



# Les Powell School NEWSLETTER

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## Dates to Remember

### **Friday 28th October**

Classes 6,7,12 excursion

### **Friday 4th November**

High School 2 excursion

### **Monday 14th November**

Orientation Day and  
Enrolment

### **Wednesday 16th Nov**

4C excursion

### **Thursday 17th November**

Yr 12 Graduation at  
Mounties

### **Friday 18th November**

Class 11C excursion

### **Friday 2nd December**

Vaccinations Year 7

### **Tuesday 6th December**

Variety Club Xmas Party

### **Wednesday 7th December**

8G excursion

### **Friday 9th December**

Presentation Assembly  
Parents Welcome

### **Friday 16th December**

Last Day of School

## Student Awards

## Principal's Report Week 2 Term 4 2016

### Welcome Back.

A warm welcome to everyone and I trust that parents, carers, students and staff have had a relaxing spring vacation. Students are settling in well as we all prepare for a busy Term 4. This is also a really exciting time of the year with students graduating and embarking on their post school lives. We look forward working with you as we have various important events and activities occurring this term which include:

- Graduation.
- Orientation and new students' enrolment day.
- School spectacular.
- Variety Club Children Christmas party.
- Students' yearly report.
- Term excursions.
- Celebration and Annual presentation assembly
- Students last day 16/12/16.
- Staff Development days 19 and 20 /12/16.

### Celebrating Carers Week.

Each year Carers Week provides an opportunity for the community to acknowledge the valuable care and support provided by carers. Carers are people who provide unpaid care and support to family members and friends who have a disability, various illnesses, chronic condition, terminal illness and other needs. Carers are an integral part of Australia's health making up 12% of the population (about 2.7 million carers). On behalf of the school community I would like to acknowledge the important role carers play in people's life and thank them all for their care and dedication. In recognition and appreciation of carers work, our CLO Denise and the parents support group provided free lunch for carers from our school community at Mounties on Wednesday – Thank you Denise.

### New Financial and Students' Management System

Over the last two years, Department of Education has introduced a new school management system known as (LMBR) Learning Management and Business Reform. From the beginning of this year our school along with all the Liverpool network schools have undertaken a comprehensive training to implement the LMBR at schools. I am very pleased to say that on Monday morning Les Powell School successfully went live and started using the new system. Our School Administrative Managers Vicki and Maria along with the Office Support Staff Bernadette are to be congratulated to have completed all the training, embraced the new system and successfully implemented LMBR along with school executives. Office staff have already communicated with you on various topics and will continue to introduce this system with your co-operation and support. We thank you in anticipation and ask you to work with us as this is a new way the schools will conduct their business.

**Mr Sargon Makko**  
**Principal**

# News From The Classroom

## News from 1F and 2L

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 4 programmes and activities have already commenced and we look forward to the many exciting activities that will soon follow. 1F is looking forward to going to Stanwell Park beach, while students from 2L are eagerly waiting to visit the Symbio Wildlife Park. We have begun our shopping programmes and students are enjoying their visit to the local shopping centre and having their lunch there. Classes 1F and 2L are enjoying participating in music, cooking, gardening and art and craft activities. We are also starting to practice for our Christmas concert which is at the end of this term.

Regards, Vijay, Fred, Audrey, Mohini and students from 1F and 2L.



# News From The Classroom

## 4C

This term we are looking forward to continuing our sensory activities that we started last term, but with more outdoor experience, integrating them with our class work. We have booked our excursion on the 16th of November at Bonnyrigg library to see 'Story Time', a lively session of reading, songs, nursery rhymes and art and craft that promote the love of books. We are thrilled to know that the librarian had planned a special event for our class on that day, and hopefully we can bring some nice artwork from the library. Afterwards, we will do some shopping at the mall and have a picnic at Plough and Harrow Park.

Kindest regards,

Cecilia, Eda and class 4C





# Les Powell School Community Watch Newsletter

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to Term 4, our final term for the year. Just a few updates on what has been happening around the school. Our planting day last term was a success and the plants are growing nicely. There is still a little work to be done, such as weeding and mulching. We are in the process of obtaining quotes for the update of our sensory playground and hopefully things will get started on that project very soon. With regard to our Communication Partners Speech Therapy Program, we have now engaged a Speech Therapist who will start with some staff workshops and then move onto individual assessments. Thank you to those parents who have offered their time to participate in the program. I will be in touch shortly with regard to a start date.

This week was Carers Week. I'd like to acknowledge and applaud the outstanding contribution that Carers make in our society. As parents of children with special needs we know that this is both a challenge and a blessing because only we know the depths of joy that comes from seeing our children overcoming some of those challenges. We don't often share these feelings on this aspect of our lives. That is why it is so important to share with other carers your joys, your frustrations and your feelings. This week our LPS group of carers had a lovely lunch to celebrate Carers Week. We had the opportunity to vent, to cry and more importantly to laugh at the things that make us "US". And more importantly, enjoy a nice lunch! Thank you to those who joined us for a well deserved break. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

Coming up this term, we have Kitchen Kapers (Stella's Amaretti biscuits), Count Us In Music, International Day of Disability and Year 12 Graduation. Keep on the look out for the flyers for these great events.

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## DIARY DATES

3rd November:

Count Us In Music Moment at LPS 12:30

9th November:

Kitchen Kapers at LPS 9:30am-12:00pm

17th November:

Year 12 Graduation at Mounties 6:00pm

24th November:

Parent Day Out Xmas party

2nd December:

International Day of People With Disabilities



## UNIFORM SHOP

A reminder that we have a new updated Uniform Price List available on-line or from the office. New summer stock has just arrived in the uniform shop. Online payments for orders can now be made either prior to ordering or after ordering. Simply go to the school website, click on "MAKE A PAYMENT" then follow the prompts to pay by credit card. When sending in your order please include the receipt no. from your on-line payment. Or, you can simply do it old school and complete the order form and send it in to school with your child. The order will be processed and you will be called when it's ready for payment. Too easy!!



*Are you a carer?*  
**YOU DESERVE TO BE  
Pampered**



*You're invited to join our Carer's  
pampering event. Enjoy a day of relaxing  
treatments and light refreshments on  
Tuesday 25th of October  
from 10am to 1:30 pm*

Address: 88 Memorial Ave,  
Liverpool NSW

RSVP on TEL: 96012844 or

EMAIL: [reception@aass.org.au](mailto:reception@aass.org.au)





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NSW Consumer Development Fund

Living Life  
My Way



## Thinking about a good life

- **Hear** about the NDIS and what it will mean for you
- **Talk** about planning and things to consider in your life
- **See** what some people are already doing

### Liverpool Workshop

Thursday 17 November

10.00am – 2.30pm

Liverpool Catholic Club

424 - 458 Hoxton Park Road,  
Prestons NSW 2170



#### To Register



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