Dates to Remember

Wednesday 18th Feb
Parents Visit—Meet & Greet

Wednesday 4th March
Parents Workshop—Speech

Thursday 12th March
School Photos

Wednesday 25th March
Combined Swimming Carnival

Thursday 2nd April
Last Day of Term

Principal’s Report

Warm welcome to everyone and best wishes for 2015. I particularly want to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families. This year, we have enrolled 11 new students including two who were enrolled late last year. The new students are - James Tang, Mitchell Hebeston, Jemimah Joe, Penelope Savidis, Nathaneal Swainston, Zahraa Albo Salih, Andy Le, Sarah Newman, Rivileno Hirmiz, Salwi Katoola and Fadi Salek. With the additional enrolments, our school will remain at 12 classes and 76 students in total (equivalent to a primary school with 360 students).

I am pleased to inform you that our students are happy to be back at school and are getting back into routines and structure of school environment. Congratulations to all our students.

Working with you as Partners in Education
We look forward to a regular and ongoing communication with you through our school newsletter (every fortnight), meetings at school, school community events and student’s communication diary.

We also look forward to your participation and your contribution at our scheduled Educational Planning meetings (in week 7) and community events including Harmony Day and sporting carnivals. Full details will be forwarded to you regarding these events.

One of our important priorities is to ensure that our school is safe and secure and our students are engaged in learning. As Partners in Education I would ask for your co-operation and support in the following areas:-

- Please ensure that students attend school regularly and on time (by 9.00 am).
- If you are arriving late or picking your child up early, please report to the office first and the office staff will inform your child’s teacher of your arrival.
- If you transport your child to and from school, please report to the teacher/s on duty in the bus bay (Drop off by 9.00 am and pick up from 2.50 PM).
- If your child uses “contracted transport” please ensure that you and the driver have exchanged phone numbers. Always inform the driver if your child is not going to school.
- If your child is absent from school, please ring the school and send in a note or return the absent note that the teacher will send home.
- To minimise disruption to learning, we ask all parents to make appointments to see the teachers. However, I am available to meet with you and discuss any issues of concern.
- Please use the school communication diary to communicate with school staff in regard to your child’s news, needs and other important information.
- By now you would have received requests from your child’s teacher to complete important documents such as Health Care Plan (if needed) and emergency contact information and consent forms. Please return the information requested so we can meet your child’s needs.

Meet and Greet meeting.
You are invited to come to school and meet your child’s teacher on Thursday 19th February at 10.30 (Full details enclosed in this newsletter).
Please find below a list of Les Powell school staff for 2015.

GRADE TEAM LEADERS for 2015

Junior School team …. Mr Michael Jaftha

Primary School team… Mr Andres Oyarzun

High School Team ……Mrs Louise Melville

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Relief Teacher/ Library - Vijay Chetty

School Counsellor - Julianne Wallace

Swimming and Hydrotherapy - Sharon Rutherford

Community Liaison Officer - Denise Bugeja

Office Staff - Vicki Landsberry, hrs Monday to Friday
                Maria Lavorato, hrs Mon, Tue and Wed
                Michelle Green, hrs Every 2nd Friday

Mr Sargon Makko

Principal
Welcome back everyone, and a special welcome to our new students and their families. I hope that everyone had a nice, relaxing holiday break and that you’re ready for 2015. There are a lot of plans in the works for Term 1. The first of which, is our staff and parent Meet and Greet on Thursday 19th February. A morning tea will be provided for your enjoyment (flyer attached). I am pleased to announce that I have again secured a grant to allow a series of parent excursions, the first of which will be a “Taste Food Tour” on 26th February. Keep a look out for the flyer giving you all the details. My-Time Craft (an old favourite) will also be returning this year on Wednesday 11th March, as well as a few new activities. A reminder to parents that my role is to help students/parents/carers to establish links between school and community resources. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. This is a free and confidential service. I AM HERE FOR YOU

Denise Bugeja
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Mobile: 0407957715

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Don’t forget, if you need any new uniforms, you can simply complete a uniform order and send it back to school. I will ring you when the order is ready to be collected and paid for. During 2014 we have had a bit of trouble with our suppliers which caused delays in deliveries. This year I have taken a slightly different approach and ordered stock instead of ordering individual items. Hopefully this will enable you to order and receive delivery within the week. A reminder though, that winter uniforms will not be available until the end of Term 1 as the manufacturer has no stock of these items.

A “sloppy Joe” has been introduced to the uniform range for those who prefer a pull-over style.

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**DIARY DATES**

16th February:
NDIS Workshop—Liverpool Catholic Club

19th February:
Parent Meet & Greet/Morning Tea

26th February:
Parent Excursion—Food Taste Tour

4th March:
Parent Workshop—Communicating With Your Non-Verbal Child/Behaviour

11th March:
My Time Craft with Jean Carroll
You may recall that last year Les Powell School implemented a student cooking program for senior students. Many thanks to Gina and Kim for all their hard work!! I am pleased to say that at the end of last year, our students graduated from a modified Hospitality Course at Campbelltown TAFE. I am also pleased to announce that some new equipment has been purchased in the form of moveable kitchen benches to assist the students in their endeavours and it has been put to good use already. No time to waste!!!
Please note that the Principal, Sargon Makko and myself will be attending. If you wish to attend please register with Tanya Briggs from AFFORD
You are invited to Les Powell School Parent Meet & Greet Morning Tea

Come meet your child’s Teacher and SLSO for 2015

Come Meet other parents and carers

Come along to a Morning Tea to meet and welcome you to 2015. You will also have an opportunity to catch up with other parents, staff and your child’s class teacher.

When: Thursday, 19th February 2015
Venue: Les Powell School Library
Time: 10.30 am - 11.30 am

Friends and Family are most welcome to come along
RSVP: Denise Bugeja, Phone: 9821 1711 / Mobile: 0407 957 715
Email: denise.bugeja@det.nsw.edu.au

I will be able to attend the Parents Morning Tea on Friday 21st February 2015

Name: ____________________________ No. of people: ____________

Child’s name: _____________________ Child’s class: ______________