Welcome back.

A warm welcome to everyone and I trust that parents, carers, students and staff have had a relaxing spring vacation. We look forward to working with you as we have various important events and activities occurring this term which include:

- Community group meetings and Mosaic workshops.
- Graduation.
- Orientation and new students’ enrolment day.
- International Disability day celebration.
- Special children Christmas party.
- Students’ yearly report.
- Students’ termly excursions.
- Celebration assemblies including annual presentation (week 9).
- Students last day 17/12/14.
- Staff Development days 18 and 19/12/14.

Celebrating Eid

Last week marked an important day for the members of our Moslem community by celebrating Eid Al-Adha (the festival of sacrifice). On behalf of the School community I would like to wish our Moslem community a happy Eid Al-Adha.

Rest in peace our dear friend

Les Powell school community was saddened by the loss of one of our much loved students, the late Athra Alasadi. Athra passed away this week at the age of 11. On behalf of the school community, I would like to convey our condolences and deepest sympathy to Athra’s family.

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

Mr Sargon Makko

Principal
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 4, I hope you all enjoyed the spring break. Looks like another busy term ahead for High School 1 & 2. High School 1 are still learning all about the planets in our solar system this term, and High School 2 are doing activities concerning Halloween. This term both classes will be going on an excursion together on the 11th November, more details to come soon. This term we have 8 students graduating from High School, and 5 of them are from High School 2, invitations have gone out this week for the graduation.

This term High School 1 and High School 2 will be combining to play sport every Wednesday afternoon, one week will be T-Ball and the other will be Dance.

Kind regards,

Hellen, Louise, Kerri and Audrey.
Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you had a restful term break.

Everyone seems refreshed after the relaxing break and has started their programs smoothly. How quick time flies, it is hard to believe that we are now on the second week of this term. The nice warm weather also favours our students to enjoy the outdoors. We are looking forward to continue our learning programs such as gardening, sports, spending time in the sensory room and of course, shopping on Thursdays.

Best regards,

Cecilia and Julie
A group of senior students, including the canteen team, are undertaking a cooking/hospitality course at TAFE, Campbelltown every Thursday. Yesterday our students arrived looking very well presented and dressed in black shoes for their first day at TAFE. They learnt about hygiene rules for safe food handling and the effects of food poisoning. They also received a TAFE NSW ID card. We are very grateful to Mounties Cub for the funding which enables us to provide this opportunity for our students. We have moved the canteen to Wednesdays to accommodate this course. Thank you so much to all the parents who are supporting the canteen. The students have been learning many valuable skills including team work, reading orders, checking and counting money and food preparation. The course at TAFE will give them the opportunity to extend these skills to hospitality. Our goal is to set up a sustainable cooking/hospitality program to deliver to future senior students at Les Powell School.

Warm regards, Gina, Kim & the canteen team
Hello everyone. This week is Carers Week and I would like to acknowledge each and everyone of you for the great effort and care that you take with your beautiful children. Family and Community Services are holding a number of events throughout the State. I have listed a couple in this Newsletter that you may be interested in attending.

Our Mosaic classes are going very well and we will soon have some beautiful and colourful artwork to put up around the senior playground to entertain and stimulate the children. Everyone is having such a relaxing time and enjoying themselves.

This week we had our Transition to Adulthood Forum held at Westmead Childrens' Hospital. Thank you to the parents who found the time to attend this valuable and informative session. I'm sure you got lots of information to arm yourselves with for the future.

Our Kitchen Kapers will be returning shortly with Lee Luc showing us how to make those absolutely delicious Rice Paper Rolls ….. Yummy!!! Keep an eye out for the flyer in the next couple of weeks.

Also don’t forget the workshop to be held at Les Powell on the 29th October to be run by the NSW Trustee and Guardian. This will be most valuable if your child is turning 16 or 18. It’s a whole new world out there when our children are regarded “Adults” in the eyes of the law.

You may remember some time ago I sent out order forms to order a personalised paver for the Les Powell Walk of Fame to be constructed in the up-dated sensory garden/playground. If you have not already sent in your order, this may be your last chance, as I will be placing the order in the last week of November. Attached to the Newsletter is the order form or you may download one directly from the school's website. Hurry so you don’t miss this unique opportunity.

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Hello

Sailors with disABILITIES (SWD) is a non-profit organisation that runs free programs for people with disability (with a special focus on children), disadvantaged youth and carers. SWD programs help to create optimism and allow people to focus on their abilities, what they can do, rather than their disability.

SWD would like to again invite groups of Carers to join us for a relaxing day on board Kayle, our 52 foot Yacht.

SWD Carers’ Days are a chance for the amazing mums, dads, grandparents, guardians, brothers, sisters, friends and others who care for people with disability and disadvantaged people, to take a bit of time out for themselves.

These amazing carers form the backbone of our society. But caring for others can place a huge emotional and financial burden on people.

At SWD, we feel that ‘treating’ these helping hands to a day out on beautiful Sydney Harbour, is a great way to give a little back. Visit our feedback on what previous carers groups have to say about their day out.

Where groups are able to organise respite care, we welcome carers and their immediate family on board for an enjoyable leisure sail of Sydney Harbour. Siblings of children requiring special care are of course welcome.

Carers Day sails are held on Sundays, they depart from the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia at Rushcutters Bay at 12 noon and return at approx 4pm. These sessions must be booked as a group, we can accommodate a maximum of 15 people per session and a minimum of 10.

Limited free Carers Day are now available from October through to March. Hurry as these sessions are very popular and will book out fast.

How to book a Carers Day for your group

Visit our website www.sailorswithdisabilities.com login using your username and password or Sign Up then login and use the interactive calendar to book your Carers Day. If you need help email us info@sailorswithdisabilities.com or contact (02) 9079 5997.

We look forward to welcoming you on board and sharing our passion for sailing...

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Hello

I would really like to organize a group of 15 parents from Les Powell to enjoy this wonderful opportunity. It is on a Saturday though, so if you are interested please contact me to put your name down and we can work out a suitable date to register our interest. Cheers Denise
You are invited to be part of our “LES POWELL WALK OF FAME”

To be located in the school grounds

You are invited to participate in this unique opportunity to have your name as a permanent part of our school.

For as little as $25.00 your family name or your child’s name will be engraved into a paver which will then be laid permanently in our “Les Powell Walk of Fame”.

OPTION 1
Family name & Year paver
COST: $25 -

OPTION 2
Student name & Year paver
COST: $25 -

Les Powell School invites you, your child, your family, business or organisation to become a permanent part of our school’s history. If you decide to take advantage of our offer your paver will become a part of our “Les Powell Walk of Fame”, which will provide an enduring link between the past, present and future that includes the essential partnerships that make our school what it is - students, parents, school and community.

Sample Family Name Paver

To order your paver please complete the order form on the reverse and return it to the school.
~ ORDER FORM ~

FOR PATHWAY PAVER
Please complete the details of the name you would like engraved in your paver/s in the template provided below.

SINGLE PAVER - FAMILY NAME

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OPTION 1
Single paver family name & year
COST: $25 -

SINGLE PAVER - STUDENT NAME

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OPTION 2
Single Paver Student name & year
COST: $25 -

Simply complete your details in the template provided and return with your cash or cheque.

Name: __________________________  Child’s name: __________________________
Address: ________________________  Class: _______________________________

Cheques should be made payable to:  Phone no: _______________________
Les Powell School
Ph: (02) 9821 1711

Thank you for your support