



Les Powell School NEWSLETTER

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27th Nov 2015

Dates to Remember

Thursday 26th - Saturday

28th November

School Spectacular

Friday 27th November

Santa Fun Run - Variety Club

Tuesday 1st December

Choir Performance @
Campbelltown 10am - 1pm

Friday 4th December

Presentation Assembly

Monday 7th December

High School Excursion

Tuesday 8th December

Children Christmas Party
Excursion - Rosehill

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

Class 9A

Giovanni Monteleone

Class 10J

Sonia Lam

Principal's Report

Congratulations to our Year 12 Graduates of 2015

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the graduates of 2015 on their achievements and contribution to Les Powell School. This year we have ten (10) outstanding young people graduating, nine (9) of whom have secured post school positions in various organisations. The graduates of 2015 are Mr Kevork Agopian, Miss Brooke Akam, Mr Paul Do, Mr Damien Harris, Mr Ali Hassian, Mr Damien Kuhlmann, Mr Aaron Luc, Mr John Mai, Miss Andie Midson and Miss Erin Rutherford.

We celebrated this important occasion with a Graduation Ceremony which was held at St Johns Bowling Club last Thursday, 19th November. The proud graduates were joined by 120 guests including their families, friends and the Director of Public Schools, NSW, Mr Nick Magriplis. 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, Mrs Hellen Bellavia, Mrs Kerri Makko, Mr David Katz, Mr Phon Phengkhamhack, Mrs Elena Petre-Tincu, Mrs Denise Bugeja, Mrs Sharon Rutherford, Mrs Vicki Landsberry and Mrs Maria Lavorato, with special thanks to Mr Michael Jaftha as an outstanding MC. Another special word of thanks to Fairfield City Council for presenting each student with an I Pod touch. I would also like to acknowledge the fantastic work of all the parents and families and congratulate you on your effort, dedication and partnership with the school. The school community is so proud of the 10 graduates and all students.

Les Powell School Students on the Performing Stage

Congratulations to our students who will be performing at two different venues:

Yesterday (Thursday) and continuing until Saturday, 5 students from 8G will be performing at The Qantas Credit Union Arena (formerly Sydney Entertainment Centre), as part of The NSW Schools Spectacular. This is a first for our school and I would like to congratulate Jerhome Escubio, Laura Le, Lisa Le-Nguyen, Andie Midson and Nicholas Spirkovski. It is a significant achievement for our school which we are all very proud of. I would like to thank the staff of 8G (Gina and Kim) and our students for promoting our school at this high level. Special thanks to all staff and the school community, in supporting the students and in the fundraising activities. A number of staff and community members will be attending to support our students.

Our signing choir will also be on the performing stage on Tuesday 1st December at Campbelltown as part of the celebration of International Day of People with Disability. Congratulations in advance to our students and Hellen and Kerri (co-coordinators).

Presentation Assembly and Celebration of International Day of People with Disability

The School's annual Presentation Assembly will be held next Friday 4th December starting at 10.30am incorporating the celebration of International Day of People with Disability. This day is celebrated worldwide each year. The day is to recognise the diversity and ability of people with disabilities. At Les Powell School being a school catering for students with special needs, we recognise students STRENGTH and focus on their ABILITIES and ACHIEVEMENTS. At this assembly students achievements will be recognised and each stage will present a performance item as part of the celebration.

Orientation and Enrolment Day

Eleven (11) new students have been placed at Les Powell School for 2016 with many completing the enrolment last Tuesday as part of the Orientation and Enrolment Day. With the 11 new students, our school is now full with 12 classes for 2016. 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 2015.

Rest in Peace our Dear Friend

Les Powell School Community was shocked and saddened by the loss of one of our much loved students, the late Penelope Savidis who passed away last week at the age of 5 years and 5 months.

In remembering Penelope and celebrating her life I am honoured to have known her, who came to us like an angel and enriched our lives, touched our hearts and lifted our spirits.

I would like to thank Penelope's family for their most kind gesture in setting up donation funds for Les Powell School in lieu of flowers. I also want to thank the school community for their support, co-operation and words of comfort.

On behalf of the school community I would like to convey our condolences and deepest sympathy to the Savidis family.

During this time of sorrow, know that we are thinking of you, and may you find peace in the memories you hold..... **Rest in peace our dear friend.**

Quote of the week -" Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal'by Thomas More

Mr Sargon Makko
Principal



Denelepe

We will never forget your cheeky smile



Les Powell School Community Watch Newsletter

Hello everyone,

These last two weeks have been a very busy time for Les Powell School.

A reminder that the 3rd of December is International Day of People With Disability and the theme for 2015 is **"Inclusion Matters: Access and Empowerment for People of all Abilities"**.

International Day of People with Disability is an opportunity for the community to make positive changes to the lives of 4 million Australians.

Over the last couple of weeks Les Powell School have been supporting 5 of our students to attend our first ever School Spectacular. We have had a number of fundraising activities which have helped raise over \$750.00 to help fund our students to attend.

Thank you to everyone involved in the fundraising efforts, especially to Suzannah Spirkovski and Shae Hejazi for their enormous effort with the cake sale. I have to admit they were YUMMY!!

On Wednesday 25th November, we had our final parent day out for the year with the Formation Friendship Program. Formation Friendship has been successful in linking parents for support and information and providing a day of respite for our overworked parents and carers. I'm sure you will all agree that it has been great fun. Hopefully with the help of future funding, we will be able to continue the program next year.

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DIARY DATES

Friday 27th/Saturday 28th November:

School Spectacular

Santa Fun Run for Variety NSW

Tuesday 1st December:

Choir performance at Campbelltown 10am—1pm

Friday 4th December:

Whole School Presentation Assembly

Official Opening of Mosaic Project followed by a Light Lunch



PHOTOS FROM PARENT DAY OUT
ON
NEPEAN BELLE PADDLESTEAMER



Northcott Presents

Moving to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)



Parents, Carers, people living with a disability and other interested community members are invited to attend a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) workshop.

The 90 minute workshop will assist participants in understanding the NDIS; how to prepare for it and explore how to identify support needs.

Session times & locations are below:

Northcott Casula Office

Casula Central
Suite 6, Building 18
633 Hume Highway
Casula NSW 2170
Thursday 4th February 2016
10am or 6.30pm

Northcott Campbelltown Office

Suite1, 101 Queen Street
Campbelltown NSW 2560
Wednesday 10th February 2016
10am or 6.30pm

COST: Free

Light refreshments provided

Please RSVP with your preferred session date, time & location by:

Thursday 28th January 2016

Phone: 4640 8700

or

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