Education Week for us began on Monday with our first whole school athletics carnival. It was a most successful event and an enjoyable day for families who came along to support their children and our school.

The theme for Education Week this year is “Celebrating Local Heroes”. Last Wednesday we had Super Hero Mufti Day to raise awareness and financial support for Bear Cottage. “Celebrating Local Heroes” for me, is a reminder of the importance of teaching not only academic subjects but also the importance of educating children about values such as kindness, justice, hard work, honesty and integrity. Education is about working with children to help them grow into the fine people they will become. Since my arrival at Liverpool West, one of the first things I noticed was the positive way in which children behave and relate to adults, their siblings and their peers. I congratulate parents for instilling these values and working with the school as partners in education.

With the new Australian curriculum, the main difference in teaching for us has not been the content or the outcomes for English, Mathematics and Science and Technology but the inclusion of a set of capabilities to teach children personal, social and thinking approaches that will prepare them for the future. Teachers are committed to educating our 21st century learners by teaching them critical and creative thinking, intercultural understanding, difference and diversity, communication, negotiation, collaboration and teamwork as well as work ethic and entrepreneurial skills.

This current generation more than any other will be confronted in the future with numerous global, social, ethical and environmental issues that will need to be addressed. The world marketplace will be highly competitive and future employment will be in fields, not yet invented.

I would like to thank the 110 parents and carers who visited the school today for the Education Week Assembly and to attend open classrooms. I know the children were excited to share their learning with their families. Thank you to Mrs Ellington for coordinating this special event.
A FUN DAY WAS HAD BY ALL AT OUR ANNUAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL. Below is a snapshot of some of activities the students were involved in:

FRIENDSHIPS AT SCHOOL

Gabrielle was very excited to take his new friend Yahya on his first bike ride in the preschool!

STORY WRITING IN ESS

On Wednesday the 22nd, Liverpool West students swapped their uniforms for superhero costumes and selflessly donated a gold coin to Bear Cottage. Students from ESS came ready for school disguised as Superman, Spiderman, Spidergirl, Catwomen and Ironman. However, they weren't all sure what Bear Cottage was and why they were donating money. As a class, we watched a YouTube clip that explained that Bear Cottage was a place where very sick children and their families could go to have a rest. Unlike hospital, Bear Cottage was a really fun place for these children to stay. They could play games, watch movies, do craft, read etc. The clip reminded us that superheroes are not only found in books and movies. They can be normal, every-day people such as the nurses and volunteers found at Bear Cottage and the brave children and families who spend time there. ESS wrote some great sentences about what they would do if they were superheroes and it was great to see that many of them used their super powers to help those children who needed it most.

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