



Les Powell School NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

**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

Principal's Report

We Remembered Them

It was with great honour that Les Powell School students and staff 'remembered' as we proudly conducted a Remembrance Day Commemorative Ceremony on Tuesday. Students were very attentive and showed a great deal of interest in the event. All students are to be congratulated on their outstanding behaviour and contribution as they laid the wreath and flowers in memory of all those who had sacrificed their lives for us and for our freedom. It is important that our students participate and experience such an important event. *Lest we forget.*

New Tracking Hoist for the Pool

I am very pleased to inform the school community that we have a new tracking hoist in the pool. The hoist will assist both staff and students but especially students with high support needs with their transfer from the change table / chair to the pool and vice versa. Many thanks to Denise (Community Liaison Officer) for securing a grant from John Edmondson Memorial (VC) Club and to Wheels (our charity organisation) for subsidising the balance. The total cost of the project was \$20,000.

Get Well Soon

Our best wishes and speedy recovery to one of our colleagues Vijay Chetty who is recovering in Campbelltown Private Hospital following a surgery.

Positive Report from Our Education Director.

Mr Patrick Mahony - Director Public Schools NSW, Liverpool network visited our school last Friday as part of the school review. Mr Mahony discussed many topics including our many achievements this year, School Plan for 2015 to 2017, and the new model of funding. Mr Mahony then acknowledged the excellent work done at Les Powell School and congratulated

- ◆ Our students on their engagement and achievements.
- ◆ Staff on their dedication, resilience and professionalism.
- ◆ The school community (Parents, Carers, and Helpers) for their participation in students' learning and their continued support of the school.
- ◆ The cafe crew who provided him with a delicious morning team.
- ◆ The school on the improvement of the physical environment (sensory library and tracking hoist for the pool).

As a principal, I am very proud of our continued commitment and achievements. I would also like to acknowledge the great work done by school staff and the community. Thank you and congratulations.

Principal's Report *continued*

Graduating Students of 2014.

I am very proud to announce that in 2014, nine (9) popular students will be graduating from Les Powell School and entering into post School Option programs. Congratulations to Miss Zoe McFarlane, Miss Rayan Nachar, Miss Serpil Cakmak, Mr Jonathan Sada, Mr John Tran, Mr Ben Mila, Mr Shom Huque, Mr Nathan and Mr Tyson Levi. This important milestone will be celebrated with family and friends next Thursday 20th with a graduation ceremony at St Johns Bowling Club starting at 6.30 PM.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our 2014 Graduates on their achievements and wish them and their families a happy and successful future.

Mr Sargon Makko
Principal



Les Powell School are participating in the Santa Fun Run on Friday 28th November 2014.

An obstacle course will be set up around the whole school and students will be walking with their class.

Notes will be sent home soon with information on what to wear and to purchase a Santa Suit.

News From The Classroom

Class 9A and 10J

We are proud to announce that, classes 9A and 10J have received a “Community Award” from our local state MP. This award is for our “Road Safety and Walking Program” in the community.

We are already in the festive season and students are busy preparing props for their end of the year assembly item. They are also making Christmas decorations for class displays.

We would like to congratulate our students for achieving their goals for 2014. You will be able to view their work in semester 2 reports.

Finally we would like to thank parents and carers for their consistent support during the year. We wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas.

Regards

Andres, Ida, Raquel and Jyoutsna.





Les Powell School Community Watch Newsletter

Hello everyone.

You may recall our parent workshop held by the Public Guardian last week. I am pleased to advise that I have now received extra booklets, pamphlets and flyers which we ran out of. If you would like any of the information given at the workshop, please contact me and I will only be too happy to give you that information.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS



I would like to remind parents that the parent workshops that are provided are for YOUR BENEFIT and contain valuable information that will help take the stress out of caring for a child with a disability. We also talk a lot about Respite Services for our children, BUT WHAT ABOUT RESPITE FOR YOU. Just remember, that if you don't have a break and refresh and revitalise, you will burn out! So, what about respite for you? Please see the diary dates for Kitchen Kapers and My Time Craft. These are not just coffee and giggles. Yes, we have a laugh Laughter is the best medicine. Yes, we enjoy each others company but most importantly, we are engaging with other parents, exchanging information and ideas and learning something new while we are doing that. A great example of that was our Mosaic Group. We had a nice mix of parents, chatting, laughing and learning something new but most importantly they had a break from their hectic and stressful lives. Our Mosaic classes are now finished and our stimulating artwork will be displayed in the top playground near the wheelchair swing.

NEW INITIATIVE



From our Mosaic Group, a parent group has emerged . We are calling for parents to donate old gum boots, work boots and gardening gloves to be decorated by our parent group and to be used to make a hanging garden in the top playground. Bonnyrigg Garden Centre have generously agreed to donate some laser-cut screens, which the parent group will paint in bright colours and fix to the fence panels to help stimulate the children and brighten up their play area. If you wish to be part of our parent group activities, you are most welcome to come along and join us. Toddlers welcome. Please contact me any time for any further information and keep an eye on the Diary Dates for future activities.

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DIARY DATES

Kitchen Kapers:
Wednesday 19th November

Year 12 Graduation:
Thursday 20th November

My Time Craft:
Wednesday 26th
November



UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Orders: Some uniform orders have come in over the last week and they have been dispatched. However, some items of winter stock have been placed on back-order as the suppliers are extremely busy making summer uniforms for orientation at various other schools.

AUSTISM KIDS COMMUNICATE: 2014/2015 IPAD APPLICATIONS

The Autism Community Network is proud to present an opportunity for families in the Sydney Metropolitan area raising children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (age 7 years and under) and severe communication difficulties to be the recipients of an iPad, sturdy cover and *Proloquo2Go* software to facilitate communication for their child.

This offer is possible thanks to the generous support from Lions Club of Lugarno and with support from Lions International.

For full details and to apply, please see our website

Closing date for applications is 30th November, 2014.

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LES POWELL WALK OF FAME

Please remember that orders for signature pavers close at the end of this month. If you haven't already done so, please complete your order form and send it into school with your \$25.00 payment. The pavers will be placed in the new sensory garden area currently being designed. Please also remember that Les Powell School turns 30 next year, so it's a great anniversary idea.



Liverpool, Fairfield and Bankstown Disability Expo 2014

SAVE THE DATE!

Date: Friday
28 November 2014

Time: 10am to 2pm

Venue: Whitlam Centre,
Liverpool

*Proudly brought to you by Liverpool
City Council, Fairfield City Council,
and Bankstown City Council*

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Information stalls
including a Q & A stall by
ambassadors and advocates
- Free BBQ
- Fun activities
- Guest speakers
- Entertainment
- Disco

“Why not come along?
Why not have a stall?
Bring your clients to this
fun event!”



For more information contact Rita on 9821 7793 or email r.harden@liverpool.nsw.gov.au



WHAT A GREAT JOB LADIES—THE CHILDREN WILL LOVE THEM



HERE ARE EXAMPLES OF OUR HANGING GARDEN PROJECT IDEAS—WE'D LOVE YOU TO JOIN IN AND HELP US