working in Room 6 (Year 1) each Friday. We're thrilled to have her flexibility, expertise, and energy across so many areas.

We're excited to welcome **Miss Cindy Jelfs**, who joins us from the North West by way of Perth. Cindy has settled into PP2 beautifully, and her warmth and genuine care for students is already making a positive impact in our Early Childhood area. We're thrilled to have her as part of the Mount Lockyer team.

Mrs Tanja Durack will be teaching PP1 each Thursday. We're pleased to have Tanja supporting the class on that day and helping ensure consistency for our PP1 students.

Ms Jacqui Schinzig has joined us in PP1 all the way from Denmark—the *town, not the country*—and brings a wealth of expertise to our Pre Primary team. Our youngest learners are already benefiting from her warm and engaging approach.

We are also excited to welcome **Ms Nicci Dodson**, who has left her home in the Northern Hemisphere to join us for Term 1 in Room 29. Nicci will be covering **Mr Tynan Simojoki**, who has accepted a Deputy Principal role at Flinders Park Primary School for the term. We're grateful to Nicci for stepping in and ensuring continuity for our students, and congratulate Mr Simojoki for his promotion.

We're very pleased to welcome **Mrs Keesha Fletcher** back to Mount Lockyer. Keesha was with us briefly in 2025 before motherhood called her away, and we're thrilled to have her return to the team. Her compassion and exceptional organisation skills make her a fantastic fit for **Room 8 (Year 2)**, where **she will be teaching Monday to Thursday**. Keesha is sharing the class with **Mrs Tomasetig**, who is a star in the field of science and brings her own strengths and enthusiasm to the role. Room 8 is certainly in good hands with this dynamic duo!

Last, but certainly not least, **Mrs Sue Large** has bravely embraced the "big smoke" of Albany after making the move from Mount Barker. Sue will be teaching in our library Monday to Wednesday, bringing experience, enthusiasm and a great sense of humour to her new role.

Congratulations to Our Newlywed, Mrs Paige Hooper!

A warm congratulations to **Miss Paige Ogden**, who returns from leave as **Mrs Paige Hooper**. We're very happy to have her back and wish her all the best under her new name!

Thank you,
Lennon Swann
A/Principal



Voluntary Contribution

Your financial contribution allows us to purchase additional resources for classrooms. This has recently been displayed with the purchase of iPads and laptops to assist in their learning in a digital age, as well as programs to support literacy and numeracy.

- Pizza with the Principal to encourage positive behaviour outcomes for all students.
- Resources for 'Our Place' and Science equipment to investigate and understand the world around them.

Each of these things, as well as a great many others, serve to make our school what it is and it can only continue with your support.

Mount Lockyer Primary School

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NASHS PLAYGROUP

The North Albany Senior High School Year 10 Child Development class is excited to run a playgroup again this term!

When?

Join us on Thursdays in March from **9.30-10.30AM**

- **5 March**
- **12 March**
- **19 March**
- **26 March**

Who can join?

We welcome babies, toddlers, and young children of all ages to come and play

What's in store?

- Craft and colouring
- Music and singing games
- Storytime
- Playdough fun

Parents are welcome to join in the fun or relax while our year 10 students engage your little ones.

Interested?

To register, contact Bronwyn Day
(Year 10 Childcare Teacher) at:

Email: bronwyn.day@education.wa.edu.au

Further details will be emailed upon registration.

We look forward to seeing you there!

