

Les Powell School NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Report

Dear parents and friends of Les Powell School.

It is truly unbelievable at how fast this term has flown by and it's even more unbelievable that we are here at the start of spring, and looking forward to warmer days for the school holidays.

Whilst a number of staff and students succumbed to dreaded flues and colds, we still managed to pack a lot of fantastic learning activities with lots of opportunities to celebrate.

We started Term 3 with a school assembly to celebrate NAIDOC week.

In Week 2, staff, students and visiting families weathered a very windy morning, but still managed to get silly by dressing up to jointly commemorate Education and Book Week.



We continued our celebrations as we acknowledged Gina Wheeler for her 20 years of teaching with the Department of Education. I was delighted to present Gina with a certificate of acknowledgement from the department, for her dedication and service to education.



I could not have been more proud of our students who did an outstanding job of catering a parent morning tea, early in the term. Parents that attended, Denise our community liaison officer (CLO) and myself were greeted by the café's maître de, Brendan and then were served in a most professional manner by Salwi, Nicholas, My An and Lisa from 8G. All five students did themselves, their parents and staff proud. A big thank you goes to Denise for organising the morning tea and for the staff of 8G for their work on the program's implementation.

Updates and changes:

Parents, who have come to the school in the last two weeks, may have been inclined to think that we had been vandalised by colour coordinated vandals. In fact it was staff who wanted to trial the winning colours for our new look front of school and foyer. I would like to thank the parents and staff who contributed ideas towards our new colour scheme. Consensus from all and especially

from students, has indicated that grey is the new colour of choice. Painting will be completed for the two main areas during this coming school holiday.

We are also waiting on further quotes to finalise plans for an all-weather cola style cover to the top playground. I hope that this will not only allow for students to access play areas when raining, but will also allow us to conduct weekly assemblies.

This term, the department launched the A-Z Policy Implementation Tool (AZT) that provides a process for schools to follow when monitoring the implementation of policy, starting with the School Attendance Policy, Student Discipline in Government Schools Policy, Protecting and Supporting Children and Young People Policy and the Working with Children Check Policy. At Les Powell, we are using this as an opportunity to review all our implementation plans and procedures for these policies and also include others that are more specific to our school such as the Manual Handling and Hydrotherapy Pool procedures, to name two. I will be sharing more information, updates and seeking your input in relation to a number of these documents in the coming months.

Early next term, I will be forwarding you a draft copy of our Student Wellbeing and Discipline implementation plan and a draft copy of our Student Attendance implementation plan for your feedback. As part of this process, I have attached two parent information sheets regarding student attendance. Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss any aspect of the information included.



I would like to thank Robina Savidis and family for their most generous and gracious donation. Robina as most of you would know is the parent of one of our ex-students Penelope who we lost from this world very recently. Robina shared with me that Penny enjoyed being outdoors the most and very much loved colours. In memory of Penny and for the time that Penny attended Les Powell School, earlier this term Robina made a very significant donation to the school. When talking to Robina about our intended environmental enhancements, it was a very easy decision to use the family's donation to landscape the front gardens. We plan to dedicate these gardens to the memory of Penny. Work will start on the project after the painting of front entrance is completed.

Robina further presented me with a one thousand dollar cheque raised from her Penelope Cosmetics charity project. We will be using these funds to create "the fish tank" sensory corridor between rooms 1 and 2. The Penelope Cosmetics charity fundraises by selling lip glosses. If interested in purchasing lip glosses from the charity, Robina can be contacted through email: rabina.savidis@live.com.au , mobile: 04231 85100 or visiting her at Beauty by Robina. As a mum of a child with special needs and a trained hairdresser, Robina is skilled in being able to cater for children who may be very anxious when needing to have their hair cut, so don't hesitate to contact her.

It is with mixed feelings that I advise you of changes to our school counsellor position. Anela Bradd our School Psychologist will be leaving us for the hustle and bustle of New York! Having only known her for this term, Anela has made a very strong impression on me as a thorough professional and team participant, as an integral member of the Les Powell School community. I know we will miss the commitment and expertise she has brought to her role. We wish Anela and her husband all the very best on their new adventure.



I hope to be able to provide advice on Anela's replacement early in the new Term.

Our thoughts are with Gina Wheeler, Class 8G teacher and family throughout this period of husband and father, Garry who is very ill.

Finally, I wish you all a safe holiday and look forward to all that Term 4 brings us.
Sandra (Mrs Ace)

From The Office

LES POWELL PUBLIC SCHOOL and THE ATHLETES FOOT LIVERPOOL

School Rewards Program

At The Athletes Foot Liverpool we understand the importance of fit and selecting the right type of shoes based on your specific needs. We're delighted to announce that we've partnered up with Les Powell School under our 'The Athletes Foot School Rewards Program'.

Our team of caring, professional fit technicians have had the pleasure of fitting a number of students and their families from Les Powell School and hope to continue helping out where we can under our School Rewards Program. We take great pride in servicing the needs of our local community.

HOW DOES THE 'SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM' WORK?

For every pair of shoes purchased by a student (or anyone in their family) of Les Powell School, The Athletes Foot Liverpool will donate \$5 back to the school. This amount is uncapped. Simply mention to the staff member that you are from Les Powell School and our staff will take care of the rest.

The funds raised from this initiative will be presented to the school as a cheque and can go towards anything the school requires.

So hop on into the store and say hello to our friendly, caring and professional staff Members.

The Athletes Foot Liverpool, your local footwear fitting experts.



Shopping Tour

Saturday 7th October 2017

A reminder that if you are attending our Shopping Tour on **Saturday 7th October** the money needs to be paid by **Monday 11th September**. Please send money to Vicki or Maria in Front Office.

Cost is \$58.00 per person.

Thank you.
Social Committee



Class 2L

Congratulations to Mohammad who celebrated his twelfth birthday over last weekend. Friends from classes 5M, 7D and 12H and of course 2L all joined in song to wish Mohammad well during our team assembly on Friday.

With the weather warming up fast, we are catching up with our hydrotherapy program which was rather neglected during the winter period. The weather however, did not stop our shopping program. All the students are participating well with their purchases, interacting with staff as well as shop assistants. We have to acknowledge our parents for supporting this important program, making sure that our teenagers have everything they need. This enables our students to fully benefit from the school's community access program, especially enjoying a meal in one of the food courts.

We have also restarted our library borrowing system and students are once again able to borrow books from the school library. The class program is progressing well with students actively participating, cooperating and interacting with staff as well as with each other. The highlight is the music session on a Friday which starts with the team assembly and then continued during the last session.

Thank you again for your support and have a most enjoyable September break.

Class 2L students, Michael & Audrey



Class 3C

Since the last newsletter the class has had lots to do. 3C have had so much fun learning this year. We cannot believe how quickly Term 3 has gone by. We enjoy our class art activities by using our sense of touch as we use our fingers to paint. We had fun at the Education Week assembly, during our participation in the alphabet parade.

In our class we stimulate our senses with lights, sounds and smells. We love experiencing the revolving lights in our classroom.

Our class is looking forward to our excursion to the N.S.W. Rail Museum in Thirlmere on the 15th of September. Thanks to all the parents/carers support from home. We are looking forward to continuing to learn. We can't wait to experience more great and exciting learning opportunities in Term 4.

Regards From all of us in 3C



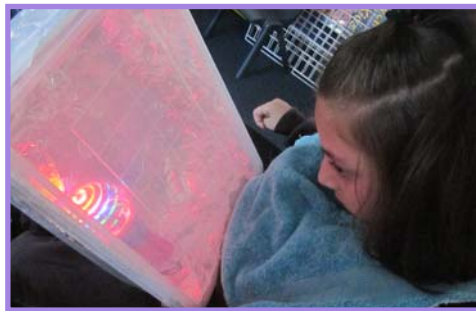
News From The Classroom

Class 4C

This term we created a sensory corner in our classroom using a wide range of electronic lights with colourful patterns. It complemented the calming sound of wind chimes and straws that we added to complete the set –up. Our sensory corner provides a safe and relaxing mood for our students when they arrive in the classroom in the morning. But the main highlight of this term was our excursion in Week 6. We went to Hoyts Cinema in Wetherill Park to watch 'Mickey and the Roadster Racers' then we spent time at Stockland Plazas' 'Funland Playground'. Trung and Mitchell enjoyed the ground in-built trampolines, while Amal and Sandy had fun exploring the sensory mirrors. We even had a chance of doing a little bit of walking and looking around the shops. It was a great experience for Trung to help buy an item using the self-service check out at Woolworths.

This wonderful experience was made possible through the support of our awesome driver, John Rowland, volunteers Anne Smith, Maria Gindi and Michelle Hebeston (Mitchell's mum) .

Thank you very much, from class 4C.



Class 5M

As this is the first year of formal schooling for most of our students, we are concentrating on the sounds of the alphabet. Students actively participate by tracing the letters and sounds in their books as well as on the board. They must be congratulated on their much improved behaviour, remaining seated throughout morning circle. We had our Education Week Celebration this term during which everyone dressed up as a letter. We were very excited when most of our parents attended to visit and help us with our class activities. The students enjoy going to the sensory library and hydrotherapy every week. Enjoy the September holidays

Regards Annie and Ranjana

News From The Classroom

Class 6M

Our class has been busy learners all term. We participated in the Education-Book celebration day and enjoyed the opportunity to have our families visit the classroom to show what good learners we are! We have been learning about farm animals this term, our class stories for the term are "Mrs Wishy Washy" by Jo Cowley and "I Spy at the Farm" by Edward Gibbs. As part of writing, reading and visual arts we are creating a book to take home at the end of the term with all the animals from our stories.

We are very proud of our students efforts to be good learners!

Marianna and Kim



Class 7D

It has been a busy term so far in 7D. We have been following along with our class programs and our Individual Education Programs and have made real progress.

This Term as part of our focus on Geography, we have been looking at Australia and the way Australia has developed as a nation. We have also created a spray-painted map with Liam on Tuesday mornings.

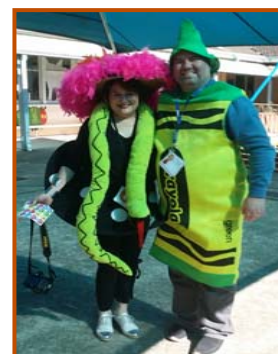
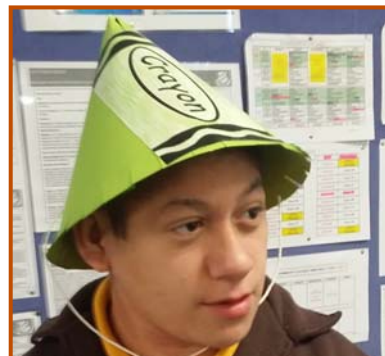
7D has also participated in Education Week. We looked at the book "*The Day the Crayons Quit*". We created our own crayon hats which we proudly wore with pride.

Finally we have created some wonderful Fathers Day cards for our dads. We wish all Dads, Grandfathers and Uncles a Happy Fathers Day.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday.

Here is a little pun to brighten your day: My sister bet me that I couldn't build a car made out of spaghetti. You should have seen her face when I drove pasta!

Garry, Elena and the boys of 7D.



Class 8G

Our teenage boys and girls must be congratulated on their excellent behaviour, participation and general progress in all their Key Learning Areas. They are slowly but surely progressing towards achieving their personal goals as set out in their individual programs.

Our shopping trip on a Monday is a highlight and a source of pride as our students apply strategies taught in the classroom in a different environment. They have reached the stage where almost all of them purchase lunches and items for cooking or personal use with very little assistance from staff. It is great to sit back and watch our teenagers socialise with each other while having their meals. It is also apparent that they watch out for one another, and most impressive is the respectful manner in which they address each other.

One thing leads to another as on a Thursday all of us tally the lunch orders, balance the books with the money received, and of course proceed to the well-equipped kitchen to start cooking the menus. How great it is to be part of this well-oiled system.

For Book Week we all dressed up as “Super Heroes.” We brainstormed who our super heroes were and were pleasantly surprised with the answers.

In conclusion we wish to thank all our parents for their assistance with the community access program.

Stanton, Kim and Students Class 8G



News From The Classroom

Class 9A

Term 3, has been a busy one outside the classroom. Our Community Access and Gardening programs have kept the students occupied. During shopping sessions they have had the opportunity to buy the ingredients for cooking program and their own lunches. The students have displayed excellent manners at the table and they must be commended for their excellent behaviour displayed at the Wetherill Park Shopping Centre every week.

In gardening they have prepared the garden beds by weeding and fertilizing the soil. After the holidays the students will plant tomatoes and a variety of herbs that will also be used in our cooking sessions.

The highlight of this term will be our excursion, in Week 9, to the NSW Railway Museum at Thirlmere. It will be a nice reward, for the students, after all the hard work done this term.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday!!!

Carmen and Andres.



News From The Classroom

Class 10J

Class 10J had a very busy term working on their class programs and doing craft for special days such as Education Week Parade and Father's day.

Community access program is a big hit for all the students. Students take turn to order their food, sit down to eat in the dining area and then throw their rubbish in the bins. We are really proud of their best behaviour in the community.

During swimming sessions students love using novelty floaties, playing ball games, and also doing aqua aerobics.

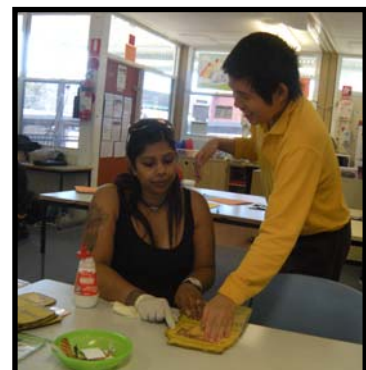
Students are learning about the farm animal produce through craft, books and related videos.

We would like to thank parents who attended ITP meetings and other school events.

Have a restful and healthy break.

Regards

Jyoutsna and Sophie.



Class 11C

Dear Parents and Carers

Term three is almost over and it has been a very busy one for our students in class 11C. All our students so far have been participating well with their class and individual programs. We would like to congratulate them for their efforts so far! Community Access Program for three year seven students commenced at the beginning of this term and will be continued through term four. One of the highlights for our students was decorating the first letter of their names with the characters from the book 'Squash and Squeeze' which was part of the Education Week Celebration. Our students went to Warragamba Dam for their class excursion in week seven and have really enjoyed this day. While out there, they participated in colouring in activities of all the creatures found in the dam or around the dam. After this, our students had a great picnic lunch at a nearby park and played.

From Chandra Singh, Mohini Dass



Class 12H

Hi All,

Can't believe its nearly the end of term 3 already.

12H have been busy learning all about Australian animals this term. To compliment our term topic we will be going to Symbio Wild life Park on Friday 8th September. The students will be able to see the animals up close.

Our students have decorated the first letter of their names with the characters from the book 'Wombat Stew' which was part of the Education Week Celebration.

Kind regards,
Hellen & Julie



LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS FATHERS' DAY 2017

1 st Prize	Joey Ayoub (11C)
2 nd Prize	Said Hejazi (11C)
3 rd Prize	Denise Bugeja (staff)
4 th Prize	Krys & John Rowland (Bus Drivers)
5 th Prize	Carmen (staff)
6 th Prize	Rhonda (staff)
7 th Prize	Alec Hilton (11C)
8 th Prize	Margo (staff)
9 th Prize	Ranjana Sharma (staff)
10 th Prize	Michelle Nguyen (5M)
11 th Prize	Jacinta (staff)
12 th Prize	Andres Oyarzun (staff)
13 th Prize	Tena (Bus Driver)
14 th Prize	Andrew Shaker (10J)
15 th Prize	Haroula (staff)
16 th Prize	Ashton Walker (9A)
17 th Prize	Eda Passerello (staff)
18 th Prize	Laura Tran (6M)
19 th Prize	Stella Monteleone (Grandparent)





Les Powell School Community Watch Newsletter

Hello everyone,

This term has been a very busy one for both parents and staff. On behalf of the parents and wider community I'd like to warmly welcome our new Relieving Principal, Sandra Acedevo-Rugg. Sandra has some great new ideas for Les Powell School and we look forward to being involved.

This term has been a very busy term for the parent community with the introduction of our parent support group. We have had two such group meetings this term which were very well attended. Morning tea was supplied and served by the hospitality students of 8G. Parents were very surprised at just how professional our students were. These sessions were a great opportunity to discuss your concerns about health issues, NDIS and general issues involved with raising a child with special needs. We plan to continue our parent support meetings on a monthly basis and look forward to seeing more parents as we grow in strength.

We have also had a few informative workshops for parents on Communication and Nutrition. Raymond Lee, Speech Therapist ran workshops for parents explaining how our "in school" speech program was running and also on what parents can do at home to continue the program to alleviate frustration for both the children and the carers.

Our program on "Fruit n Veg Sense" was run by the Cancer Council of NSW and was designed to help parents with fussy eaters and to tie in with the school curriculum on Healthy Eating. This was also very well attended and participants left with a free cook book.

Parents also had the opportunity to enjoy a meal at The Restaurant Macarthur at Campbelltown TAFE and Classics Bistro at Mounties as part of our "Parents Day Out" program. These lunches are a chance to get to know other parents at the school and to enjoy a little "ME TIME". We all know that we need that at some point.

I was fortunate enough to obtain an Environmental Sustainability Grant through Liverpool City Council of \$5,000.00. These funds were used to install a water storage tank and sprinkler system in the Vegetable Garden behind the pool. This work has now been completed and will keep our garden watered during the hot summer months over Christmas. (see photos on page 2).

I also attend the Post Schools Option Expo at Liverpool Catholic Club with some of our parents whose children will be leaving School this year. It was a very informative expo and I'm sure our school leavers will be looking forward to the next exciting step in their lives.

Our Fathers' Day raffle was again a huge success, raising over \$700.00 to help buy resources for the school. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe school holiday period and look forward to seeing everyone bright, fresh and happy next term.

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PARENT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

As part of our beautification program in the Senior Playground, we are asking for volunteers to help with an art project which involves some painting.

We are planning to paint a row of fence posts in the shape of pencils to screen an area at the edge of the timber deck. Please let Denise know by email or phone if you are able to spare 2 hours on a Thursday morning. All help much appreciated.

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.



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PHOTO GALLERY TERM 3





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MTA APPROVED REPAIRERS AND WHEEL CHAIR CAR IMPORTERS

Al Palmer Repairs Penrith Pty Ltd have been in business for over 40 years. For over 10 years they have imported Wheel Chair cars for the disabled from Japan. (see adjacent flyer). These vehicles cater for all forms of wheel chair access.

The vehicles they import are:

- Toyota Porte
- Nissan Elgrand
- Toyota Estima
- Toyota Alphard
- Toyota Ractis
- Toyota Vellfire
- Toyota Noah
- Toyota Voxy
- Nissan Cube
- Toyota Granvia.

If you require any information or require any further assistance please contact Al Palmer Repairs directly on:

Website: alpalmer.com

Email: palmer99@tpg.com.au

PH: 02 4721 5060

4 Robertson Place, South Penrith 2750



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY

Below is a list of activities the whole family can enjoy during the upcoming spring holidays. All sites are wheelchair accessible.

Riding for the Disabled Nepean—Lot 18 Samuel Marsden Rd, Orchard Hills 9623 4173

Riding for the Disabled Blue Mountains—St. Johns Rd, Blaxland 0247588238

Sailability Penrith Lakes—Boat Shed 3 The Island, Sydney International Regatta Centre,
Old Castlereagh Rd, Penrith Lakes 0247292059

Bowlarama—1024 The Horsley Drive, Wetherill Park 9609 6611

Fairfield City Farm (Calmsley Hill)- 31 Darling Street, Abbotsbury 9823 3222

The New Secret Garden—Western Sydney University Clydesdale Lane Riachmond 0408663221

Trainworks Railway Museum-10 Barbour Rd, Thirlmere 024683 6800

Aqua Golf—Mulgoa Road Penrith 0247217240