Dates to Remember

- Mon 28th July: Class 8G Excursion
- Fri 8th Aug: Education Week Open Day, Whole School Assembly
- Wed 27th Aug: Class 11C Excursion
- Wed 3rd Sep: Class 12J Excursion
- Fri 5th Sep: High School Excursion
- Fri 12 Sep: Primary Excursion
- Fri 19 Sep: Last Day of Term 3

Principal’s Report

Principal on Leave.
Welcome back to all our students and school community. As you were informed last newsletter, Sargon is on long service leave for the first five weeks of this term. He will return to school on Monday 18th August, 2014. As Relieving Principal I am looking forward to working with the school community during this time. If you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to call me.

New Awning in the Bus Bay

During the holidays a new awning was installed over the bus bay which is an extension to the existing cover. Our staff and students now experience increased protection from the elements of the weather during loading and unloading. A BIG THANK YOU TO “WHEELS” FOR FUNDING THIS PROJECT!

Celebrating our 60th Education Week at Les Powell on Friday 4th August.

“Lighting the Way to a Better World”

Education Week has been celebrated since 1954 and the original tagline was “Lighting the Way to a Better World.” It is still just as applicable in 2014. We will be inviting the school community to an Open Day and Assembly to showcase student achievement. You will be receiving further information with all the details next week.

Mid-Year School Reports

Students’ mid-year reports were sent home at the end of last term. I hope that you have had time to read over them and show them to friends and family. Your feedback is important to us and I invite your comments on the report. To enhance students’ learning through parent and teacher partnership, we are inviting you to 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’s yearly report.

CLUB GRANTS FOR LES POWELL SCHOOL!—EXCITING NEWS!!!!

Les Powell School has received Club Grants to fund two new school projects:

- “We Can Cook”-Life Skills Program” is a cooking and food preparation program for senior students giving them an increased sense of responsibility, to foster a sense of pride, to improve organisational and time management skills and handling money. It is to encourage team work and benefit the whole school community. This new initiative will fund set up costs including training and designing programs and we envisage that the project will be self sustaining through ongoing support from the local community.

- “Ceiling Hoist System” for the hydrotherapy pool. The installation of a ceiling tracking hoist system which transfers students from the change room to the pool and back again will improve the hydrotherapy experience for our students with high physical support needs.

Congratulations and thank you to Denise our Community Liaison Officer (CLO) and the staff involved in supporting these applications.
Class 11C
Dear Parents and Carers
It is really good to see all our students back to school after the holidays. We are sure they had a fantastic holiday with lots and lots of rest. This term is going to be an enjoyable and a busy term again with many exciting events taking place. Students are well into their routine by taking part in individual and group activities. Our class theme for this term is ‘Marine Life’. We are planning to go to Sydney Aquarium in week seven and students will also have the opportunity to do a variety of activities based on this theme in class.

We look forward to your support and cooperation this term.

From
Chandra Singh, Mohini Dass and Maryanne
Dear Parents and Carers,

Students in 12J had an awesome time at our World Cup Soccer Day on the last week of school last term. We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all our parents who came along to support us!

We are so PROUD of all our students in 12J, who have started Term 3 with beautiful behaviour!

Thanks,
Jennifer and Shabana
Hi everyone.
Welcome to Week 2 of Term 3. I hope you all had a wonderful break, even though the weather was quite cold. It was lovely to see all the smiling faces of the children. This term, like all terms is bearing up to be extremely busy.

Last term saw the last of our parent excursions for a little while. We all had an enjoyable day at Sahra On The River at Parramatta. The food was absolutely delicious and I’m quite sure everyone enjoyed the talents of the belly dancer. Check out some of the photos below.

I have lots planned for this term, so don’t feel too disappointed. We will be starting off with “Kitchen Kapers” cooking group (see flyer attached). My Time Craft will be returning as well as a presentation from the Cancer Council on Healthy Lunchboxes. There will also be a workshop presentation on some of the new rules and changes concerning the NDIS—Don’t miss that one! I have also arranged for a Beginners Mosaic Class that will start towards the end of Term 3 for 6 weeks.

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BEGINNERS MOSAIC CLASSES:
I have been able to engage the services of a local Mosaic Artist who is willing to come to the school and teach a small group on the art of Mosaics. The class will hold up to 15 people only, so you will need to register to secure your place in the group. The classes will start in Week 8 and run for 2 hours on a Thursday for 6 weeks (excluding the school holidays). A flyer will be sent home shortly with all the details. Simply fill in your details and return the flyer to school and I will register your names on the list. The cost will be $5.00 per person per session. All materials will be supplied.

DIARY DATES
Term 3

Wednesday 30th July:
Kitchen Kapers—Cooking with Stella Room 1 Kitchen.

Wednesdays (Dates To be Advised)
My Time Craft with Jean Library (keep a look out for flyer)

Date To be Advised
Northcott Disability Services NDIS Workshop (keep a look out for flyer)

Thursday 21st August:
Cancer Council’s Eat It To Beat It Healthy Lunch Box Workshop Library

Thursday 4th, 11th and 18th Sept:
Mosaic Classes at School

COTTAGE PIE

Ingredients:
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large brown onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 900g lean beef mince
- 1/4 cup instant gravy powder
- 1 cup beef stock
- 400g can diced tomatoes with oregano and basil
- 1.2kg sebago potatoes, peeled, chopped
- 50g butter, chopped
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup grated tasty cheese

Method:
Step 1: Preheat oven to 200°C/180°C fan-forced. Heat oil in a non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Cook mince in 2 batches, stirring with a wooden spoon to break up mince, for 8 to 10 minutes or until browned. Transfer to a bowl. Add onion and garlic to pan. Cook, stirring, for 3 minutes or until softened.
Step 2: Return mince to pan. Add gravy powder. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Stir in stock and tomato. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for 25 to 30 minutes or until thickened.
Step 3: Meanwhile, cook potato in a saucepan of boiling, salted water for 10 to 12 minutes or until tender. Drain. Return to pan over low heat. Mash until smooth. Add butter and milk. Stir until butter has melted and mixture is combined.
Step 4: Spoon mince mixture into a 1.4 litre casserole dish. Top with potato mixture. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden. Serve.
You and 1 friend are invited to attend a cooking class with Stella. Stella will be showing us how to make an Italian Almond Dessert Cake. All ingredients and cooking utensils supplied. Just bring an Apron! Afterwards, morning tea will be held in the Library to enjoy your culinary delights. Cost is $5.00 to cover ingredients. Please return the slip below together with your $5.00 to hold your position in the class.

WHEN:
Wednesday 30th July
WHERE:
Room 1 Kitchen
TIME:
10:00 to 11:30 am

Please reserve my place in Kitchen Kapers. Enclosed is $5.00 to cover the ingredients.
NAME: .......................................................................................................................
PHONE NO: ..............................................................................................................
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