



Les Powell School NEWSLETTER

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30th November 2012

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 11th December

Annual Presentation Assembly

Wednesday 12th December

Special Children Xmas Day
-Rosehill

Friday 14th December

Primary Excursion

Wednesday 19th December

Students last day for 2012!

Student Awards

Infants 6

Sandy Lam

Infants 7

Shreya Shevkari
Tiffany Argyrou

Primary 3

Lydia Behnam - Silver

Primary 10

MyAn Ho - Silver
Marijann Kapitanovic - Silver

Principal's Report

Year 12 Graduation

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Graduates for 2012. This year we have two outstanding young people graduating and securing post school positions in various organisations. The graduates for 2012 are Mahalia Coleman and Usamah Khedier. We celebrated this important occasion with a graduation ceremony held at St Johns Bowling Club last night (Thursday 29 /11/12). The proud Graduates were joined by their families and 70 guests and had a wonderful time. I would like to thank the High School team, the Community team and everyone associated with this event in ensuring that our Year 12 graduation for 2012 was a memorable occasion. A special thank you to Ms Louise Melville (Assistant Principal), Jennifer Gal (High School 1 Teacher) Audrey Jowsey & Leanne Hazeltine (School Learning Support Officers) and Lucy Reggio (Community Liaison Officer) for organising this special event. We wish all the Graduates a happy and successful future.

School Reports

End of year school reports will be sent home in the next two week. School's end of year reports are comprehensive and important documents which provide you with relevant information about your child's progress and achievements. I urge you to take time to read the reports with your family and celebrate your child's achievements in 2012.

Les Powell Signing/Singing Choir on Show Again

Les Powell's Signing/Singing Choir accepted an invitation from the School Education Director Ms Maria Serafim to perform at the Principals conference last week. Our students were absolutely outstanding and received a standing ovation. Again I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate our Signing Choir for their magnificent performance and acknowledge the work put in by all staff especially Hellen Bellavia and Kerri Makko. Our special thanks to Sandra Hazelton who volunteered her time to drive the students and staff. Our Choir's next two performances are at Liverpool Plaza at 10.30am on Thursday 6 December as part of the International Disability Day. You will also have the opportunity to see the choir at our Celebration Assembly.

Celebration Assembly and School Student Performance

Our end of year annual Celebration Assembly will be held on Tuesday 11th December. At this assembly students achievements will be recognised and each grade will present a performance item, with a special performance by the School Choir. This will be followed by a light lunch and you are invited to attend. Full details about this event will be sent home next week.

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Thank you to Liverpool Glass and Autism Advisory & Support Service

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Jeff Gough from Liverpool Glass who kindly donated an I-pad to one of our students Coung Nguyen. This valuable donation was organised and delivered through Autism Advisory & Support Service (Mrs Grace Fava). Naturally Coung is very pleased and this will help his learning enormously.

School Planning and Evaluation

As part of the consultation process in school planning, evaluation and school improvement, I will be seeking your feedback and comments in a few areas, especially in communication and school reports. The information will be sent home with the students for your comments.

International Day of People with Disability

International Day of People with Disability is celebrated worldwide each year and in NSW this year's campaign is based on Don't DIS-MyABILITY. The day is to recognise the diversity and ability of people with disabilities. At Les Powell, as a school catering for students with special needs, we recognise students' STRENGTHS and focus on their ABILITIES and ACHIEVEMENTS. Les Powell School and Mount Pritchard East Public School "our neighbouring school" will celebrate this day with a joint disco in their hall on Friday 7th December 2012. Les Powell School and Mount Pritchard East School work closely together as part of the Integration Program between the two schools.

A special thanks to Mt Pritchard East School Principal Ms Natalie Mansour, her staff and students

Mr Sargon Makko - Principal

From the Office

REMINDER

**Your uniform orders are to be in by
Friday 7th December 2012. Next week!!**

News From The Classroom

Infants 7

During Term 4, the infants classes participated in many learning activities about Aboriginal culture, including dreamtime stories and aboriginal art. Last week we were privileged to have an aboriginal visitor who showed us how to play the didgeridoo and the students were mesmerised by his performance.



Infants 7 students have also participated in the preparation and care of their garden, and now regularly harvest and eat the beans, cucumbers and cherry tomatoes as soon as they ripen.



The excursion to Tic Tocs play centre was a very exciting event for all the infants with lots of climbing, crawling and sliding.



With the end of the year approaching we would like to thank all parents and carers for your continuous support and hope you will celebrate your child's achievements with them when you read their reports.

Warm regards,
Gina & Kim

News From The Classroom

Infants 8

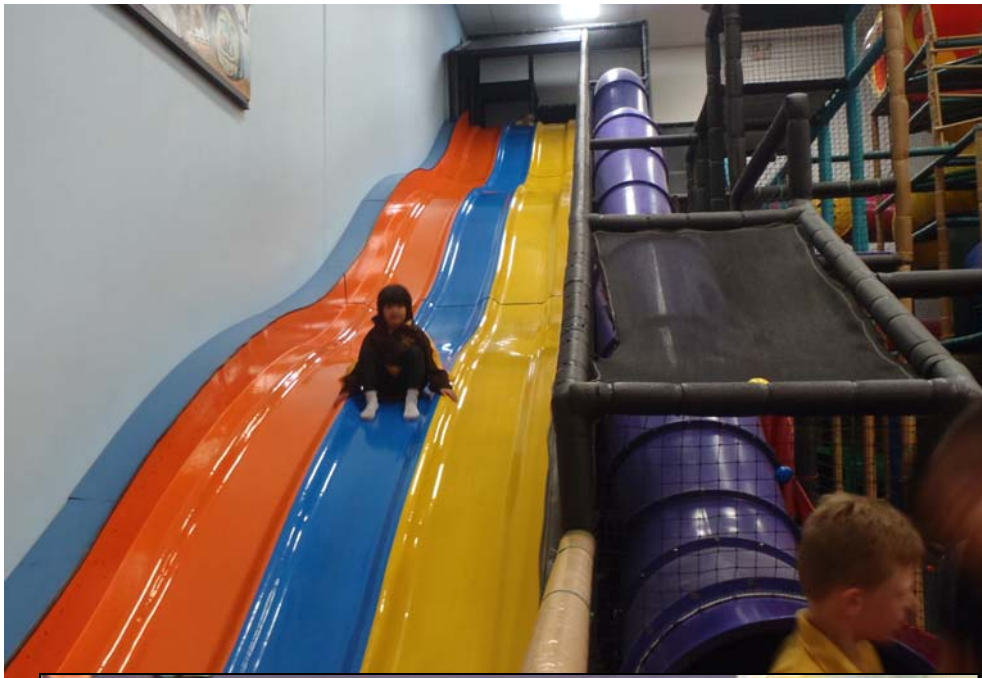
Dear Parents/Carers,

This term has been a busy one for all. Infants 8 have been learning about Indigenous Culture and have had the opportunity to see an Aboriginal Elder come to our school and play the didgeridoo. Infants 8 also attended an excursion to Tic Toks this term and had lots of fun climbing all over the equipment and going down the giant slide. We have also been practicing how to use our musical instruments, Infants 8 are very talented.

In preparation for Christmas the students have been practicing an item and painting props for the Presentation Assembly on the 11th December. It promises to be an exciting show.

Congratulations to all of our students for their progress this year and we look forward to sending home the Semester 2 School Reports for your perusal. Kerri and I would like to wish all families a safe and happy Christmas and thank you for your continued support this year.

Kind regards,
Hellen & Kerri.



LES POWELL SCHOOL COMMUNITY GROUP!



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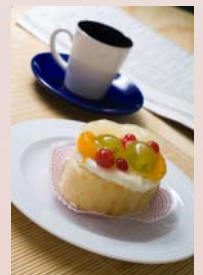
Come along and enjoy making some
unique Christmas gifts &
decorations



Now is your chance to come and have a chat with other parents and enjoy making a variety of Christmas craft presents.

All items will be supplied FREE of charge for you to take home.

Free morning tea will be provided!



When: Wednesday 5th December

Where: Les Powell School **Time:** 9.30 am to 11.30 am

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