Les Powell School
NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

Tuesday 10th June
High School Excursion

Thursday 12th June
Combined Athletics Carnival—Homebush

Wednesday 18th June
Infants Excursion

Wednesday 25th June
Primary Excursion

Student Awards

CLASS 8G
Tyson Levi
Andie Midson
Jerhome Escubio
Laura Le

CLASS 10J
Mina Hurmez
Lynn Nguyen

CLASS 11C
Joseph Ayoub
Andrew Shaker

CLASS 12J
David Hilton
Vivian Lam

Principal’s Report

Les Powell School showcasing the new Sensory Library at Special Education Conference.

As a result of our participation in Every student, Every School Learning and Support Partnership, Les Powell School team has completed our school’s project which was to design a Sensory Education Library which included a sensory room. This new project is to provide students with sensory activities and to give the teachers new strategies to improve the classroom management of student's sensory issues, which impact on their learning. The Multi-Sensory Library is equipped with a range of low and high tech resources, to facilitate student engagement and provide a calm and stimulating atmosphere. Some of the resources will be available for teachers to use in the classroom to provide a pathway to engagement and to enhance student's readiness for learning.

All special schools were assigned with various projects which made them “centres of expertise” and were given the opportunity last week to showcase their products. We are very proud of our project and received a great deal of interest. I would like to thank the school community for their input especially the project team led by Mr Michael Jaftha, Mrs Gina Wheeler, Mrs Mariana Rosales and various therapy groups.

Best Wishes to our Athletics Team

Next Thursday, a combined sports team will represent our school at the Annual Combined Athletics Carnival for special schools which will be held at the Olympic Park. It will be a great experience for our students who will join another 30 schools/units and over 350 students. Our best wishes to all our students and it is great to see students from Les Powell School actively participating in interschool sports activities which is on par with their peers in mainstream schools.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability – 2014

In the last newsletter I informed the school community that our school will be participating in the Collection of Nationally Consistent Data on School Students with Disability. More than 1,600 NSW Public Schools will participate in 2014, including more than 400 continuing schools and more than 1,200 schools who will take part for the first time this year.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability and hopefully more funding, which our students deserve. DEC will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

More information and a letter of participation will be sent to you next week. I urge you to support this project as it will help all students with disability in the future.

Recognising and Acknowledging our Additional Services and Programs - Bus Drivers and Travel Support Officers (TSO)

In our busy schedule we might not have the opportunity to publicly recognise and acknowledge the important and hard work carried out on a daily basis by the bus drivers and TSO’s. Drivers and TSO’s do a tremendous job and we value their contribution. I urge all parents and carers to work closely with the drivers and escorts and ensure that they are kept informed of any changes related to your child transport. On behalf of the school community, I would like to acknowledge and thank all the drivers and TSO’s for their care, dedication and commitment to our students. You are an important part of our school team.

Mr Sargon Makko
Principal
This term is going so fast for our class. Our students continue to enjoy the everyday programs at school. The community access is the highlight of each week, where Steven and Aaron are always excited to see places like the public library and local shops. They like to check on items for classroom and cooking stuff and afterwards sit down at the food court for chicken and chips that Lydia and John Mai look forward to. We would like to thank these lovely ladies; Kristine and Heba who volunteered to come with us. The students are also enjoying the weekly hydrotherapy, active after school sports and recently, the use of sensory library facility for sensory play sessions. Brian loves the body sock, It gives him the opportunity to calm down and take his occasional nap. Thanks to the occupational therapist, Kimberly Short for the wonderful ideas! Lastly, we are now looking forward to the long restful weekend, be safe and keep warm everyone!
High School 1

Another term is rolling by very quickly, we are already in week 6 and this term is a very short term.

The students have been enjoying our new sensory/activity corner that we have set up in our room. Our beautiful multi-coloured hanging net really compliments the area well.

Damien seems to really enjoy using our new blow up chair, he looks very comfortable in it, just like the king in the castle.

Josephine also loves our new floor time activity centre, she tries to touch the hanging objects, especially the disco ball.

Enjoy the long weekend, warmest wishes,

Hellen & Kerri.
Class 2LA

Our students have been out and about in the community enjoying many different shopping venues. Zoe and Rayan have been to Casula Mall where they visited the Green Spice Shop to purchase a special Fiji curry mix. Yum it smells delicious!! Serpil went to Westfields Liverpool and purchased some new long sleeve tops and leggings. Looking Good!!!

Our students have also made a trip to Carnes Hill Shopping Centre to have their lunch. Zoe enjoys a cup of tea or hot chocolate too!!

A new venue for shopping this term has been Costcos. It is very big and exciting and we can enjoy our lunch at the café after our shopping is finished.

Jonathan and Rayan both had their 18th birthdays in May. Rayan celebrated at school and was most excited during our class party. There was a delicious cake with sparklers and plenty of cream. Yum yum! Zoe was eyeing off the cake as it is her 18th birthday soon.

Next week we are off to Penrith Lakes for Sailing. This is a much anticipated excursion and we are all hoping for a fine day.

Have a great holiday week end,
Louise and Audrey
News From the Classroom

School Canteen Report

The school canteen has been a huge success with over 40 orders each week and many classes excited to receive their lunch orders. The work experience students have tasks to do each day, such as gluing the orders onto the paper bags, counting the lunch bags into the basket, delivering the baskets, tallying the orders, sorting the money, then preparing and delivering the lunches. Students from many classes are using their communication skills to hand over and receive the baskets and some students are also writing their own lunch bags and counting their money. Thank you so much to all parents and carers for supporting this program and keep the lunch orders coming each Thursday!

Regards,
The Canteen Committee
Hi Everyone,
We have a very busy last few weeks of term left, so let's get to it!! Firstly, our next My Time Craft session will be held next Wednesday the 11th June at 10am. This week Jean will be showing us how to do a tile placemat. Last time, we had quite a few newcomers and we made pot plant holders made out of coke bottles. Yes, that's right and I must say they looked absolutely amazing. You would never know it was a coke bottle. So, if you've got a spare couple of hours come along and join Jean and I next Wednesday for a chat, a cuppa and a laugh while we make something new and exciting. There are also a couple of things happening in the community such as a pamper day for carers (also see attached flyer). This might be just what the doctor ordered for some of us.

Our next parent excursion is happening on Tuesday 24th June with an exciting Middle Eastern Adventure. Don't forget to RSVP for a full Lebanese banquet together with coffee and Turkish Delight. Yum!! Our last day out was a trip to the Blue Mountains. It was a gorgeous day and everyone had a great time, although it was a bit much for some who had a little snooze on the bus on the way back. Please see the flyer attached to this Newsletter for more information on the Middle Eastern Adventure. The deposit for this trip is $5.00. This is also a donation to the school which will go towards purchasing uniforms for our Choir.

Remember, numbers are limited to 30, so book your spot early.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Unfortunately we are no longer able to take orders for the microfibre jackets as they have gone out of production in Brown. I am currently negotiating with our supplier for fleecy zip jackets as a replacement. I will keep you up to date with production and cost as soon as possible. We now have a large supply of hats in stock @ $10.00, so there is no waiting if you wish to purchase one straight away.

Please note I still have an assortment of fleecy track pants and tops in sizes 8 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. A number of parents have taken advantage of this offer. Hurry while stocks last.

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**Les Powell Walk of Fame:**

Thank you to everyone who has put in their orders for the engraved pavers. It would be really nice to have a lot more to line our pathway in our new sensory playground/garden. Order forms are available at the office, on the school website or from me directly. It’s not too late!!

**World Cup Soccer and BBQ Day**

On Thursday 26th June, we will be holding a World Cup Soccer & BBQ lunch day. You can dress your children in their favourite soccer team colours and parents and family members are invited to join students and teachers in a fun filled day of activities with a BBQ lunch. Ice-creams will also be on sale via our new Canteen. A flyer will be sent home shortly for your information, so keep an eye out for that as we will need an RSVP for catering purposes.

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**CARER PAMPER EVENT**

*Take a seat and relax!*

**Thurs 26th June 14**

10am-8pm

**Bargo Sports Club**

**Remembrance Dr, Bargo**

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If you are supporting someone with a disability, frail aged, chronic illness, mental illness or dementia, you are welcome to enjoy this pamper experience for free. If you need assistance with transport, enquire when booking.

**Booking is Essential:** Contact Tania at Community Links on Ph: 4683 2776

*Not for Paid Respite Workers*
FORMATION FRIENDSHIP

MIDDLE EASTERN ADVENTURE

You and one friend are invited to join me on a trip on a magic carpet ride to experience a unique and exotic adventure as we explore the cultures and cuisine of the Middle East.

A full Lebanese banquet, drinks, coffee and Turkish Delight are included.

WHEN: Tuesday 29 June
TIME: 10:30am - 2:30 pm
(You will need to be at School by 10:15am)
FEE: $5.00 (non-refundable)

PLEASE NOTE: Places are limited to 30 people. Please return the slip below together with $5.00 to secure your seat.

I would like to reserve my position for the day trip on the Middle Eastern Adventure and enclose my deposit of $5.00 (non-refundable) to secure my seat on the bus.

NAME/S: ........................................................................................................................................................................

PHONE No. ........................................... EMAIL: ................................................................................................................

Special Dietary Requirements: Gluten Free □ Vegetarian □

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