## Dates to Remember

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## Student Awards

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## Principal's Report

### Welcome back.

A warm welcome to everyone and I trust that parents, carers, students and staff have had a relaxing Easter vacation. Students have returned relaxed and have quickly settled into routines, with the main focus to build on their achievements from term one.

There are various important events and activities occurring this term which include:

- Community Group Meetings for parents - look out for information from Denise.
- Swimming School.
- Combined Athletics Carnival
- “Wheelies” motorised tricycles for students with special need.
- Vaccination.
- Celebration assemblies.
- Students Reports.

### Staff Development Day

As part of our staff development day this term we tried something different. Staff attended an off-site venue at Stanwell Tops Conference Centre where we participated in team building and leadership activities. As learners, we found the professional learning activities very valuable and the whole day was extremely rewarding. Professional learning is an important component of our teaching and learning as we continue to maintain and improve our skills to make a difference to students learning and outcomes.

### Annual School Report

Les Powell School’s Annual School Report for 2013 which is printed in 2014 is now published and ready for distribution. If you would like a copy of this comprehensive report about the school please let me know via your child’s communication book or ring the school. You can also view on our website.

### Special Swimming Scheme

Each year, our school participates in Special Swimming Scheme. This special program is for two weeks starting next Monday 12th May. This scheme is for students in years 2 – 6 and students receive daily swimming lessons provided by specialist swimming teachers from the Education Department and Mrs Sharon Rutherford, our school swimming teacher.

### Les Powell School Canteen

As mentioned in this newsletter, High School classes have been working hard on living skills and will be setting up and running a school canteen. This is a great initiative and I urge you to support this project by ordering your child’s lunch. Full details are enclosed.

### Quote of the week – “A mother’s spoken word with love will soothe any sorrowful heart”.

TO ALL MUMS – **Happy Mothers Day**

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*Mr Sargon Makko*
With preparations for the school canteen complete, 8G are ready and rearing to go! Lunch order bags will be sent home before the start of the canteen on Thursday 22nd May. It will then operate every Thursday this term except for 12th June, when students attend the Combined Athletics Carnival.

The canteen is a work experience program for High School students in which they will practice work skills such as food preparation, cooking, money calculation, counting and team work. More students will be involved once the program is underway.

Please support the program by ordering some food items for your child’s lunch on Thursdays. A sample lunch order is shown below.

Warm regards, Gina & Kim

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3D

3D has made another great start to the term. Darren has a new wheelchair that looks fabulous and we are waiting on a new chair for Athra which should be arriving any week now. The students have continued to enjoy the wheelchair swing, the sensory room and the swimming pool and it is great to see them so involved in the activities. The class is busy preparing for the primary assembly item and Darren in particular has been enjoying playing a variety of musical instruments. Juliaza and Jasmine are continuing to improve their mobility and walking skills and Jasmine is becoming more aware of the school routine and is coping better with changes to it. It has been great to see Geraltonio back at school and his level of engagement with school activities has been wonderful to see. We look forward to our bowling excursions and other fun activities at school this term.
News From The Classroom

Juniors 5M & 6M

Our students had a great start to the second term. On Wednesdays we go to the new Multi-Sensory Library and have fun exploring the sensory equipment. The students listen to music, relax on the vibrating beds, tumble over the apparatus or play in the ball pit. The other highlight was Isaiah's birthday as the cake that Pat sent in was absolutely delicious. For the next three weeks Jessica, a third year university student will be doing her practicum in our school and will be based in our classes. As part of this she is developing sensory stories with the students to celebrate National Family Reading Month. We are also planning an excursion for week eight of this term and will inform you of the details at a later date. On behalf of our students we wish all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day this Sunday.

Regards,
Michael, Darlene, Kim and Mariana
Our class were very busy in term 1 with academic work, sporting activities and excursions in the community. We visited Plough and Harrow Park where our students enjoyed themselves on a variety of outdoor equipment. A excursion to Cronulla beach was a enjoyable day out with all students participating in a scenic beach walk, and buying lunch at the beach takeaway. We also join with Class 8G on a weekly basis to play basketball. This activity is enjoyed by all students.

Regards from Fred, Eda and Elena.
REMINDERS

- **Change of Address.** Please remember to notify the office of any changes of address, phone numbers or circumstances. In relation to Assisted Travel a requirement of 5 days is needed for changes to be approved.

- **NAPLAN.** If you received a note to sign and return for NAPLAN exemption please return ASAP if you have not already done so.

- **Education & Employment Update.** If you received, last term, a request for information missing from your child’s application form relating to parents’ education and employment history, could you please return ASAP as this information is collected by the DEC and is used when allocating funds to our school. As of 2015 this information will be compulsory.

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**“LES POWELL WALK OF FAME”**

Last term a letter and order form went home inviting you to participate in our pathway which will use personalised pavers with either student’s name or family name.

If you have misplaced the order form I have uploaded the document on the home page of our website: [www.lespowell-s.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.lespowell-s.schools.nsw.edu.au)

You can also give me a call in the office to send a form home with your child.

Regards, Vicki
Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to term 2. I hope everyone had a happy and relaxing break and is fighting fit and ready to go again. As you may be aware, a series of parent excursions have recently been organized and have been well supported. Our last day out was a trip on a 1920’s tall-ship around Sydney Harbour with a guided tour of Goat Island. Although the weather wasn’t as nice as it could have been, the day out was still quite pleasant and enjoyable. Below are some photos of our lovely parents enjoying their day off! Our next trip is to the Blue Mountains. Please see the flyer attached to this Newsletter for more information. You might note that the deposit for this trip is $10.00. This is a donation to the school which will go towards purchasing uniforms for our Choir. Remember, numbers are limited to 36, so first in, first served.

My Time Craft is also returning this term. Please refer to the article in this Newsletter. A fundraising committee meeting will also be held during the My Time Craft Session. Please RSVP as soon as possible for catering purposes.

Denise Bugeja
Phone: 9821-1711 Mobile: 0407957715 Email: denise.bugeja@det.nsw.edu.au
UNIFORM SHOP
You will be pleased to know that the new winter uniform orders have arrived and I will be despatching them this week. For those of you who have ordered uniforms, please check your child’s bag for your completed orders. Hats are now available for $10.00. This item will be added to the Uniform Price List. Please note I still have an assortment of fleecy track pants and tops in sizes 10 and under that are available for $5.00. These would be particularly useful as spare clothes in your child’s bag in case of accidents.

MY TIME CRAFT
My Time Craft will be returning on Wednesday 21st May from 10:00 am to 11:30. This time Jean will show us how to make a planter pot out of a Coke bottle. Come along and join us for a bit of a laugh and a cuppa whilst learning something new. Toddlers are welcome to join in the fun with their own little craft activity.
Please confirm your attendance by ringing Denise on 9821711 or 0407957715 or Email me at: denise.bugeja@det.nsw.edu.au

I look forward to seeing you

SUPPORT OUR NEW CANTEEN
In support of our new school initiative to start a Canteen, I have organized a parent workshop to be run by the Cancer Council of NSW on the simplest way to improve the health of your family and save money. The workshop will be held on Thursday 29th May in the library and will include ideas to save time and money making healthy meals and learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters. A free recipe book will be given just by attending. A flyer will be sent home shortly, so keep a look out for that one.
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING: ALL WELCOME

A fundraising Committee Meeting will be held during the next My Time Craft Session. Our next Fundraising objective is the Signature Paving initiative and choir uniforms. Those of you who attended our recent parent excursion might remember being handed an order form for the pavers. New order forms can be obtained from the Office or on the School’s website. Hope to see you there with some new ideas!
You and one friend are invited to join me on a trip to the stunning Blue Mountains. Take a trip on the famous Scenic Railway, explore the forest floor and return to the top via the Cableway where we will enjoy a delicious lunch of fish, chips and salad (no drinks included) and, if time, a little shopping in the gift shop.

**WHEN:** Thursday 22nd May

**TIME:** 9:00am - 2:30pm

*(You will need to be at school by 8:45. BUS LEAVES 9:00 AM SHARP)*

**FEE:** $10.00 (non-refundable donation to the school to go towards choir uniforms)

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**PLEASE NOTE:** On the day please wear comfortable walking shoes for the forest walk and wear warmer clothing. The tour will be conducted in all weather, so if it looks like rain please bring wet weather gear. Children under 4 permitted free, however, children between 1 & 4 must pay the $10.00 deposit for the bus as by law, they must occupy their own seat. **REMEMBER** we must leave on time, so if you are late .... we can’t wait!!

Places are limited to 36 people. Please return the slip below together with $10.00 to secure your

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I would like to reserve my position for the day trip the Blue Mountains and enclose my deposit of $10.00 (non-refundable) to secure my seat on the bus.

**NAME/S:**

**PHONE NO:**

**EMAIL:**

Special Dietary Requirements:  

- Gluten Free □
- Vegetarian □

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WINNERS FROM EASTER RAFFLE

1. Vivian 18. Audrey
2. Martin 19. Sargon
3. Roystan 20. Debbie
5. Damien K. 22. Tiffany
6. Alex Pham 23. Teena
7. Carin 24. Ida
8. Adam 25. Louise
9. Milam (Marko) 26. Sandra
10. Roop 27. Gina
11. Cameron (Liam) 28. Daniel (Raquel)
14. Mustafa 31. Dario
15. David Hilton 32. Zoe
16. Nikola 33. Matteo
17. Cecilia 34. Erin