



Les Powell School NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

Wednesday 6th Nov
Wheelies Visit

Thursday 14th Nov
Netball Day at Lidcombe

Friday 22nd Nov
2014 Enrolment & Orientation

Thursday 5th Dec
Presentation Assembly

Friday 13th Dec
Primary Excursion

Monday 16th Dec
Reports to be sent home

Wednesday 18th Dec
Last Day of Term

Student Awards

Infants 6

Coby Rogers -Silver
Sandy Lam

Infants 8

Angela Ho

Primary 3

Athra Alasadi
Isaiah Zadro - Silver

Primary 9

John Monteleone - Silver

High School 11

Kevork Agopian
Laura Le
Glen Fraser

Principal's Report

Celebrating International Teacher's Day

At Les Powell School we acknowledge and celebrate all school staff special days. Last term we celebrated School Administration and Support Staff recognition week and this week we recognised the International Teachers' Day.

During the week all teachers successfully completed their assessment review schedule and INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS' DAY gave us the opportunity to acknowledge teachers dedication, skills and passion and many other valuable things teachers are achieving in our public schools. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank our dedicated staff for all the work they do every day.

"Wheels" our Charity Organisation and Major Sponsor

As many of you would be aware "Wheels" Towards Independence is our school's charity organisation and provides financial support to our school by sponsoring minor/major projects. In the last few weeks wheels has donated to the school an important lifesaving machine: Defibrillator and Leaf Vacuum. Wheels has also committed large amount of money towards sun shade covers which we are hopeful to be installed in the next few weeks. "Wheels" also provides an important service to our students by providing transport at either low cost or no cost at all. Your support of "Wheels" is a support for our students and is greatly appreciated.

Protecting Our Students

With the summer season fast approaching, flies and other summer insects are of major concern during recess and lunch breaks especially for students with high support needs. I am asking parents and carers to send in the most appropriate insect repellent for their student. Can you please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on the repellent. Please be advised that school staff will only administer the insect repellent sent by parents. This will help to avoid risk of allergy and skin irritation.

New Funding Model for Schools

As you would have heard through the media that some aspects of school funding are changing. Through Learning Management Business Reform (LMBR) and through Local Schools Local Decisions the department is using a new model of funding. In 2014 a new model, Resource Allocating Model (RAM), will be used in the area of equity funding which is part of the Low Socio- Economic status and priority school program funding. This new model funds students with the highest need at a higher rate per student. The funding is based on family occupation and Education Index (FOEI). The implication to our school is that initially our funds will be marginally decreased in some areas but overall our school will benefit from this model in the future.

Mr Sargon Makko
Principal

News From The Classroom

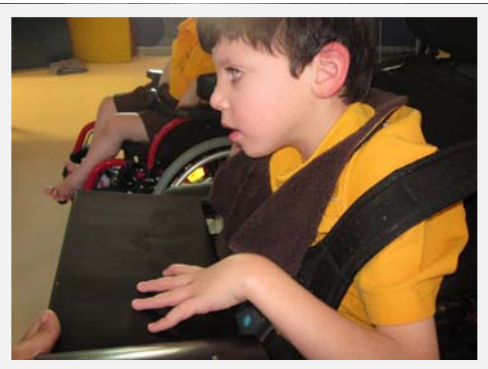
Primary 3

We would like to express our gratitude to the parents and members of the school community who sent their prayers and condolences to the family of our beautiful Khadijeh. Her family wishes to send their heartfelt thanks to everyone.

We continue to enjoy the sensory learning library and numeracy resources. Having fun while working hard and learning is the best part of school! We are also looking forward to spending our after-school sports activity at the sensory learning library this term. And lastly, we started rehearsing for our Christmas item presentation. It will be an exciting surprise!

Warm regards,

Primary 3



Exploring 'The Black Book of Colours', a new book for the vision impaired students.



Darren having so much fun with the special needs swing.



Artist at work.



Crystal rolling the giant soft dice.

Primary 9 and 10



This term primary 9 and 10 are taking part in an exciting new 'Active After School Sport Program' that combines exercise and community access. Students have been enjoying walking to selected locations in our local community and learning about road safety, identifying signs, road markings, their meaning and safe places to cross.

We are extremely proud of the conduct of our students during the program!

Regards,

Andres, Ida, Raquel and Mariana



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
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 4:00pm

Return to Vicki





Les Powell School Community Watch Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

It was lovely to meet so many parents at our morning tea last week. I hope those who attended found it both enjoyable and useful. As a result of a small survey, I noticed that a lot of people are interested in Respite and Vacation Care services. I am looking at getting some of the local service providers to come to the school and talk to you about what services are out there for you and your family.

Also at the morning tea, some parents expressed an interest in fundraising for the school. If you are interested and would like to assist, please fill out the attached form with your details and we can put a group together and make a start.

We are also happy to announce that Bunnings Warehouse have kindly donated their services to build a sensory garden for our students and to conduct a series of sustainability workshops which will be aimed at teaching the high school students how to care for and maintain the garden.

A huge thank you to Bunnings Hoxton Park.

DIARY DATES:

- NOV 6: Wednesday Wheelie Warriors
- NOV 7: School Assembly
- NOV 13: My Time Craft
- NOV 14: Netball Day—Lidcombe



IS YOUR CHILD TURNING 16?

If your child is/has just turned 16 or is about to turn 16 then it is time for you to apply for the DISABILITY SUPPORT PENSION through Centrelink (Dept. of Human Services).

The DSP is financial support given to the person who has a physical or intellectual disability and is unable to work. The Carer will also be entitled to continue claiming the Carer Allowance, but you will also need to re-apply for this allowance. Failure to apply could result in your current payments being stopped.

Please go to the Dept. Of Human Resources

Website: <http://www.humanservices.gov.au>

for information you need to know on how to claim the DSP or call **132 717** for any additional information and entitlements.

Reminder:

Thank you to those of you who have returned the completed Companion Card Application forms. There are still quite a few that have not as yet been returned. If you have any trouble completing this form or require assistance please give me a call and I will be happy to help you. I would like to get them all issued before the Christmas break so that you will have the opportunity to use them over the holidays. Companion Card have kindly offered to come to the school to approve the applications on the spot, so please return your completed forms ASAP.



TOASTIES FOR KIDS

Here are some tasty and creative toastie ideas to get you inspired.

Toasted sandwiches are always a winner. Simple, quick, and delicious, they're perfect after school snacks or an easy Sunday night dinner for kids. Best of all, there are so many creative and delicious fillings to choose from - way beyond ham and cheese!



Chicken, pesto and mozzarella toastie

Butter the outsides of two slices of Wonder White bread and thinly spread basil pesto on the insides. Fill the sandwich with either leftover roast chicken or smoked chicken breast, baby spinach leaves and grated mozzarella cheese. Place in a sandwich press and cook for 4 to 5 minutes or until golden.

Tuna, avocado and cheese toastie

Spread mashed avocado on one piece of brown bread, top with canned tuna and thin slices of swiss cheese. Press sandwich together and spray outsides of bread with olive oil or spread with butter. Place in a sandwich press and cook for around 5 minutes or until golden.

Leftover toasties

Leftover bolognese, tuna bake, or baked beans taste delicious in toasted sandwiches! Butter the outsides of two slices of bread, fill with leftovers and sliced or grated cheddar cheese and place in a jaffle maker. Cook for around 5 minutes or until golden.

Choc banana toasties

Butter the outsides of two slices of raisin bread and spread Nutella on the insides. Place one slice of bread in the jaffle maker, top with sliced banana, and place the second slice on top. Cook for around two minutes or until golden. Leave to cool for 2 minutes before serving.

Mashed chickpea and red pepper toastie

Roughly mash a can of chickpeas, juice from one lemon, a lug of olive oil, and salt and pepper in a bowl. Spread a generous amount of chickpea mixture on a slice of brown bread. Top with grilled red pepper and crumbled fetta cheese. Spray the outsides of the sandwich with olive oil spray and place in a sandwich press. Cook for around 5 minutes or until golden.

FUNDRAISING REGISTER

I am interested in helping with fundraising activities at Les Powell.

NAME:

PHONE NO:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

CHILD'S NAME CLASS