



Les Powell School NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

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

Wednesday 17th December
Last day of term for students

Student Awards

Class 8G

Glen Fraser
Laura Le
Jerhome Escubio

Class 10J

My An Ho
Damian Pham
Lisa Le-Nguyen
Lynn Nguyen
Mina Hurmez
Marijann Kapitanovic
Sonia Lam

Principal's Report

Invitation to Participate in School Planning for 2015 to 2017

A few weeks ago I mentioned in the newsletter that 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 at school and through surveys. Surveys will be sent home with your child for your valued input in the next few weeks as well as information regarding meetings for those who can attend. 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.

Celebration Assembly and School Student Performance

Our end of year annual celebration assembly will be held next Friday 5th Dec 2014 starting at 10.30. At this assembly students achievements will be recognised and each grade will present a performance item.

The event will be held at Mount Pritchard East Public School hall "our neighbouring school". A special thanks to Mt Pritchard East School Relieving Principals Mrs Kerrie Foord and Ms Rebecca Urry for accommodating our school.

International Day of People with Disability

International Day of People with Disability is celebrated worldwide each year. The day is to recognise the diversity and ability of people with disabilities. At Les Powell, we recognise students' STRENGTH and focus on their ABILITIES and ACHIEVEMENTS. To celebrate this important event we are participating in the following events.

~ Today, Friday, our school took part in a SANTA fun run which raised funds for the Variety Club. I thank you for your donation as Variety Club is a fantastic organisation and has always supported our school including the Wheel Chair Swing and purchases of school buses.

~Next Tuesday 2nd December, our school choir will perform at Miller Pathways Centre on Woodward Crescent, Miller at 10.00 am.

Orientation and Enrolment Day

Nine (9) new students enrolled at Les Powell School on Monday as part of the Orientation and Enrolment Day to start in 2015. With the 9 new students, our school is now full with 12 classes for 2015. A warm welcome to all our new students and their families.

End of Year School Reports

End of year school reports will be sent home in the last two weeks of this term. You will find the reports to be very comprehensive and important documents which provide you with relevant information about your child's progress and achievements. I urge you to take time and read the reports with your family and celebrate your child's achievements in 2014.

Principal's Report *cont.....*

Thank You to our Sponsors

On behalf of the school community I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following organisations for their generous donations to Les Powell School.

- ~ Mount Pritchard Community Club
- ~ Fairfield Golf Club
- ~ Rotary Club of Cabramatta.
- ~ Inner Wheel of Smithfield
- ~ Cabramatta Golf Club (Ladies Associates)
- ~ John Edmondson Memorial Club.
- ~ Fairfield City Council.
- ~ Liverpool City Council.
- ~ Canley Heights Community Group
- ~ Cabra-Vale Diggers Club
- ~ Cabra-Vale Ladies Axillary
- ~ Cabra-Vale Women's Bowling Club.
- ~ St Johns Park Bowling Club
- ~ Variety Club
- ~ Bunnings
- ~ Bonnyrigg Garden Centre

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

Year 12 Graduation

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the graduates of 2014. This year we have nine (9) outstanding young people graduating who have secured post school positions in various organisations. The graduates of 2014 are 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. We celebrated this important occasion with a Graduation Ceremony which was held at St Johns Bowling Club last Thursday 20th November 14. The proud graduates were joined by their families and 80 guests and had a wonderful time. I would like to acknowledge the work of all staff (both past and present) for their contribution in making a difference in students' lives. I would also like to thank all staff associated with the organisation of the graduation in particular Mrs Louise Melville, Mrs Audrey Jowsey, Mrs Gina Wheeler, Mrs Kim Wilkinson, Mr Fred Pajanic, Mrs Eda Passarello, Mrs Denise Bugeja, Mrs Vicki Landsberry, Mrs Maria Lavorato, Mr Michael Jaftha as MC and special thanks to Jennifer Zahra in preparing the DVD's.

I would also like to acknowledge the fantastic work of all the parents and the families and congratulate you on your effort, dedication and your partnership with the school.

THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS SO PROUD OF THEM.

Mr Sargon Makko
Principal



Canteen News

The school canteen has been a huge success and many thanks to the parents who continued to support the program despite the change of day to Wednesday this term. Although our orders were down, we were able to trial salad rolls for the staff and this was also a huge success. Due to the number of children on excursion next week we have finished the canteen program for the year. However, we are open to suggestions for the canteen next year and will return with a new menu.



TAFE Cooking and Hospitality Program

Congratulations to the TAFE students who showcased their hospitality talents at a luncheon at TAFE for their parents and staff on Thursday. They were also presented with a certificate. The program has been a huge success by increasing our senior students skills in cooking and hospitality, and a huge boost to their confidence and independence in these areas. We wish to sincerely thank the Mounties group of Clubs for the grant which has made this opportunity possible. We also thank them for the donation of the fridge and the caterer's uniforms which will assist us to set up a sustainable cooking and hospitality program for the senior students in the school next year.

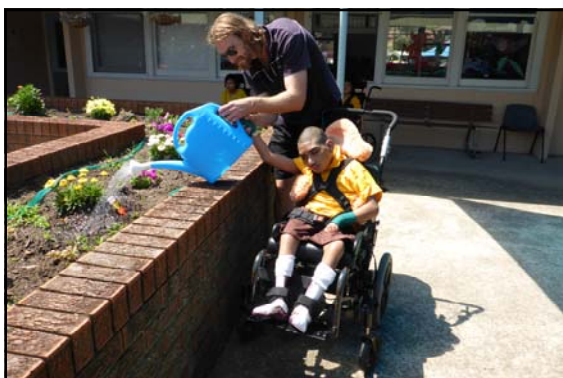
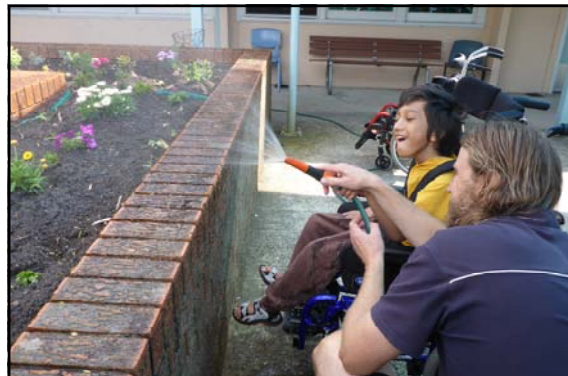
Warm Regards,
Gina & Kim (Canteen Committee)



3D

Term Four has been a busy and productive term for 3D. We have been busy establishing a flower garden outside our classroom and in the process have brought some extra colour to the top playground area. Our new whiteboard that we recently received, has also brought some extra colour to our lessons in the classroom. Like the other primary classes, we have also been making props and preparing for our Christmas Assembly item which we look forward to presenting next week. We also have the Variety Club Children's party and the Primary excursion to Western Sydney Regional Park in the next two weeks.

David and Ranjana



News From The Classroom

Junior 5&6 M

As the weather has improved our classes have been having their Sensory Library lesson outdoors to make the most of the pleasant weather. Here are some photos of the students participating in a variety of sensory based activities. Michael, Darlene, Kim and Mariana





Les Powell School Community Watch Newsletter

Hello everyone.

We are almost at the end of another year. Last week 9 of our Year 12 students graduated with a formal held at St. Johns Park Bowling Club. A huge thank you to Fairfield City Council for subsidising the purchase of Apple Ipad Touches, Ipad Covers and iTunes vouchers to help our students on their way. I must say all students looked so grown up. Congratulations must also go to the parents for raising such wonderful children.

HANGING GARDEN PROJECT

Last time, you may recall me asking for donations of old gumboots, gardening gloves or old boots. Thank you to those parents who have donated, however, we still require more to be able to finish our hanging garden. Thank you to Bonnyrigg Garden Centre for donating the screen panels and Bunnings at Bonnyrigg who helped us out with the paint, rollers and odds and ends. We are having lots of fun painting and decorating. If you would like to help out with donating plants suitable for a hanging pot please let me know. We could also use help with planting the hanging garden.



LES POWELL WALK OF FAME

Thank you to the parents that have already submitted their paver orders. Please remember that orders for signature pavers close at the end of next week. This is a **ONE TIME ONLY OFFER**. If you want to be part of Les Powell's history and 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 turns 30 next year, so it's a great anniversary idea. Attached to this newsletter is the Order Form for completion and return.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Orders: A reminder that orders of winter stock have been placed on back-order as the suppliers are extremely busy making summer uniforms for orientation at various other schools. If you wish to order new uniforms for next year, please place your order by the end of next week as I will be placing an order for new enrolments at that time. Order forms can be found on our website under Students/Uniform Catalogue

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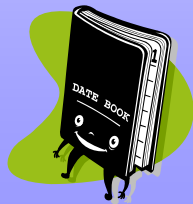


DIARY DATES

Friday 28th November:
Santa Fun Run/Disability Awareness
Day—Morning Tea

Tuesday 2nd December:
Signing Choir performance at Miller

Friday 5th December:
End of Year Assembly
10am-12pm in the Hall at Mt.
Pritchard East
Public School



MY TIME CRAFT

This week we saw a return of My Time Craft. Jean, as always, came up with some amazing Xmas decorations to make. See the photos below. Thank you Jean for another amazing craft day. We had lots of fun.



BETTER START FOR CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY INITIATIVE

The Better Start for Children with Disability (Better Start) initiative includes:

- up to \$12,000 in funding for early intervention services and treatments for eligible children
 - additional assistance for eligible children who live in outer-regional, rural or remote locations to help with the costs of accessing services
 - a Medicare rebate for the development of a treatment and management plan for eligible children up to the age of 13
 - Medicare rebates for up to four allied health diagnostic/assessment services for eligible children under the age of 13, the results of which contribute to the development of the treatment and management plan, and Medicare rebates for up to 20 relevant allied health services in total for each eligible child under the age of 15 provided the treatment and management plan is in place before the age of 13
- Parents or carers of eligible children will need to register their child for the Better Start early intervention funding before the child turns six years of age.

Registration of eligible children is managed by the dedicated Registration and Information Service (RIS), which is operated by Carers Australia.

To register a child for the Better Start early intervention funding parents and carers must call the RIS on 1800 242 636.

If you require further information about the Better Start initiative, you are welcome to contact the Better Start Helpline on **1800 778 581**. This helpline operates from 9:30am –12:30pm and 1:30pm–5:00pm Monday to Fridays (excluding public holidays).

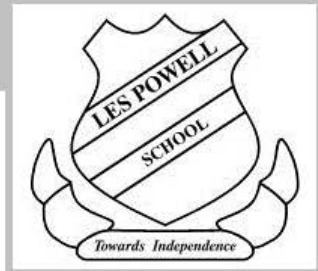
Specific enquiries can also be emailed to Better.Start@dss.gov.au



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Order Early
Avoid
disappointment.
Offer is limited by
Space available
within the pathway.

~ ORDER FORM ~



FOR PATHWAY PAVER
Please complete the details of the name
you would like engraved in your
paver/s in the template provided below.

SINGLE PAVER - FAMILY NAME

Please print clearly. Each letter, number, punctuation mark or space represents one character.

Line 1: 12 Characters

Line 2: 12 Characters

Line 3: 12 Characters

OPTION 1
Single paver
family name
& year

COST: \$25 -

SINGLE PAVER - STUDENT NAME

Please print clearly. Each letter, number, punctuation mark or space represents one character.

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Line 3: 12 Characters

OPTION 2
Single Paver
Student name
& year

COST: \$25 -

Simply complete your details in the template provided and return with your cash or cheque.

Name: _____ Child's name: _____

Address: _____ Class: _____

Phone no: _____

Cheques should be made payable to:
Les Powell School

Ph: (02) 9821 1711

Thank you for your support