



# Lakemba Link

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## Term 1 – Week 6

### Important Dates

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Selective High School Placement Test for 2020
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	P&C Annual General Meeting
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Trial NAPLAN online
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	School Cross Country
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Term 2 for students
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN Online
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Kids 4 the Planet Stage 3
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to every parent and carer who came along to their child's Meet the Teacher meeting over the last few weeks. Our teachers really appreciate your support.

If you wish to speak to your child's teacher about their progress please ring the office and make an appointment. To ensure that you receive the most accurate information teachers need time to prepare and gather work samples to speak to you. When they are walking to class or in their classroom their duty of care is to their class. They cannot be disturbed during these times.

Congratulations to our SRC representatives, House Captains and Vice Captains and Library Monitors who received their badges at the Student Leadership Induction Assembly last Friday.

Enjoy the cooler weather.

*Kind regards,*

*Jann Price*

### Swimming Carnival



Our Stage 2 and 3 students enjoyed the Swimming Carnival last Thursday at Birrong Leisure Centre.

Thank you to Ms Kergis and Mr Giovas for organising the pool and the activities. Thank you to all the teachers for ensuring that all our students were able to enjoy the day.

### P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at which a new P&C Committee for 2019 will be elected. All positions are vacant and anyone who pays the 50c membership fee is eligible to vote.

At the end of this newsletter I have included a description of each of the positions. I really encourage everyone to attend the meeting to help to elect your 2019 P&C Committee.

## P&C Meeting

at

**9.15am**

**Friday 15th March**

## Annual General Meeting

*Cast your vote and elect Community members to represent you in 2019.*

### Attendance

All students are expected to be sitting at Assembly at 9am every morning. Students who are late to school miss important messages and settling routines in their classrooms. Every minute that students are late add up. Just ten minutes every day is fifty minutes a week and which is nearly two days every term.

Students need to develop life long habits to support their growth through life. Being punctual is extremely important as students grow through High School and into formal employment.

All student absences must be supported by a note from a parent. Absences will be marked as unjustified if the family does not supply a note.

### Late Student Pick Up

Parents and carers are reminded that school finishes at 3pm and students must be picked up at that time. Unfortunately there are many families who are not picking up their children until late. We understand that sometimes things happen and parents and carers are late. If this happens it is important that you contact the school before 3pm to let us know. It is not appropriate that carers pick their children up late on a regular basis. An interview with the Principal will be organised for families who do this.

## Clean Up Australia Day at Lakemba

Thank you to everyone who took part in Clean Up Australia Day at Lakemba last week.



It is important to remember that we need to take care of our environment and not litter every day not just on Clean Up Australia Day!



Parents and staff often report that people who drop off and pick up students from school are making U turns over double lines in the middle of the road on Alice Street. This is illegal and extremely dangerous for our families who are using the pedestrian crossing,

Please consider our children's safety as you drive around our school.



Library borrowing is off to a good start with 135 borrowers last week.

It is important to remember to return your books each week so that popular or favourite books can be shared.

The **Premier's Reading Challenge 2019** has begun. Students have a portal to use for a more fun experience, so log on to the PRC site and get started on your reading log for 2019.

Congratulations to the Library Monitors who are busy developing their Library skills. If you missed out on being a monitor this year keep trying.

Books coming are Pokemon Adventures, Netherland and His Name was Walter. Our collection covers many genres including fantasy, mystery, adventure, biography, autobiography and factual Information texts on all primary school subjects; Maths, Science, Geography, English, History, Creative Arts, Sport, Community, Aboriginal Peoples, Religions, General Knowledge.

Our students say that they love our Library!

Mrs Latimer

# SkoolBag

Lakemba Public School has its own App. Go to the App store on your phone. Search 'Lakemba Public School' and download. The App is FREE.

The App has been updated. If you have had the App for a while delete it and download it again for the latest version.

## School as Community Centre News

### Enrolling Now:

The Nest – Healthy Eating at Lakemba – Only a couple of places left for the second five week program which starts on 15<sup>th</sup> March. Run by Oz Harvest. Looks at how to reduce fats, salts and sugar in your diet as well as minimise waste in the kitchen. Contact Madeleine or Wendi if you are interested – there is some child support available.

Tuning Into Teens: This is a 6 week program for parents to help prepare you to manage the ups and downs of children as they enter their teens. Do you have a teenager or a child aged 11 or 12 who will soon be a teenager? We are running it here at Lakemba for the first time starting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 12.30-2.30 each week and invite any parent who is interested to attend. (You can still join if you missed the first week). Call 9759 4061 and speak to Wendi or Madeleine.

English Classes: We will be starting an English class once a week from Term 2. It will be on Thursday afternoons from 12.30-3.00 and we are happy to start taking enrolments now. Newly arrived families and refugees are encouraged to attend. Childcare will be provided.

### COMMUNITY:

Outdoor Family Movie Night in Lakemba: To celebrate Harmony Day there will be markets and a FREE screening of the family movie – Zootopia(PG) on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March in Jubilee Reserve, Lakemba. Markets from 4.30pm and movie screening at 7:15pm. Bring a rug or cushions to sit on, a picnic or enjoy the food stalls. All welcome.

Sydney Help Hub: Are you struggling to manage some bills? Needing help with finances or providing food for your family at times? Help is available every Thursday between 10.00 and 2.00 at 34 North Parade Campsie for some free household items like toiletries, emergency relief assistance and other support. Between 11.30 and 12.30 a Food Van can provide a free cooked meal or packaged meals to take home. **No judgement – just support!**



All the information about community programs are posted on our Facebook page. Go to

[www.facebook.com/LakembaWileyParkSaCC](http://www.facebook.com/LakembaWileyParkSaCC)

Ring Wendi or Madeleine on 9759 4061 for more information about any program.

# P&C Roles

## President

**The President ensures an efficient and well run P&C by**

- establishing good relationships with members, being respectful of everyone's rights and responsibilities
- developing a vision of where the P&C is heading and what strategies will be implemented to facilitate its success
- developing a collaborative relationship with the school principal, deputy principal and teaching staff
- planning meetings and following up on actions from previous meetings in conjunction/ consultation with the executive team
- embracing the principles of impartiality, tact, respect, inclusiveness and common sense.

**The President's duties include:**

- convening meetings, ensuring that they run in accordance with the agenda and constitution
- ensuring fair discussion by providing everyone with the opportunity to contribute
- liaising with the principal, and ensuring activities are sanctioned
- working with the Treasurer to ensure financial accountability
- ensuring that the school community is kept informed of activities and developments
- coordinating P&C items for the school newsletter, and ensuring information is accurate and complete
- seeking sponsorship for P&C events such as the Quiz Night, Croc Rock and other projects being the public 'face' of the P&C.

## Vice-President

**The Vice-President supports the President by**

- chairing meetings in his/ her absence
- sharing duties and responsibilities as agreed (outlined above)
- being supportive and attending meetings

## Secretary

The **Secretary's role** is essential to the effective and efficient operation of the P&C by supporting the President and being responsible for communication and correspondence, and maintaining effective records.

The **Secretary's responsibilities** include preparing in anticipation of meetings through

- notifying members of dates for meetings; preparing and distributing agendas; obtaining reports from sub-committees, receiving and managing correspondence and noting apologies
- taking minutes of meetings and distributing them promptly
- updating membership register after each general meeting
- clearing mail and keeping the President informed on all issues
- ensuring close communication and cooperation between the parent association, office staff, school staff and parents
- monitoring the P&C email account and referring enquiries as required.

## Treasurer

The **Treasurer** is accountable for, and reports on, the finances of the P&C. The Treasurer is responsible for:

- keeping accurate financial records of all receipts and expenditures
- issuing receipts for all monies received, and paying accounts as authorised
- banking all money regularly
- presenting a financial report at each general meeting
- arranging an externally audited financial report for the Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- reconciling deposits and cheque books with monthly bank statements.

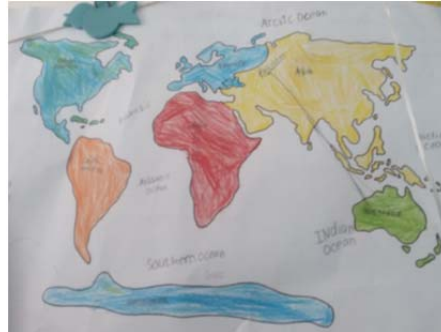
## General P&C Committee Members

**General P&C Committee Members** P&C membership is open to all parents of pupils who attend the school, and to any citizens within the school community. The P&C maintains a register of members (i.e. any person who has paid the annual \$0.50 subscription is automatically a member of the association). Parents are able to attend meetings without having to become a member, however if they choose not to become a member they do not have an entitlement to vote. In the spirit of building community and remembering that the children's needs are front and centre of all P&C initiatives, parents are reminded that the P&C is run in the best interests of our students and not for individual benefit.

# What's happening in Stage 2?

## EAL/D

Our Journey to Australia was discussed in Stage 2 EAL/D. Students arrived in Australia from-Syria, India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Iraq. Students mapped their journeys and all of the students revealed they came by plane.



## 3W

This term, stage 2 place great emphasis on the importance of reading as they test reading and comprehension skills within small groups with their teacher. Reading groups also encourage other aspects of reading and comprehension abilities as each student completes a number of activities during their rotations. Rotation activities include: Spelling grid, reciprocal reading, reading and activities, handwriting, journal writing, as well as activities that incorporate ict including studyladder, spelling city and kids news.

## 3E

During Mathematics we have been learning about two and three dimensional objects. We spent some time exploring and creating different 3D shapes. We also practised identifying 2D shapes when we played a game called '2D Shape Snap'. We had lots of fun playing this game.



## 3/4M

In Writing, we have been learning the 7 steps to successfully writing a narrative. So far we have learnt to 'plan for success', write a 'sizzling start', create 'tightening tension', the importance of including 'dynamic dialogue' and how we can 'show, not tell' through the use of descriptive language.



#### **4H**

In History, Stage 2 undertake a guided inquiry into the journeys of one early sea explorer. They undertake a second guided inquiry to investigate the question, 'Who discovered Australia?'. They use early maps and journals held in the digital collections of Australian museums. Students have the option of undertaking a student-led inquiry into an early explorer. This can replace the first guided inquiry.

#### **4CG**

In Science, Stage 2 have been comparing the features and characteristics of living things. We have been comparing the life cycles of living things to discover what all living things need to survive. We have also been designing scientific investigations to find out more about the relationship between living things and the environment.

Did you know?

All living things need air, water, energy and shelter to survive.

Humans get our energy from food and plants receive their energy from the sun.

Shelter could be a house for a human, a nest for a bird or soil for a plant.