



# Lakemba Link

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## Term 4 – Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome back to the last term of school for 2020.

I would like to publicly thank Mrs Mangraviti and the Team Leaders for leading for me last week while my husband and I enjoyed a road trip to far western New South Wales. Our state is very green and lush although the effects of the drought and the pandemic mean that many of businesses in small towns in our state have closed.

Term 4 at Lakemba is shaping up to be a very busy one. You can see on the Important Dates on the right that we have Mental Health Week, Book Week, NAIDOC week and a virtual Potato Hill Gallery. Along with these exciting events we will be meeting our new 2021 Kindergarten students and their parents.

Towards the end of the term you will receive your child's Semester 2 report. Teachers are already busy organising and preparing to report on your child's progress. The report will be the same as the reports you normally receive and not the same as the Semester 1 report you received earlier this year.

Kind regards,  
Jann Price

### Important Dates

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	All students return to school for Term 4
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Mental Health Week at Lakemba
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Week at Lakemba
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Week Parade
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	NAIDOC Week – National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term 4 for students

### Kindergarten 2021



**If your child turns 5 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2021 they are eligible to start school at the beginning of 2021.**

**Please contact the office for an enrolment form or download the form from**

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents/enrolment-application>.

**From 14<sup>th</sup> September enrolments can be done online via the school website.**

*At this stage we will not be able to conduct our regular Leapfrogs program.*

Families will be notified of the Leapfrogs program over the next ten days.

### Staying Safe and Well at School



**Stay home if you are not well.**



**Wash your hands** regularly and thoroughly.



**Sneeze or cough into your elbow** or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands.



**Sanitise your hands often.**



**Bring a water bottle. BUBBLERS are out of bounds.**



**Enhanced cleaning.** The Department of Education provides extra cleaners and cleaning time

### Tell Them From Me

Thank you to the families who completed the Tell Them From Me survey. The information you gave is confidential and anonymous and will assist the school to include your

ideas as we work on our 2021 – 2024 Strategic Direction Plan (SIP) which is the new name for our School Plan

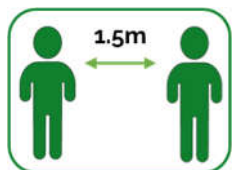
### Health and Safety Precautions

Current COVID guidelines issued by the Department of Education in conjunction with the Department of Health means that parents are still not able to be on school grounds.

The guidelines also mean that our usual end of year celebrations will need to be conducted differently. We are currently planning exactly what we will be doing. You will be informed as soon as possible.

It is important that we continue to follow all health and safety recommendations to ensure that we all remain as well as possible.

Please make sure you observe social distancing when you are dropping off or picking up your child.



It is important for parents to maintain social distance while they are dropping off or picking up their children.

### Lost Property

The lost property container is overflowing with jackets that have no name. If your child has lost a jacket or jumper please tell them to go to Lost Property and take one that fits them.



#### Week 3 – Classroom

I am actively engaged in all learning  
I listen to and value the ideas of others  
I am polite and show good manners  
I am considerate of others.

#### Week 4 – Classroom

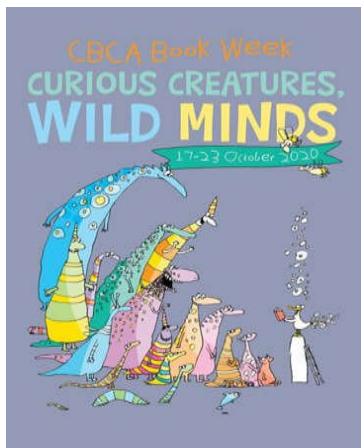
I follow directions immediately.  
I come to school prepared for learning.  
I handle resources with care.  
I keep all areas neat and tidy.  
I report my concerns to a teacher.

## Learning Conversations

*Did you speak to your child's teacher about your child's learning progress last term? It is important that you know what is happening for your child in their learning. Please contact the office to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher now.*

## BOOK WEEK 2020

### Book Week Character Parade - Friday November 6



Book Week is a special week at Lakemba Public School when we celebrate the joy of reading and books.

Even though this year will look a little different but no less fun for our students.

On Friday November 6 students in Kindergarten, Stage 1 and Stage 2 are asked to dress up as a character from a book for the day. Students need to bring the book that their character appears in so that they can carry it in their parade. Parades will be conducted in Stage groups.

Stage 3 students are creating curious and weird creatures that will be displayed on the day.

Further information will be provided in a separate note.

## Art Competition

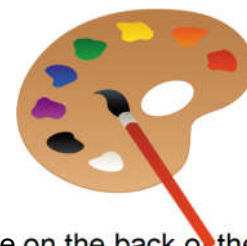
Students are invited to design a

- Christmas Card or
- New Year Card or
- Lunar New Year Card

as part of Tony Burke's (Member for Watson, Federal Parliament) annual competition.

All entries must be on A4 paper. The student's first name only, class and school must be on the back of the artwork.

**All entries must be given to Mrs Price by Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November.** No late entries can be accepted.





Mental Health Month is celebrated each year in the month of October in NSW. This month encourages all of us to think about our mental health and wellbeing and gives us the opportunity to understand the importance of good mental health in our everyday lives. It also encourages help seeking behaviours as well as giving us the opportunity to develop and use strategies to support our mental health.

This month in particular is a great time to make sure we practise our Bounce Back strategies;

*Bad times don't last. Things always get better. Stay optimistic.*

*Other people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check.*

*Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Think again.*

*Nobody is perfect – not you and not others.*

*Concentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter.*

*Everyone experiences sadness, hurt, failure, rejection and setbacks sometimes, not just you. They are a normal part of life. Don't personalise them.*

*Blame fairly. How much of what happened was due to you, to others and to bad luck or circumstances?*

*Accept what can't be changed (but try to change what you can change first).*

*Catastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don't believe the worst possible picture.*

*Keep things in perspective. It's only part of your life.*

## School as Community Centre News

Welcome back to Term 4! Hope you enjoyed the Spring holidays. It was lovely to see some families in the park for the school holiday rock hunt!

We had been planning to start some face to face groups again by now, but due to the new cases in Lakemba last week we have delayed this for a couple of weeks. We hope to try again with small groups for playgroup in 2 weeks time.

As you probably know, there is a pop up Covid 19 testing clinic in Lakemba at the Uniting Church so please get tested if you have been to any of the sites mentioned or have any symptoms at all. <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>

Play 2 Learn Tuesday Playgroup: This online group is still on at 10.30 every Tuesday morning –for half an hour each week. We would love for more of you to join us. To be included you first need to download the free TEAMS app on your phone, tablet or computer. Then let us know your email address and we will send you a link each week to join.

Craft packs are available each week on Wednesdays for pick up either before or after school or text Wendi on 0404015001 between 9.00-12.00. The WhatsApp group for playgroup has 45 members and is a nice way for us to share information, support and the children's creations. Let us know if you would like to become a member.

My Time: is meeting every week. The group meets Tuesday afternoons from 12.30-2.30. Please book in if you would like to attend. This group is for parents or carers of children with a disability and provides friendship, information and support.

### Starting School in 2021?

Make sure you have your enrolment form in at your local school. There will be some face to face transition to kindy sessions for children coming to Lakemba in a few weeks time so it is really important to get your forms in so you don't miss out.

**Emergency Relief**: You can get important, up to date, information about Covid-19 and emergency relief here (thankyou to the Canterbury City Community Centre): <https://www.4cs.org.au/news-events/news/two-information-directories-assist-during-covid-19-pandemic>

**Please like our Facebook page** so we can keep in touch. There's a new story for kids posted every now and again. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/LakembaSaCC/>

**Coronavirus Information in your Language**. News and information about coronavirus (COVID-19) is available on the SBS website in 63 languages. [www.sbs.com.au](http://www.sbs.com.au)

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