Mid-Year School Report Feedback and Meetings

Thank you so much for your comments, feedback and meeting with your child’s teacher in regard to the mid year report and review of students programs. We are very pleased and proud of students’ achievements thus far. Your contribution is so valuable in improving students learning through parent and teacher partnership.

Please ensure that the report folder is returned to school to be used for the end of year report.

National Recognition Week 2014 for School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) “Stepping up to the Challenge”

The school community is made up of a lot of different people, all of whom play a vital part in the running of the schools and the provision of quality education to students.

SAS Staff at Les Powell School play a vital role in students' learning by assisting teachers in implementing educational programs, ensuring the smooth running of the administrative and financial matters or maintaining the playgrounds to make our school safe.

Starting the week of 1-5 September, staff, students and parents will have the opportunity to acknowledge the magnificent work done by SAS Staff as part of the National Recognition Week. The school will acknowledge the SASS week with a social event during this term.

On behalf of the school community I would like to acknowledge the important role SAS staff play in the school and the positive contributions they make in your child’s learning and thank them all for their hard work and dedication.

Recognising & Acknowledging our Additional Staff Members, Services & Programs

This week I would like to inform you about our school’s Community Liaison Officer (CLO) Mrs Denise Bugeja and the important role Denise has at Les Powell School which include -

1. Promoting and facilitating effective partnerships and networks among school staff, students, parents, caregivers and the wider community.
2. Improving and maintaining regular, meaningful, two way communication between the school and its community.
3. Encouraging and supporting the participation of parents and caregivers in decision-making processes about their children's learning.
4. Facilitating the establishment and implementation of parent programs in consultation and collaboration with the school and its community.
5. Collaborating with community officers and other agencies that contribute to and support students’ learning, participation and engagement in schooling.
6. Developing a register of community resources available to the school community.
Denise has been at our school for over a year and during this time has made a huge contribution to the school which include –

- Securing club grants from Mounties ($16,500) for cooking program, ($12,500) from John Edmondson – Liverpool RSL for pool tracking hoist, $6,500 from Liverpool Council for parents events, $2,500 from Fairfield Council for school leavers and $ 1,000 from St Johns Park Bowling Club for school electronic sign.
- Denise has also introduced many parents and community programs including – Kitchen Kapers, Mosaic Art, My Time Craft and special guest speakers on various important and relevant subjects for the parents.

I would like to congratulate Denise on her achievements and thank her for her hard work.

From the Principal’s desk

Having returned from long service leave this week, I would like to acknowledge the great work of Mrs Louise Melville as a relieving Principal ably supported by the executive team and thank the School community for their professional and dedicated work during my leave.

Quote for the fortnight - “Remember that you are very special, No one can play your role better than you”.

Mr Sargon Makko
Principal
The highlights of Term 3 have been our cultural excursions to the city to the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA), Opera House and the NSW Art Gallery. These excursions are a great way to spark the creative genius in our students and give them unforgettable experiences to view, read and write about.

8G are also participating in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge with a fitness program at the Aquatic Centre at Olympic Park. We would like to thank the organisers of the Bella program at the MCA, the Variety volunteers and the Premier for making these unique opportunities available to our students and also thank all parents for their continuing support. Warm regards, Gina & Kim
Starting with Art Program

Twelve students from the school participated in this program last Thursday:

“an interactive art workshop in which Variety volunteers are buddied up with students, and taken on an interactive tour of some of the key pieces in the gallery, and then given the opportunity to make their own artworks in a workshop, which they are able to take home at the end.”

The artworks and a photo display are exhibited in the foyer of the school for all to view. The students had an amazing day in the awesome Art Gallery, including the viewing of contemporary sculptures, art making workshops and a picnic in The Domain. The students were totally enthralled by the whole experience and were complimented on their excellent behaviour. We would like to thank Variety, and the volunteers for making this day possible. Also, a big thank you to John for driving the bus and the informative tour of the city. In December the school will participate in the Santa Run to support Variety and show our appreciation for their generosity.
Hi everyone.
Welcome to Week 6 of Term 3. A huge welcome back to our Principal Mr. Makko. I've been updating him on all of our activities and achievements. Last week, we held another Kitchen Kapers Session where Shae Hejazi showed us how to make a couple of traditional Lebanese dishes and a Rice Pudding dessert. We all had a great time getting involved rolling meatballs, chopping vegetables and creating 2 delicious and healthy dishes, after which we were all able to sit down and enjoy our meal. See photo's below. Our next Kitchen Kapers will be held on August 27 when Eman El-Wazzi and her mum will show us how to make vegetarian vine leaves. A flyer is attached to this newsletter. Please come along and join us.
We still have 2 places left for the Mosaic Group which starts on September 4, so hurry and register or you will miss out.
Yesterday we had a representative from the Cancer Council come and do a workshop on Healthy Lunch Boxes. It was well attended and very informative …….. there were a few myth busters included. A very enlightening and interesting session. Thank you to all the parents who attended and picked up a free show bag.

Denise Bugeja
Phone: 9821-1711/Mobile: 0407957715
You and a friend are invited to attend a cooking class with Eman El-Wazzi. Eman & her mum will be showing us how to make Vegetarian Vine Leaves. They involve a little bit of work, but they are well worth it. All ingredients and cooking utensils supplied. Just bring an Apron and a plastic container to take home the left overs in!
Afterwards, morning tea will be held 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

**WHEN:**
Wednesday 27th August

**WHERE:**
Room 1 Kitchen

**TIME:**
9:30 to 11:30 am

Please reserve my place in Kitchen Kapers. Enclosed is $5.00 to cover the ingredients.

NAME: ..............................................................................................................

PHONE NO: ......................................................................................................
DO YOU NEED A NSW PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD

The NSW Photo Card is a voluntary card for people who do not hold a current NSW Driver Licence, or other form of photo identification, to help them show who they are. It may be used to help access a number of everyday services such as sending or receiving international mail, opening bank accounts and entering licensed premises.

A NSW Photo Card will show your name, address, date of birth and photo.

The Photo Card is issued or replaced free of charge for eligible pensioners, Seniors and Carer Allowance recipients.

When your child turns 18, this is a very useful card to have.

For further information please phone Roads and Maritime Services on 13 22 13 or visit their website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 27 August:
Kitchen Kapers—Cooking with Eman—
Kitchen of Room 1

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

Wednesday 15th October:
Transition to Adulthood Parent
Session at Westmead Children’s Hospital

Wednesday 29th October:
NSW Public Trustee & Guardianship
Parent Workshop

Tax returns –
we can help

Get free help with your tax return from a Tax Help volunteer

- Are your tax affairs simple?
- Do you earn around $50,000 or less?
You could be eligible.

To find out more, contact the ATO on 13 28 61.

Date: Fridays,
From August 1, 2014
Time: 9:00am – 12:30pm
2:00pm – 3:30pm
Venue: The HUB Community Health Centre
16 Woodward Crescent,
Miller, NSW 2168
Tel: (02) 9608 8920
Booking is essential
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO DO MOSAICS?

Natalie Valiente from Hands of Clay will be running a Beginners Mosaic Group for parents, to be held at Les Powell School. The classes will run for 6 weeks commencing Thursday 4th September from 9:30 to 11:30am. You and 1 friend are invited to attend at a cost of only $5.00 per head each week.

The aim of the project is to learn the basic art of mosaic whilst enjoying the company of other parents at Les Powell School as well as creating your own piece of artwork to hang in the upgraded sensory playground and garden when it is completed.

If you are interested, please complete this form and return it to Denise Bugeja at the school Please call Denise on 0407957715 or 9821 1711 if you have any questions.

Yes, I wish to attend the beginners Mosaic Group at Les Powell School. I am prepared to attend the whole 6 sessions at a cost of $5.00 each session.

NAME: ...........................................................................................................................................................

PHONE NUMBER/S ...........................................................................................................................................

NAME AND CLASS OF YOUR CHILD: .........................