



Les Powell School NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

Friday 30th June

Last Day of Term 2

Tuesday 18th July

First Day of Term 3

Student Awards

Class 2V

Crystal Dieu

Class 5M

Michelle Nguyen

Class 7D

Luke Mapu

Class 9A

Angela Ho

Principal's Report

Mid -Year School Report

Teachers are busy preparing students' mid year reports which will be sent home with the students in two weeks time (last week of this term). Your child's report is a comprehensive document which provides you with important information about your child's progress and achievements. I urge you to take time to read through the report with your family and celebrate your child's achievements. Your feedback is important to us and I invite your comments on the report. As part of improving students learning through parent and teacher partnership, we will be inviting you to visit the school next term and meet with your child's teacher as part of your child's program review.

Please ensure that the report and the folder are returned to school to be used at the end of year for your child yearly report.

A Typical Teaching, Learning Day at Les Powell School

Some members of our school community may not be aware of a typical teaching, caring and learning day at our school. For the purpose of this segment I have chosen a high support needs class to unpack the day and share with you what the day looks like for the students and staff in this class.

- Students arrive after being on the bus (for some students it can be up to an hour).
- Students are taken to their classroom (all classrooms are air conditioned).
- When all the students are in, their bags are unpacked and communication books read.
- Students personal care and hygiene needs are addressed.
- Physical management program begins.
- Teaching and learning activities begins that may include morning circle using interactive white board, swimming, sensory lesson, library, individual programs or any other subject areas as per class timetable.
- Feeding and administration of medication program including tube feeding may start for some students during the lessons or as required.
- Students personal care and hygiene needs are addressed again.
- Students are back in their chairs or in special chairs and are ready for recess break.
- The above program is repeated upon students returning after recess and lunch breaks.
- Before students go home their personal care and hygiene needs are addressed again and the necessary information communicated to the parents and carers via the communication book.
- I trust that you are better informed now about a typical day at our school which is full on for both students and staff as we try to address students' educational, physical, medical and welfare needs equitably.

Rest In Peace our Dear Friend

Les Powell School community was shocked and saddened by the loss of one our much loved students, the late Damien Kuhlmann. Damian who graduated in 2015 had a strong will and determination and continuously enriched our lives with his wonderful smile.

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

Funeral is on Tuesday 20 June, please contact the school for full details.

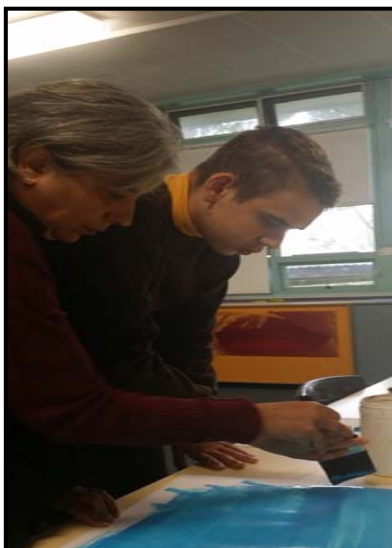
Mr Sargon Makko
Principal

News From The Classroom

7D

Well it certainly has been a busy term in 7D. We have pressed on with our look at all things water and how valuable a substance water actually is. We continued our work on position and following complex instructions. Manipulating playdough and modelling clay has become a valuable learning tool in our class. Our hands and fingers are certainly stronger now! We have also welcomed Haroula on a Monday-Wednesday and Anita on a Thursday and Friday and bade a sad farewell to Phon. Finally we enjoyed the creation of our "Sorry Day" poster for our assembly. Until next term, 7D wishes you adieu!

Garry, Elena, Haroula and Anita plus the boys of 7D.



News From The Classroom

8G

8G have had a busy term, working on their individual programs and learning skills for participation in the school canteen. The highlight of the term was the exciting opportunity to participate in a dance workshop at the Opera House. Students danced with performers from the Australian Ballet, tried on pieces of the actual costumes and watched a highly engaging performance of “The Sleeping Beauty” ballet. 8G was also fortunate to get tickets to the Stardust Circus from the Lion’s Club. It was so entertaining and funny that we laughed from the start to the finish. Congratulations to Nicholas and Brendon who have been undertaking work experience at McDonalds, Liverpool this term. Student reports will be sent home in a few weeks and we hope that you will view the reports with your child and celebrate their progress.

Warm regards, Gina & Kim



FUNDRAISING

LES POWELL SCHOOL COOKBOOK

We have now raised a total of \$840. You can still purchase a cookbook, just contact the office. They are \$10ea.



“SORRY DAY” HELD ON FRIDAY 2ND JUNE

A gold coin donation was collected from students and staff. \$55.10 was raised and will be donated to the Healing Foundation www.healingfoundation.org.au

BIGGEST MORNING TEA HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH JUNE

On behalf of the Social Committee I would like to thank everyone who supported Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Tuesday.

While indulging in some scrumptious food donated by staff, parents and bus drivers of Wheels we were able to raise **\$425.00**.

We also held a raffle and played “*Guess which Cup contains the Tea*”. The winner was John Rowland who kindly donated his winnings of \$50.00 back to the Cancer Council.

A very special thank you to our parents Suzanna Spirkovski who made the special cake and to Stella Monteleone who baked crostoli and croissants. A special mention to Amy Clark and Ida Paulic who donated the prizes for the raffle.

We look forward to you all joining us for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea next year.





CIRCUS QUIRKUS 2017 SYDNEY SHOW



International Entertainment & The Rotary Club of Ryde are proud to present....

'Circus Quirkus'

International Entertainment's **CIRCUS QUIRKUS** is a contemporary take on your favourite, traditional circuses of ages past. It is an eclectic and entertaining mix of Circus acts brought to you from all over the world. Internationally renowned Clowns, Jugglers & Acrobats deliver funny, hugely engaging and sometimes death-defying acts of unbelievable skill.

This Show has been generously sponsored by the local business community. **Tickets are FREE for the special needs & disadvantaged children of the region, their families & carers.**

We hope it provides a wonderful day out together that otherwise may not be possible.

The show is suitable for audiences of all ages. All our venues will accommodate wheelchairs. Circus Quirkus does not use animals in its performances. Please see our FAQs on the Circus Quirkus website for more information.

www.circusquirkus.com.au

WHERE & WHEN - PLEASE NOTE 2 SEPARATE SHOW DATES

BLACKTOWN WORKERS CLUB

55 Campbell St, Blacktown

SUNDAY 16th JULY - 11am & 2pm (School Holidays)

SUNDAY 27th AUGUST - 11am & 1:30pm

(Show duration is 90 minutes including interval)

| SHOW DATE | SHOW TIME | TICKETS REQUIRED |
|--|------------------|-------------------------|
| SUNDAY 16 TH JULY 2017 - ** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ** | 11:00am | |
| SUNDAY 16 TH JULY 2017 - ** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ** | 2:00pm | |
| SUNDAY 27 TH AUGUST 2017 | 11:00am | |
| SUNDAY 27 TH AUGUST 2017 | 1:30pm | |

STUDENT NAME:

Return to the Office prior to above dates. There are limited tickets for each show.



Les Powell School Community Watch Newsletter

Hello everyone,

Our first Parent Support Group was held in the new Gumnut Café and was very well attended. Our 8G hospitality students were the ultimate professionals, serving us coffee and cake as we discussed issues such as the NDIS and how to access services, how to access the community when you have a child in a wheelchair, vehicle modifications and what it means to be a carer. It is intended to run these informal support group meetings once per month in an effort to help alleviate stress and supply parents with relevant information to make your lives a little easier. Keep an eye out for the next support group meeting flyer planned for Wednesday 2nd August.



With regard to the sensory playground and garden project, I am pleased to report that the mural artwork on the wall behind 10J was installed over the long weekend and our mosaic artwork has also been installed on the deck behind 8G and in the courtyard in front of 8G. A huge thank you to Natalie and Kathie from Hands of Clay for their efforts and to the parents who helped produce the lovely mosaics. I have also been successful in obtaining a Water Sustainability Grant through Liverpool City Council to put a water tank and watering system in the vegetable garden behind the pool area.

FOWLER NDIS WORKSHOP

Federal Member for Fowler, Mr. Chris Hayes MP will be running an NDIS workshop during the school holidays at Cabramatta Bowling Club on 4th July (see flyer attached). The Director Engagement NSW Central Region of the NDIA, Ms Mary Hawkins, will be in attendance. If you require more information or have any concerns regarding your NDIS plan, it is important for you to attend and be part of the Q & A session. Bookings are essential. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.



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DIARY DATES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY NDIS WORKSHOP
RUN BY CHRIS HAYES MP FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FOWLER

Tuesday 4th July 10am
Cabramatta Bowling Club



TERM 3:
Speech Therapy Workshop (date to be confirmed)

Wednesday 2nd August:
Parent Support Group

UNIFORM SHOP

Winter uniforms are now in stock. If you wish to order, simply complete a uniform order and send it back to school. **You are now able to pay via credit card on-line only via the school website.**

Cash and cheque are still accepted.

Your order will be filled and sent home with your child. **Or**, you will be contacted when the order is ready to be collected and paid for.

We also have an number of good quality second hand uniforms available for free.



Your rights in the hospital setting

Know your rights and where to get support

While some carers and families have positive experiences with hospitals, others describe this as being one of the most frustrating, intimidating and powerless experiences they have ever encountered.

It's very important to know your rights. There is a Patient Charter of Rights for public and private patients respectively, which outlines patient rights and responsibilities.

If you feel these rights have been disregarded, or you experience ultimatums when you do not agree with what hospital staff feel is the best thing for the patient, contact either the:

- ☒ social work/welfare department; or
- ☒ patient representative.

Generally the social worker is your initial contact point and can speak up on your behalf, whilst obtaining more information for you about the situation.

Patient representatives respond to unresolved issues or complaints. A patient representative can act as a mediator between the hospital and the family - they can speak up on behalf of families when appropriate. However, don't forget that they are an employee of the hospital.

Alternatively you may contact an external organisation like [Office of the Public Guardian \(OPG\)](#). OPG provides an advice line which allows you to speak confidentially with an advocate 1800 451 510. As a last resort you may choose to seek legal advice.

Hospitals are not yet as carer-friendly as we would like them to be. However don't be afraid to be seen and heard as progress is made each time a carer gives feedback.

The following messages are from carers who have spoken up.

- ☒ Don't be afraid of the system.
- ☒ Be confident and work in partnership with staff.
- ☒ You know your family member best.

Further information:

- ☒ [Public Hospital Patient Charter](#)
- ☒ [Private Patients' Hospital Charter](#).
- ☒ [Office of the Public Guardian \(OPG\)](#) - phone: 1800 451 510

Contact the **Carer Line** on **1800 242 636*** to request the above information sheets be sent to you - or to find out about other information sheets in this series.

*Free call except from mobile phones. Mobile calls at mobile rates.

We do our best to keep these links up to date, but the internet changes all the time. If you can no longer access any of the above resources, please go to our [Internet Troubleshooting Guide](#), or email us at website@carersvic.org.au



A project of Carers Victoria
www.carersvic.org.au
Updated March 2006

VACATION CARE—JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

AFFORD Disability Services will be running Vacation Care at their Canley Heights Centre over the July School Holidays. If you wish to access this services please contact me either by email or phone and I will pass on the details to you.



Les Powell School Community Watch Newsletter

my **choice** matters

Living Life
My Way



Get More Skills: Good Life Workshop

A workshop for people with disability, their families and carers.

- Practise speaking up and setting goals
- Get ready for the NDIS
- Take home tools to help you plan



Liverpool Workshop – Wednesday 12 July

10am – 2.30pm

Liverpool Catholic Club

424 - 458 Hoxton Park Road, Prestons, NSW 2170

Register now! Limited spaces available!

☎ 1800 144 653

✉ info@mychoicematters.org.au

@ www.mychoicematters.org.au

Workshops are fully accessible. We can provide support to ensure everyone can come. Lunch will be provided.

Find out more www.mychoicematters.org.au



NDIS WORKSHOP

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**PLANNING TOGETHER
FOR YOUR
NDIS NEEDS!**

**JOIN US FOR OUR FREE NDIS PLANNING &
INFORMATION WORKSHOP!**



We will provide assistance and information on NDIS, how you can get the most out of your plan and what support services Afford can offer you.

WHEN: Tuesday 27th June, 2017



TIME: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Vietnamese interpreters available on the day.

WHERE: Fairfield RSL
The Horsley Room

14 Anzac Avenue, Fairfield, 2165



RSVP: by 20/6/2017

Contact: Karina Tran
Customer Care Manager

PH: 0417 180 540

www.afford.com.au





Chris Hayes MP

Federal Member for Fowler

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in partnership with Uniting Recovery

invites you to attend the Fowler NDIS Forum

Tuesday, 4 July 2017
From 10am

Cabramatta Bowling Club
Cabramatta Road, Cabramatta NSW 2166

The NDIS forum is a great opportunity for the community to learn more about the National Disability Insurance Scheme from guest speakers.

The day will feature morning tea, light entertainment, a Q&A session and lunch at the conclusion of the forum.

The forum is open to all who wish to attend.

Bookings are essential and for catering purposes, please RSVP to Alex Glumac by email, alex.glumac@aph.gov.au, or by contacting the Electoral Office on (02) 9726 3988 by Friday, 16 June 2017



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