



# Lakemba Link

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## Term 1 – Week 4

### Important Dates

Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Years 1 – 6 began school
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Kindergarten 2020 began school
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Stage 1 Meet the Teacher Meeting
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Clean Up Australia at Lakemba PS
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Stage 3 Meet the Teacher Meeting
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Early Stage 1 Meet the Teacher Meeting
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Carnival Stage 2 and Stage 3
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Stage 2 Meet the Teacher Meeting
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Harmony Week
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	P&C Meeting Annual AGM
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	School Photos
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Wellbeing Conversations
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	All students return to school for Term 2
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	P&C Meeting
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	P&C Meeting
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	All students return to school for Term 3
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	P&C Meeting
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	P&C Meeting
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	All students return to school for Term 4
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to our returning families as well as to the many new families who have joined us at Lakemba. I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing summer so far and stayed safe during the bushfire crisis that enveloped New South Wales and Victoria.

I apologise for the lateness of the first Lakemba Link for 2020. I have been sick and absent from school but everything is now back of track for a fabulous year of learning.

Because of the instability of student enrolments the students remained in their 2019 classes until the beginning of last week. Schools are staffed on the number of students they have enrolled in each grade by a census date set by the Department of Education. At the beginning of each year it is very difficult to determine our numbers as so many of our families either change schools, travel overseas without informing the school or do not return to school on the date they indicated after travelling. Keeping our students in their 2019 classes also supports their wellbeing by making their transition to a new school year and grade. Thank you for your patience.

Class organisation this year will include composite classes. These are classes where students in different grades are in the same class. Students in composite classes follow the same syllabus as those in regular classes. Our syllabus describes learning as a continuum from Early Stage 1 to Stage 3. It follows that teaching in all classes will cater for the individual learning needs of each student. Research into composite classes concludes that two important factors – the relationship the student and teacher develop and the quality of his or her teaching – determine a student's growth in learning and their wellbeing.

Your children were probably feeling excited and nervous about the class they are in this year. The teachers work very hard to organise classes and spend a huge amount of time making sure that each and every student's needs are considered. Every decision that is made is done with the student's best interests at heart. You can support us to make your child's transition to their new class a smooth and positive experience by assuring them that even though they may feel strange and unsettled for a while, they will settle and feel better over time. To be successful in life we all need to be resilient and approach new situations positively.

At the end of last year the school conducted a merit selection process for two Assistant Principals. Mrs Alki and Mrs Mangraviti were successful in the process. We are excited to welcome them to Lakemba in their permanent Assistant Principal roles.

We also conducted a merit selection process for three permanent teacher positions. Congratulations to Mrs Brennan, Ms Edwards and Mr Polychroni who were successful in the process.

As a result of Ms Alki's promotion there is a currently a classroom teacher position that needs to be filled. The Department of Education is currently working to fill this position. Ms Nishat will be filling this position until the teacher is appointed.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Levack and Mrs Andika back from maternity leave on a part time basis. Later in the year Mrs Martins will return. Ms Ismail will be working on the class until that time and will share the class with Mrs Martins when she returns.

At the time of this newsletter our enrolment is enough to form nineteen classes. As in the past two years the school will be using allocated equity funding to employ an extra teacher who will work in Stage 3 to ensure that our senior students have the best opportunity for learning.

Classroom Teacher	Stage	Class
<b>Ms Rothwell</b> (Team Leader)	ES1	KR
<b>Ms Kelley</b>	ES1	KK
<b>Mrs Houdalakis</b>	ES1	KH
<b>Ms Osseili</b>	ES1	KO
<b>Mrs Alki</b> (Team Leader)	S1	1/2A
<b>Ms Adhami</b>	S1	1H
<b>Mrs Ward</b>	S1	1W
<b>Unfilled Vacancy (Ms Nishat)</b>	S1	Year 1
<b>Mrs Ghantous</b>	S1	2G
<b>Mrs Andika / Mrs Levack</b>	S1	2LA
<b>Ms Ismail / Mrs Martins</b>	S1	2MI
<b>Ms Edwards</b> (Team Leader)	S2	3E
<b>Ms Cooper / Mrs Prizmic</b>	S2	3/4CP
<b>Mr Kozanitis</b>	S2	4K
<b>Ms Mhajer</b>	S2	4M
<b>Mrs Mangraviti</b> (Team Leader)	S3	6M
<b>Mr Polychroni</b>	S3	5P
<b>Mrs Zreika / Ms Tsoukalas</b>	S3	5ZT
<b>Mr Giovas</b>	S3	5/6 G
<b>Ms Hardman</b>	S3	6H

I look forward to sharing 2020 with you.  
Kind regards,  
Jann Price

## 2020 Lakemba Senior Student Leaders



Taseen, Rafin, May, Noor, Rayann and Dana (from left to right) were elected by the students to represent Lakemba Public School as Senior Student Leaders in 2020. They have spent time already representing our school as they helped in the Kindergarten rooms.

### Student Health

The coronavirus has understandably made everyone nervous and worried about their child's wellbeing. Lakemba Public School has adhered to the NSW Department of Health and Education advice to ensure that everyone in our community – students, staff and families – are as safe as possible. If your child displays any cold or flu like symptoms please keep them at home and monitor them and seek medical advice if necessary.

If your child tells you they are unwell in the morning before coming to school and you give them Panadol or Neurofen we ask that you keep them at home. Not only does this give your child the best chance of recovering quickly it also protects other students, staff and families from getting sick.

### Student Information

Please make sure your address and phone details are correct. If you have moved or changed phone numbers you must let the office know. We must be able to contact you or your emergency contacts in case of an emergency.



## Meet the Teacher Meetings

Meet the teacher meetings will be held over the next few weeks. It is important that parents attend these meetings so that they are fully informed of the programs, expectations and routines for the year.

Stage	Day	Date	Time
Stage 1	Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> February	3.15pm
Stage 3	Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	3.15pm
Early Stage 1	Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	3.15pm
Stage 2	Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	3.15pm

# Parent Meeting

9.15am

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

All mums and dads are welcome.

*Come along and hear about what's happening at our school*

## Emergency Contacts

Please make sure that you have checked that the Emergency Contact information you provided when your child enrolled at Lakemba is still current. When children are sick we must be able to contact you or your emergency contacts quickly.

## School Contribution

This note will be sent home about the annual school contributions. Every year we ask families to make a small contribution to assist us to provide resources for your children. We are asking parents to contribute:

- \$35 per student or
- \$70 per family.

Your contribution will be used to purchase resources to enable your children to have access to items to help them in their learning. Over the next three years we will be focusing on increasing students' knowledge and skills in future technologies and the computational thinking skills. Mrs Brennan will be working with all students K – 6 in this area. The resources necessary for these programs are expensive. Any funds received in school contributions will be used to purchase resources to support these programs.

## High School Enrolment

At this time of the year High Schools are organising Open Days or Open Afternoons for prospective students and their families. I really encourage parent of students in to be proactive and visit every school to get a good idea of what each school has to offer for their child. It is never too early for parents to visit High School Open Days or Afternoons. I strongly recommend that families of current Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 students attend as many of these sessions as possible.

In general, Lakemba Public School's local High Schools are Wiley Park Girls High School, Belmore Boys High School and Punchbowl Boys High School. The table below sets out the dates and times for High Schools that many of our students attend. Please be aware that your child may not be eligible for enrolment at some schools. It is also important to note that because your child has a brother or sister already enrolled at the school does entitle your other children to be automatically enrolled t at the school.

In the next few weeks we will organise a parent meeting to explain the High School Enrolment Forms that will be sent home soon.

## Mobile Devices and Online Services Procedures at Lakemba Public School

At the beginning of 2020 the Department of Education introduced a policy relating to mobile devices and online services in primary Schools. Lakemba Public School has developed procedures that align with the NSW Department of Education Mobile Devices and Online Services Policy.

At Lakemba Public School students must sign their mobile phones and smart watches in to the office before 9am each morning. The phones and sign in book are placed in the secure strong room during the day. Students must come to the office after they are dismissed from class and sign their mobile phone out. Students who have their mobile phones on their person or in their bag during the day will have the phone taken from them and placed with the other devices in the secure room. Parents will be contacted to come to the school to retrieve the phone.

These procedures include the use of mobile devices while involved in school related activities such as excursions.

The Principal is the only person who can grant an exemption to these procedures.

## Sport in Schools Australia (SISA)

All students at Lakemba Public School will participate in a two hour session of sport every second Wednesday. The activities will include gymnastics, athletics and foundation movement skills. The program is based on the concepts of GET FIT, GET ACTIVE, HAVE FUN.

## Reminder

A reminder to all parents and carers that it is not appropriate to speak to other people's children in the playground about problems or issues your child may be having with them. Please speak to your child's teacher or the Team Leader who will be able to assist you.

### High School Open Days

High School	Day	Date	Time
Ashfield Boys High School	Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> February	6.15pm – 8.00pm
Belmore Boys High School	Thursday Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> February 10 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30pm
Beverly Hills Girls High School	Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> February	6pm
Canterbury Boys High School	Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup> February	10am – 1pm
Canterbury Girls High School	Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> February	4pm – 7pm
Kingsgrove High School	Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> February	5.45pm
Kingsgrove North High School	Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> February	5pm – 8pm
Punchbowl Boys High School	Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	9am – 2.30pm
Wiley Park Girls High School	Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> February	TBA

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)



The Department of Education expects every school to implement a comprehensive and inclusive strategy to create an environment with clearly defined behavioural expectations to maximise every student's learning outcomes and wellbeing.

Lakemba Public School has developed a matrix of behaviour expectations based on our values of respect, cooperation and responsibility. The matrix is included in this newsletter.

Each week the whole school will focus on a particular behaviour. This will involve explicit teaching of the behaviour throughout the week.

The PB4L focus areas will be published in each newsletter. This will provide parents with the opportunity to speak with and support their children's understanding of the behaviours expected at school.

Week	Value	Focus Area
4	Respect Cooperation Responsibility	<p><b>Assembly Lines</b> Students are expected to be responsible and ready learners at Assembly. They must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- sit in their class lines before the bell rings.</li> <li>- stop talking, eating and drinking when the bell rings.</li> <li>- face the front following 5Ls.</li> <li>- stand at the end of Assembly without talking.</li> <li>- move in two straight, quiet lines away from Assembly to the classroom as they think about the learning ahead.</li> <li>- sit at the end of their class line if they are late.</li> </ul>
5	Responsibility	<p><b>Wear a Hat</b> Students are expected to protect themselves from the sun. They must wear a hat when they are in the playground. They must sit under the COLA if they do not have a hat.</p>

## School as Community Centre News

Welcome back everyone! So nice to see all the happy faces returning to school and programs at the Centre. We hope you had some fun times together over the summer – despite the sometimes difficult weather. The centre has been renovated over the holidays – new ceiling and carpet, and freshly painted as well so we are really starting the year with a fresh look!

**PROGRAMS THIS TERM:**

**Yoga Class:** Fridays 10.00-11.00. Starts 6<sup>th</sup> March. All welcome. Learn to look after your body and mind with this gentle class – suitable for beginners. Wear comfortable clothes. Childcare provided.

**My Time:** Mondays 12.30-2.30. This group is for parents or others who are caring for children with a disability. It is a friendly group – the aim is to support you, give you a break and the opportunity to share with others in a similar situation. Child support provided. Come and talk to Rosaria on Mondays to find out more.

**English class:** Thursdays 12.30-2.30 – Starts 20<sup>th</sup> February. This friendly class welcomes new people and will help you develop confidence to speak English. Children included. Come and try!

**Step into Work:** Wednesdays 9.30-12.00. Starts 26<sup>th</sup> February for 5 weeks. If you are ready to think about working then this supportive course for women could be for you. Goal setting and detailed help with resumes, application letters and interview skills are included. Helpful for those with overseas qualifications who haven't worked in Australia or anyone looking to find work. Please see Wendi or Madeleine as some details are required before you enrol.

**Bringing Up Great Kids:** Thursdays 9.30-11.30. Starts 12<sup>th</sup> March for 4 weeks. This program for parents helps you to understand your children's emotions and behaviour as they get older. Especially helpful for parents whose children have just started school so Kindergarten parents are encouraged to attend.

**Baby and Toddler Playgroup:** Mondays 10.30-12.00. Starts next week, 10<sup>th</sup> February. This small group is just for parents and children aged from 6 months to 2 years of age only. Have fun with your little one and understand more about their development.

**Play and Learn Playgroup:** Tuesdays 9.15 – 11.30. This popular playgroup is for children aged 2 to 5 years. Support your children's language development & social skills and help them get ready for school as well.

Referrals provided for children and families who need extra support to Health and Family Support services. Plus information about other community programs – just come and ask!



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

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/LakembaSaCC/>

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

# Want to Know What's Happening in Your School?

## Skoolbag

### How to install the SkoolBag app

instructions for parents and community

1. Get your favourite mobile device
2. Open the App Store/Play Store
3. Search for "SkoolBag"
4. Download the free app
5. Open the app and add your school(s)

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