



Les Powell School NEWSLETTER

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20th Sep 2013

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 8th Oct
Students return to school

Student Awards

Infants 6

Brian Kim
Kassem Charbah

Primary 3

Isaiah Zadro

High School 11

Laura Le
Andie Midson
Kevork Agopain

Principal's Report

Reflection and Celebration of our Achievements

Students and staff at Les Powell School have completed another extremely busy and productive term. Among many achievements I would like to point out the following.:

I would like to congratulate our students and staff on their achievements this term. Students have been focused, engaged and have built on their knowledge and skills. I am particularly pleased with the implementation of the Positive Behaviours Intervention and Support program (PBIS) where students have been learning how to Be Safe, Be Kind and Be a Learner across school/community environments. This has been a whole school comprehensive program facilitated by the welfare team. I would like to congratulate and thank the welfare team led by Andres Oyarzun (Assistant Principal and Team Leader).

We joined with the school community to celebrate students' achievements and progress. Our focus this year was to have an open day in Education Week where the parents / carers and community visited the school and witnessed first hand, students showing their skills in various learning areas. The day also included a disco, Jeans for Genes Day and the launch of our wonderful wheelchair swing (thanks to Variety Club and Crown Lifters). Parents and visitors enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to visit the classes.

Parents and carers were also invited to meet with the teachers to review students educational programs and make the necessary adjustments. Parents' group also met regularly with Lucy and Denise (our Community Liaison Officers) and special speakers to address various topics nominated by parents. We completed Annual Student Reviews ensuring all students' needs were addressed. We participated and celebrated Environment Week (planting day) and the Health & Physical Education Day where the focus was on exercise and good eating habits.

We celebrated National Recognition Week for School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) where their fantastic work was publicly acknowledged.

With community access programs and class excursions our students had the opportunity to visit various venues in the community and participated in bowling, sporting events, picnics, zoo, museum and an activity centre.

On behalf of all students I would like to sincerely thank you for your continued participation in and support of our school activities. Also school staff for their unwavering commitment for extending students' educational experiences and learning opportunities.

**I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe,
relaxing and enjoyable spring vacation.**

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Tuesday 8th OCTOBER.

Warm regards
Mr Sargon Makko
Principal

News From The Classroom

Infants 7

Infants 7 students engaged in many sensory learning experiences this term as the theme of “the Senses,” was incorporated into every Key Learning area. Students took part in a bush walk at Bobbin Head on the class excursion and some students took part in Sensory art



activities at the Museum of Contemporary Art. Other highlights included preparing and planting our garden during environment week, mixing and making pancakes, sensory art and bean bag games. Kim and I would like to wish all students and their families a safe and relaxing holiday and thank you for your support. Regards, Gina & Kim



WORLD FESTIVAL OF MUSIC Complimentary Tickets

The Lions Club of Bondi have again been kind enough to give Les Powell School complimentary admission tickets to the "World Festival of Magic". Family entertainment which is guaranteed to amuse and astound the whole family. The longest running, continually touring magic show in the world!

For more information visit: www.worldfestivalofmagic.com.au

Where: Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour

When: Saturday 9th November 2013
11:00am tickets or
1:30pm tickets or
4:00pm tickets

Please fill in the slip below and return ASAP if you would like tickets. There are only a limited number of tickets so don't miss out! Once they have been exhausted there will be no more.

Name: **Class:**

Number of Tickets:

Please circle time: 11:00am or 1:30pm or 4:00pm

Return to Vicki





Les Powell School Community Watch Newsletter

Hi everyone,


Well here we are at the end of another school term. I'm sure we all deserve a very nice 2 week rest. Thank you to the parents who have introduced themselves to me. I will be holding a meet and greet morning tea next term on Wednesday 23rd October, between 10am and 12 noon, where I am hoping to meet a lot more parents.

Keep your eyes out in the next newsletter for a reminder.

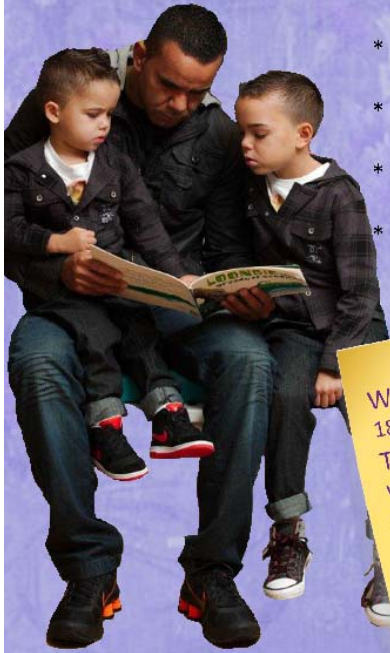

We held our My Time craft session last Wednesday where Jean showed us how to make a beautiful decorative cushion.

Next time, we will attempt a little jewellery making, so do try and come along. A reminder will be in the Newsletter, so keep and eye out for that too.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy, safe and restful holiday and look forward to meeting you next term.



PARENT GROUP



- * Share ideas about parenting
- * Gain support from other parents
- * Information from facilitators
- * Free fun play resources for your children
- * Child minding available

When: Every Friday from 18th October - 22nd November
Time: 10am - 12pm
Where: Mission Australia
88 Shropshire St, Miller 2168
Lunch provided

Contact KARI Aboriginal Resources Inc to reserve your place.
Jillian Scahill - (02) 8782 0300 jillian.scahill@kari.org.au

A special thank you to the local businesses who supported us on our planting day. Your generous donations were very much appreciated and the resulting gardens are a joy to behold.



Wheels-Towards Independence Inc
