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Term 2 – Week 4

Important Dates

Monday 25 th May	All students return to full time Learning at School
Friday 3 rd July	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 20 th July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 21 st July	All students return to school for Term 3
Friday 21 st August	P&C Meeting
Friday 18 th September	P&C Meeting
Friday 25 th September	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 12 th October	All students return to school for Term 4
Wednesday 16 th December	Last Day of Term 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support and cooperation over the last few months as we have implemented Department of Education and the Ministry of Health directives to keep our students and families as safe as we can. Thank you for assisting your children with their learning while they have been at home. You have done a great job.

I have spoken to a number of parents who are concerned about their children being 'behind' and having to 'catch up'. Our teachers are experts at using their knowledge and experience to assess where their students are at and where they need to go next in their learning. They do this every day. They are very used to working with a class of students who are at different stages and places in their learning and that's exactly what they will continue to do when everyone returns to school next week.

From Monday 25th May all students are expected to return to school. They will no longer be able to learn at home. The school will not be providing work for them to do and teachers will not be monitoring Google Classroom except for specific work that they may set for the students who are at school.



I have attached the *Department of Education's Face to Face Learning Guidelines for Families*. This document outlines all the processes we will be putting in place at school.

The plan from Monday 25 May

Welcoming all students back to learn together at school.

For more details, visit: education.nsw.gov.au/info-for-school-staff

Keeping schools safe together

- School hygiene supplies will continue to be delivered throughout Term 2.
- Excursions and inter-school activities are on hold for now.
- Assemblies will only be conducted in critical circumstances.
- Non-essential visitors should not be on site.
- Physical distancing applies for adults, but not for students.
- Protocols are in place to monitor and manage health and safety issues.

The canteen will be closed until further notice. Students must bring their own recess, lunch and crunch and sip with them to school. They should also bring a water bottle with them as the bubblers will be closed. There is a water bottle filling station at the bubblers near the outside toilets.

Students should not come to school if they are not feeling well, have a temperature or a cough or cold or flu like symptoms. This is really important for everyone's safety.

Students who do not return to school will be marked as having unjustified absences unless they have a valid doctor's certificate.

Our teachers are ready and waiting to dive back into face to face learning with our students. They are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school full time.

Eid Mubarak and best wishes to our families celebrating over the next few days.

Kind regards,
Jann Price

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Zreika and Mrs Andika who are both pregnant with their second babies. We are very excited for them! They will not be returning to school next week and will be on leave for the remainder of the year.

We are currently interviewing teachers to take their place and will let the families of their classes know as soon as possible.

Eid Absences

It is a Department of Education requirement that all students bring a note or medical certificate to explain any absences they have from school. Students who are absent for Eid will be marked as having one day's leave if they do not provide a note. Students who have two days absent will be marked as having leave ONLY if they bring

a note. No student will be granted three days leave even if they provide a note. The third day will be marked as unjustified.

School Uniform

Lakemba Public School is proud of its uniform. Students who wear school uniform are displaying our Lakemba Public School values of Respect, Cooperation and Responsibility. They are demonstrating that they value themselves, the school and their family. They are demonstrating that they are a member of a strong team. We expect every student to wear their school uniform or school colours proudly every day.

Thank you to the parents who continue to ensure that their child comes to school dressed in school uniform or school colours every day.

A number of students continue to wear non uniform jackets. We would appreciate it if parents ensured that their child wears a school jacket to school. The jacket should not have any logos or words other than the Lakemba emblem. It should not have stripes or a hood.



We understand that sometimes it is not possible for students to wear their uniform due to it needing to be washed but this should only happen on very rare occasions.

The school has a number of smaller sized jackets that we are happy for your child to have but we do not have larger sizes.

If you are going to purchase a school jacket or school coloured jacket please be aware that jackets with hoods are not appropriate for school.

Lakemba Public School uniform can be purchased from Saouma's School and Fashion Wear at Punchbowl.

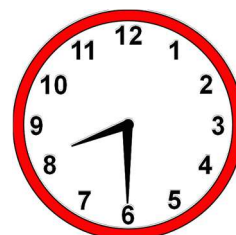


**School
bubblers will
be closed.
Students will
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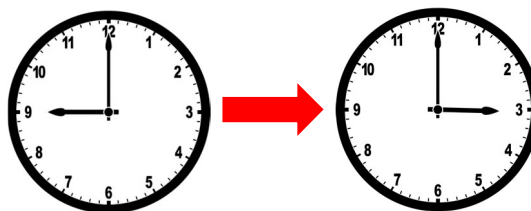
For the Safety of Everyone the following rules will apply from Monday 25th May until further notice.

Morning



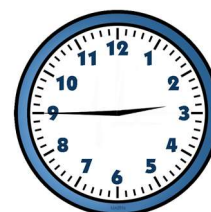
- King Georges Road gate locked.
- Students welcomed by Team Leaders at Alice Street gate between 8.30am and 9am.
- No parents permitted in the school.

Between 9am and 3pm



- King Georges Road gate locked.
- Alice Street gate locked at 9.30am and opened again at 2.45pm
- No parents permitted in the school. All contact must be by phone.

Afternoon



- King Georges Road gate locked.
- **Students can be picked up from 2.45pm.**
- Parents line up in the driveway at least 1.5 metres from the person in front of them.
- When directed by a teacher, parents enter school via gate in carpark, collect their child and leave the school immediately.
- Families must not congregate outside the school gate.
- Teachers will not be engaging in conversations with parents.
- Parents who have questions must ring the office and leave a message for the teacher to call them.
- Students who walk home on their own will be released at 3pm.

School as Community Centre News

Eid Mubarak to those who will celebrate this weekend. The Centre will not be running any programs onsite just yet but we are trying to keep in touch with many of you in a number of ways.



Please like our Facebook page so we can keep in touch. We have been posting community information and posts for the children – a weekly story, video about making playdough and links to other useful sites for children and families.

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

Playgroup: We are delivering playgroup online once a week. Remonda, Satarala, Joanne and Wendi will be hoping to “see” you at our virtual playgroup every Tuesday at 10.30. The session will only be about 30 minutes and will include some songs, a story and a chance to see the children’s happy faces. We need an email address in order to “invite” you to the group so please call or text if you would like to be included. (0404 015001).

We also have a WhatsApp group for playgroup which is another way to keep in touch with each other and share ideas to occupy the little ones. We are happy to include more families in this group too.

Activity Packs: We will have some craft and activity packs to give to families for children to do at home next week. Look for the sign near the school gate for when they are available. Limited numbers sorry.

English Class: Madeleine is looking at trying to provide an English class again using an online platform until we can run groups again. If you are interested please let her know.

Book Box: The little red book library is still open and should be filled each week. Please just take one or two books at a time and return them if you can each week to ensure there are enough for everyone. Stay well and safe – remember to *Read and Sing at Home* with your little ones – we look forward to seeing everyone again as soon as we can.

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

Wendi and Madeleine

Please make sure you have the Skoolbag app, have liked the Lakemba Public School Facebook page and followed @LakembaPS on Twitter.

Learning from Home packages will no longer be available. All students are expected to be learning face to face at school.



This guide is for parents and carers

A guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning

Information has been updated as at 19 May 2020, until further notice.



Schools are safe and open for full time face-to-face learning

All schools are returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25 May. All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.



School attendance

All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell.

Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if they are able to. These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period. If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, you should contact the school for assistance.

Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing.

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

If you need any support to get your child back to school, please contact your school.



Reporting and assessment

Your child has been assessed during the learning from home period and will receive additional assessment on their return to school.

You will receive your child's semester 1 report before the end of August (week 6, Term 3).

This may be a simplified version of the report you normally receive. Schools are encouraged to discuss your child's progress with you before the written report is issued.



School activities

Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can't go ahead for now.

What children can do:

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities
- Year 11 and 12 students may attend classes/ activities relating to subjects available on other campuses
- VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 1 June 2020. Year 10 and 11 work-placement is able to proceed from Term 3 2020.
- School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites.

What students can't do:

- School assemblies (unless for critical information)
- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Work experience
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers
- Use hydrotherapy pools
- Drink from a water bubbler – bring a water bottle instead
- Students cannot attend TAFE for study but may continue to learn online.



School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Your school will receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

Your school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.



School grounds

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. Your school can provide guidance as to who is considered essential.

Your school will provide advice on drop off and pick up procedures.

Wherever possible, P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted virtually.

Canteens and uniform shops can open at the discretion of the principal.

Out of school hours care can continue to operate.

Community use of school facilities will recommence only for uses that are necessary for continuation of education and with principal's approval.



Responding to COVID-19 cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation was to arise.





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