



Les Powell School NEWSLETTER

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11th Dec 2015

Dates to Remember

Friday 11th December
Primary School Excursion

**Wednesday 16th
December**
Last Day of School for
Students

**Thursday 28th January
2016**
First Day of School for
Students

Student Awards

Principal's Report

To Les Powell School Community

As we come to an end of another school year I am very pleased to inform you that 2015 has been an extremely productive and rewarding year at Les Powell School. Reflecting on the last 12 months, there have been many special moments, sad times, enormous achievements, and many cheerful celebrations including an important milestone, our 30th Anniversary Celebration. By now students would have brought home their yearly School Reports (some will come next week), giving you important information on your child's progress and achievements. I would like to congratulate all students on their achievements and progress. We are all so proud of them.

At our Celebration Assembly last Friday, we not only acknowledged and celebrated students' yearly progress but had the opportunity to watch them on stage showcasing their talent in various performing activities including performance from our School Spectacular team which was a first for Les Powell School. It was quite fitting that the assembly was held in the week of the International Day for People with Disability, where as a community we acknowledged and celebrated this important event.

Thank you to those of you who attended and joined us at the assembly which was followed by refreshments and the official opening of the mosaic project.

This year we have ten (10) students graduating and moving on to the next stage of their lives. I would like to congratulate our 10 graduates and wish them all well for the future.

As for next year, eleven (11) new students and their families will be joining us at Les Powell School and I would like to warmly welcome them to our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Les Powell School staff for their dedication, professionalism and hard work. But more importantly I want to congratulate our students on their outstanding achievements this year. To you as parents, carers, bus drivers, escorts, volunteers and community members, a big thank you for your co-operation, care and support throughout the year. Sincere thanks to our many sponsors and supporters – list attached.

Christmas and holidays are times to spend with those you love and care about, so please accept our best wishes and find some time to share with your family and friends and celebrate their achievements.

**Best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas
and**

A prosperous new year

Please note that this is the last Newsletter for the year, however the last day of School is..... WEDNESDAY 16 December 2015.

**Students will return to School on.....Thursday
28 /1 /2016**

Thank You to our Supporters and Sponsors 2015

Many community organisations and clubs supported and sponsored our school in so many different ways. On behalf of the school community I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following organisations for their support and generous donations to Les Powell School.

- Mount Pritchard Community Club
- Fairfield Ladies 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
- Century 21 Real Estate Bonnyrigg
- And of course "Wheels" our school's charity organisation.

A special thanks to the Savidis family in memory of the late Penelope Savidis.

Your valuable support is very much appreciated by all and has helped our school to purchase extra resources and implement programs to support students' learning.

Mr Sargon Makko
Principal

News From The Classroom

Class 11C

Dear Parents and Carers

It is really exciting that we have almost reached the conclusion of Term 4 which has been a busy one with a variety of events taking place. Some of the highlights for our students this term has been the Grade Assemblies, end of year Celebration Day Assembly and Christmas Party. All our students had a fabulous time at the Variety Club Christmas Party at Olympic Park. Our students are also looking forward to an excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm on Friday, 11th of December. We are sure they are going to have a lovely time at the farm. Thank you for all the support this year. Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas, a Happy New Year and a Restful Holiday!



OUR STUDENTS HAVING FUN AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

From
Chandra Singh and Mohini Dass

News From The Classroom

12C

This term has been the most fruitful and fun for our class. There were heaps of opportunities to enjoy activities in and out of the classroom. Last week, we showed off our dancing skills to the tune of 'Go Santa, Go' at the end of year assembly. We also celebrated Tiffany's 12th birthday. David received a Swimming Award and Vivian got the prestigious Outstanding Achievement Award from Chris Hayes, MP. We also received wonderful pressies from Variety Kids Christmas Party on Tuesday. Lastly, we are looking forward to an excursion at Calmsley Hill Farm on Friday, 11th December where we will have exciting hands on learning activities about farm animals and gardening. As the year comes to an end, we thank everyone for the loving support in this journey and wish you all safe and wonderful holidays and a prosperous new year!

Kindest regards,

Cecilia, Julie and students of 12 C



LPS The Very Hungry Caterpillar Mural

If you have visited our school's Top Playground as of late, you may have noticed our 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' mural slowly taking shape. The mural project was made possible through the acquisition of the '2015 Social Change Through Creativity Grant Program' sponsored by Fairfield City Council through our school's CLO Denise Bugeja.

The project was facilitated by ceramic artists Natalie Valiente and Kathie Raco from the 'Hands of Clay' studio at Casula. Running over four weeks, the workshops included students (all 12 classes), parents and community members. The project is reflective of the strong ties the school has with the broader community and our inclusive culture.

In the mural, students have re-created images from Eric Carle's "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" story. Now that it is completed, students will be able to walk around the top playground and recount the story.

The Mural was officially inaugurated on Friday, 4 December 2015 with the artists and Gary Paramanathan, representing Fairfield Council, as well as our students and broader school community.





Les Powell School Community Watch Newsletter

HO HO HO, Merry Christmas Everyone,

Well here we are at the end of yet another year, and a rather busy one at that. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who have been most active in support of our great school, in particular Chahide Hejazi, and Suzannah Spirkovski and our two bus drivers Krys and John Rowland. They have gone out of their way to assist me with a number of fundraising projects this year.

This year we had two major events—firstly our 30th Anniversary Celebrations which was attended by Les Powell School Families (past and present). This celebration was also attended by the Mayors of Fairfield and Liverpool, State MP's and the descendants of Les Powell, which helped to cement our great school into the local community.

Secondly— For the first time in our school's history 5 of our students were selected to attend the 2015 Schools Spectacular. This was a triumphant moment and our students did the school proud.

I'd also like to thank some of our local community sponsors, who have helped throughout the year with supply of items for various projects. Thank you to Bonnyrigg Garden Centre, Bunnings Warehouse Bonnyrigg, Natalie Valiente and Kathie Raco, Mosaic Artist, St. John's Park Bowling Club, Mounties, Cabra-vale Diggers, Club Marconi and Century 21 Bonnyrigg.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday. I will see everyone back on deck next year with some new and exciting adventures.

Denise Bugeja

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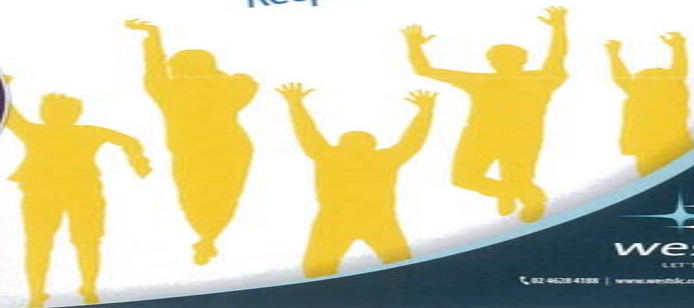
West's KIDS DISCO

West's Leagues Club Auditorium

\$5 each and includes
Games, dancing, and prizes to be
given away!!

Keep the kids entertained!

**Thursday
14th January
11am - 1pm**



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THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CINDERELLA Show

Tickets are \$13 each
Candy cane on arrival for all kids

Adults pay children's prices


SPECIAL PARENTS PASS 1 adult plus 2 children for \$35

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**Sunday
20th December
11.00am - 12.30pm**
Held in the
West's Auditorium

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Wheels-Towards Independence Inc.

As a matter for the record, we submit an end of year report of Wheels Towards Independence Inc. outlining our agenda, achievements and the support afforded to Les Powell School. Wheels is a registered charity which provides safe and professional transport for the students of the school, to and from school and it's vehicles and excursions.

The following are some examples where Wheels have supported and purchased equipment for the school in 2015:

New pool Boiler	\$29128
Exit valves school plumbing	\$3670
Pool maintenance	\$1200
Repair bike track	\$5590
Pool change tables	\$6935
Pool vacuum cleaner	\$2500
Lawn mower	\$900
Whipper Snipper & Edger	\$920
Yard blower	\$269
Library shelving	\$2271

Further pledges are in the form of:

- New carpet for the library
- New chairs for the library

As can be evidenced Wheels is an integral part/partner of Les Powell School.

EXECUTIVES - Raquel, Audrey, Ida & Louise