



Les Powell School NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

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

Principal's Report

Remembrance Day Commemorative Ceremony

Despite the wet weather it was with great honour that Les Powell School conducted Remembrance Day Commemorative Ceremony on Monday. Reports in the media suggested that so many major organisations failed to honour this day because of the weather. We, at Les Powell School made alternative arrangements with students staying in their classes to commemorate the day and pay our respect. Students were very attentive and showed a great deal of interest in this Remembrance Day. All students are to be congratulated on their outstanding behaviour and contributions.

School Leavers in 2013

This year we have 2 outstanding students leaving school. Congratulations to Chelsea Carroll and Cuong Nguyen who are graduating and have secured a post school position in various organisations.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our graduating students on their achievements and wish them and their families a happy and successful future.

Les Powell Students participate in Netball Gala Day

A combined team from our High School classes represented our school in the Netball Gala Day organised by Netball NSW for special schools which was held at Netball headquarters at Lidcombe on Thursday. It was a great experience for our students who joined another 10 other schools. CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE! Many thanks to school staff who ensured that our students and school are represented at such valuable events.



Thank You to Our Sponsors

I am very pleased to inform the school community that **Cabramatta Golf Club Ladies Associates** generously donated \$3000 to our school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Cabramatta Golf Club Ladies Associates as well as the following organisations for their generous donations to Les Powell School.

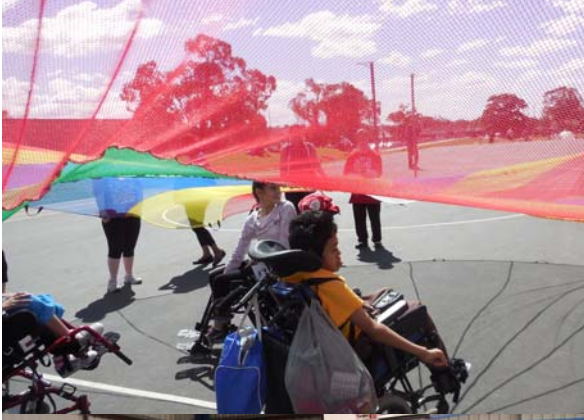
- ~ Wheels Towards Independence
- ~ Fairfield Golf Club Ladies Club
- ~ Inner Wheel of Smithfield
- ~ Cabramatta Golf Club Ladies Associates
- ~ Canley Heights Community Group
- ~ Cabra-vale Diggers Club
- ~ St Johns Park Bowling Club
- ~ Bunnings Warehouse Bonnyrigg
- ~ Bonnyrigg Garden Centre
- ~ Mount Pritchard Community Club

These kind gestures are very much appreciated by all and has helped our school to purchase extra resources to support students' learning.

Mr Sargon Makko
Principal

News From The Classroom

Dear parents and carers,
High School 1 and 2 had a fantastic time at the Get Active Macarthur Day! We enjoyed playing lots of games including basketball, table cricket and parachute games! A big thank you to all our helpers! We really appreciated having you all there!
Thanks, Louise, Audrey, Jennifer and Ranjana.



From the Office

REMINDER OF INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SCHOOLS IF THERE ARE CHANGES

Student Medical Information

Health care functionality has been improved to support schools to manage the health care needs of students through enhanced records management.

The health, safety and wellbeing of the students is of paramount importance. For students, part of feeling safe and secure at school is knowing that their health needs are recognised and catered for as part of the school's overall provision for their wellbeing.

If at anytime your child's health care changes you are required to advise Les Powell School immediately.

Family Law Matters

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that some families will be subject to family breakdown. In the absence of any notification to the contrary, it will be assumed that both parents retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and have been involved in making any decisions regarding their children's education. This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, you are required to advise the school immediately. This includes providing copies of any court orders that may be obtained.

In the absence of any notification to the contrary (such as a court order), it will be assumed that both parents retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children.

Change of Address

Please advise the school at your earliest convenience if you will be changing your home address. The main impact is if you require Transport, they need a minimum 1 weeks notice of your change of pick up address.

Change of Phone Number

If your home phone or mobile numbers change, we require you to advise us immediately. This is also relevant to Emergency Contacts which are listed for your child.

Have a great weekend!!

Robyn and Vicki



Les Powell School Community Watch Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

Well, it's certainly getting busy as we get closer to Christmas.

We had a lovely morning this week with Jean doing My Time Craft. This week we made 2014 calendars. It was nice having a cuppa and a catch up. This week we discussed the DSP and your rights as a Carer under the NSW Trustee & Guardianship regulations.

The next My Time Craft day will be Wednesday December 4th at 10:00 am. Jean and I would love to see you for an informal chat and a catch up. It's a great way to

keep up to date on what's out there for you and your family. Keep an eye out for the flyer.



DIARY DATES:

- NOV 21: Year 12 Graduation
- DEC 4: Choir performing at Campbelltown
- DEC 4: My Time Craft
- DEC 5: Presentation Assembly

COMMONWEALTH RESPITE AND CARELINK CENTRES



The Australian Government has established a network of Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres around Australia. Centres provide a link to and information about a wide range of community, aged care and support services available locally or across Australia, including services for older people, people with a disability, and those who provide care and services. Centres can also assist carers with options to take a break through short-term and emergency respite services, based on assessed need, and provide advice on and coordinate access to respite services in a carer's local area.

The location details for all Centres can be found at the Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre website www.commcarelink.health.gov.au.

You can contact your nearest Centre on Freecall™ **1800 052 222*** during business hours or, for emergency respite support outside standard business hours on Freecall™ **1800 059 059***. (*Calls from mobile phones are charged at applicable rates.)



Reminder:

Thank you to those of you who have returned the completed Companion Card Application forms. Companion Card personnel visited the school today to sign off on all the applications that have been received to date. They will be processing them over the next couple of weeks and those of you who have returned your application forms will receive your card in the mail before the Christmas break. 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.

