



Les Powell School NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

Tuesday 11th November
High School 1 & 2
Excursion

Friday 14th November
Junior Excursion -
Outdoor EDU

**Thursday 20th
November**
Year 12 Graduation at
St Johns

Friday 21st November
Orientation and Enrolment

Friday 28th November
Santa Fun Run

Monday 1st December
Class 8G Excursion

Wednesday 3rd December
Children's Xmas Party

Friday 5th December
Presentation Assembly

Friday 12th December
Primary Excursion

Student Awards

Class 8G

Jerhome Escubio
Andie Midson

Class 10J

Sonia Lam

Class 11C

Andrew Shaker
Said Hejazi

Class 12J

David Hilton
Matthew Genca

Principal's Report

Senior Students Participate in Tertiary TAFE course

Congratulations are in order to our 9 senior and middle school students who are currently participating in an introduction to Basic Café Skills course at Campbelltown TAFE every Thursday.

This course provides our students with an opportunity to experience hands-on introduction to the hospitality industry and to basic café skills. The students will also have the opportunity to learn some basic food preparation in a commercial kitchen environment, including hygienic practices for food safety and hospitality service, food preparation and customer service. This important tertiary course certainly compliments the living skills and canteen programs conducted at school by our senior students. I would like to thank Gina Wheeler (Class 8G Teacher) for setting up the course, which is supported by Fred Pjanic (class 7F Teacher), Kim Wilkinson and Eda Passarello (class 7 and 8 support staff). I would also like to acknowledge the support of and thank Mounties Group of Clubs for sponsoring this program. I am looking forward to the last week of the course where I, along with the parents will attend Campbelltown TAFE to see the students graduate and to be served morning tea by the students.

Valuable Community and Information Event on Guardianship

Thank you to all parents and community members who attended Wednesday's Community and Information meeting at Les Powell School on Guardianship. Parents from two other schools in the area also attended this meeting. The presentation was delivered by a representative from the Department of Justice – Public Guardian which gave the audience some directions and guidelines. I would like to thank our Community Liaison Officer Denise Bugeja who organised this important information event. Denise has been extremely active in working with the parents and the community for organising guest speakers and activities, addressing parents and community needs. Denise will again advertise all future events and I urge you to attend.

Invitation to Participate in School Planning for 2015 to 2017

As part of the consultation process in school planning and school improvement for 2015 to 2017, I will be seeking your feedback and comments to establish a school plan with input and contribution from all stakeholders (school, parents and the community). The process will involve a meeting/forum at school and surveys. Your valued commitment and anticipated participation in the planning process will lead to a "Shared Vision" process which will further assist our school and the teachers in future planning and programming to improve students' learning.

Congratulations to Les Powell Staff for Completing their Review Schedules

I am very proud to inform the school community that all staff at Les Powell School successfully completed their annual review schedule which is part of the DEC accountability process. In completing this appraisal process, I would like to acknowledge the excellent work done at Les Powell School and congratulate all staff on their dedication, resilience and professionalism.

World Teachers' Day

Today, Friday 31st October is World Teachers' Day which is an important day internationally to acknowledge the skills and efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex society. It is quite fitting that I congratulate and acknowledge the skills of Les Powell School staff in completing their reviews on this special day. I would like to leave you with tributes from Dr Michele Bruniges AM-Secretary Department of Education and Communities.

"I want to thank and pay tribute to the thousands of amazing teachers in our public education system – and the legions of staff supporting them in their work. I extend my respect and appreciation to you on World Teachers' Day."

Warm regards

Dr Michele Bruniges AM

Mr Sargon Makko

Principal

Class 7F

Class 7F have had a very busy start to term 4. Students have enjoyed looking after our vegetable garden by watering and keeping the weeds away. Soon we will have more work to do and will plant some summer vegetables.

We recently celebrated birthdays for Christian and Brandan. Our buddy class 8G were invited to join in the celebrations and all students had a enjoyable time at our party. A very happy birthday to Christian and Brandan.

Our class have also enjoyed outings to Plough and Harrow Park. We all go on long walks and afterwards use the equipment at the park. Paul, Christian and Nathan have tried using the flying fox and have enjoyed it. Afterwards we had a barbecue lunch with all students helping to cook and improve their cooking skills.

Regards from Fred and Eda



News From The Classroom

8G

Term 4 is off to a great start with our programs continuing in work experience, community access and swimming. The students have also been excited to participate in a TAFE program for hospitality and cooking. Thank you to the Mounties Club for the grant which has made this program possible. The students glowed with pride when they were given their TAFE cards and they dressed in their chef's coats. They are very engaged in the TAFE learning environment and keen to learn new skills. We also visited a café during community access to experience the way in which food is ordered and served to customers.



The class look forward to our swimming sessions at Sydney Olympic Park, as part of the Premier's Sporting Challenge and they are improving their co-ordination and fitness with lap training. Warm regards, Gina & Kim



Les Powell School Community Watch Newsletter

Hello everyone.

This week we had our parent Workshop hosted by the Public Guardian which was very well attended. Anna, our presenter gave us some very valuable information on YOUR rights as a carer of a child with a disability when your child turns 16 and is "in the eyes of the law" deemed competent to make their own decisions. The workshop touched on "What is a Guardian, Who Can Be a Guardian, What is the Role of the Guardian" and most importantly "The Person Responsible". If you have any complaints about the way you have been treated, see page 2 of this Newsletter for useful contacts. Lots of information booklets were handed out and I have requested that more be sent to the school, so if you would like any information on this workshop, please feel free to contact me for assistance.

Some important telephone numbers to remember are:

The Private Guardian Support Unit 02 8688 6060

Toll Free (country callers) 1800 451 510

Email: informationsupport@opg.nsw.gov.au

Website: www.publicguardian.lawlink.nsw.gov.au

You can also download a factsheet "Information Person Responsible" from the Guardianship Tribunal website www.gt.nsw.gov.au

Mosaic classes are going very well and we will soon have some beautiful and colourful artwork to entertain and stimulate the children. This week we having been gluing and grouting, so we are almost there. Everyone is having such a relaxing time and enjoying themselves. See photos attached to this Newsletter. Well done ladies!!!! A big thank you to our Mosaic Artist, Natalie Valiente.

Kitchen Kapers will be returning on 19th November with Lee Luc showing us how to make those absolutely delicious Rice Paper Rolls Yummy!!! Keep an eye out for the flyer in the next couple of weeks.

My Time Craft will be back on Wednesday 26th November. A few people have been asking about that and I am pleased to say welcome back to Jean and look forward to making some interesting items as well as having a cuppa and a giggle.

Les Powell Walk of Fame: A reminder that order forms for a personalised paver will be placed in the last week of November. The order form can be downloaded directly from the school's website. Hurry so you don't miss this unique opportunity.

Uniform Orders: A lot of people have been asking what is happening with their uniform orders. Please be advised that I am trying my hardest to hurry the orders along and as soon as they arrive, I will contact you re payment or delivery.

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DIARY DATES

Mosaic Classes at School:
Thursday 30th October

Parent Workshop:
Technical Aides for Disabled
Thursday 13th November

Kitchen Kapers:
Wednesday 19th November

Year 12 Graduation:
Thursday 20th November

My Time Craft:
Wednesday 26th
November



What Do I Do If I Have A Complaint?

If you have a complaint about a medical or dental practitioner, you can call the Health Care Complaints Commission on 9219 74444 or 1800 043 159. Other Contacts include

The Guardianship Tribunal:
02 9556 7600

Email: gt@gt.nsw.gov.au

Website: www.gt.nsw.gov.au

NSW Public Guardian:

02 8688 6070

Email: informationsupport@opg.nsw.gov.au

Website: www.publicguardian.lawlink.nsw.gov.au

Disability Discrimination Legal Centre (Inc)
02 8014 7000

Email: info@ddlcnsw.org.au

Website: www.ddlcnsw.org.au

There is also a very useful booklet put out by the Attorney General's Dept entitled "Capacity Toolkit" This toolkit is for YOU if you have concerns about the ability of your young adult child or an older adult to make decisions for themselves.



A beautiful flower just for you to say... Take care and keep smiling!

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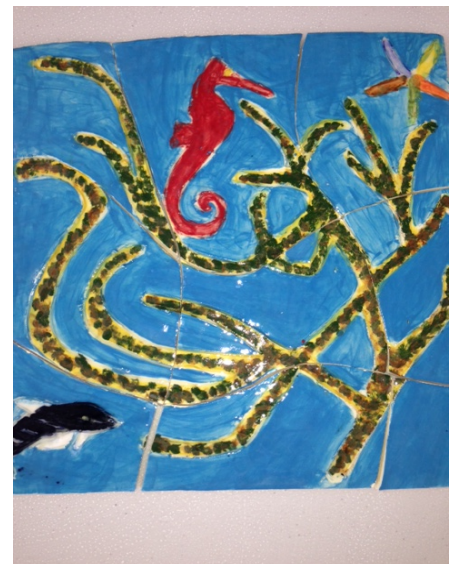
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CONGRAGULATIONS LADIES—AREN'T THEY BEAUTIFUL!!
THE CHILDREN ARE GOING TO LOVE THESE



INFORMATION DAY

For people with a disability and their carers

Time: 10am — 2.30pm

Date: Thursday, 13 November 2014

Where: Cabra Vale Diggers Club, Bartley Street, Cabra Vale

Do you need more information or are confused about changes to disability services?

- Individualised packages and funding?
- Self-directed care?
- How the National Disability Insurance Scheme will work for you?

Do you want the opportunity to discuss related topics such as:

- Where to from here?
- What else do I need to know?

Then this information day is for you! Come along to be informed and take the opportunity to participate in a discussion about these issues. Also, find out how others have use these changes to improve their quality of life and that of their carers.

Brought to you by Fairfield City Council and NSW Department of Human Services, Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

With support from: SWS Community Planning Committee and Disability South West


FairfieldCity
Celebrating diversity

FREE EVENT,
lunch and
morning tea.

Limited places.
**Bookings
essential.**

For bookings and enquiries contact Rita Harden at
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