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Term 2 – Week 10

Important Dates

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,
Welcome to the last newsletter for Term 2.

All families should have received their child's Semester 1 report earlier this week. I want to acknowledge and thank every teacher at Lakemba Public School for the work they have put in to preparing the reports. The reports do not include grades or effort rankings. Although the report is a modified version of our usual report, they still take a lot of thought and time to prepare.

Normally we would be having Learning Conversations (Parent Teacher Interviews) at this time of the term. They will take place in the middle of next term. At this stage we are unsure of whether they will be face to face or by telephone.

Student reports are important documents in your child's educational life. Please keep them in a safe place so you can refer to them when you need them. Our office receives many requests for reprints of student reports. Reissuing reports takes time away from other important work as well as using extra paper. Reports cannot be reissued on the spot as they have to be printed and signed. Often students moving to High School are asked to supply some of their primary school reports so making sure you keep them in a safe place makes your job much easier.

Term 2, like Term 1, has been very unusual for schools. Thank you to our parents and carers who had to take on the role of teacher during the early weeks of the term. Please take the time to rest and enjoy time with your children during the school holidays. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 21st July.

Stay safe and well. Have a great holiday.

Kind regards,

Jann Price

Keeping Safe at School

The school has installed permanent soap dispensers in all wet areas. The students are in the routine of washing their hands before they come into the classroom and as they leave. They also wash their hands before and after crunch and sip every day. There are also soap dispensers in the toilets.



Keeping Safe at Home and in the Community

As we begin the school holidays it is even more important than normal to make sure you keep yourself and your family safe. You can do this by continuing to:



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.



Stay home if you feel unwell.



Stay at least 1.5 metres away from other people.

Road Safety



These signs mean that in the area in the direction of the arrow you must not STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or the kerb unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Unfortunately many parents stop and drop off or pick up their children in the zone outside our school. This is dangerous for everyone! Please keep our children safe!

Kindergarten 2021

If your child turns 5 on or before 31st 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>.

Uniform

Teams wear a uniform. Lakemba Public School is a team and we expect everyone at the school to wear our uniform.

As we start the holidays please make sure your child has the correct uniform to return to school at the beginning of Term 3.

Some things to remember:

- All long sleeved jumpers that are worn under short sleeved school shirts must be yellow or blue.
- All girls tights should be black, ankle length and without any writing on them.
- Girls must wear tights under a dress. They should not be worn on their own with a shirt.
- Jackets with hoods are not acceptable.

We would appreciate any donations of uniforms that your children may have grown out of that are still in good condition. We use them in sick bay.



**Students return to school on
Tuesday 21st July**

School as Community Centre News

We have come to the end of a term which has been very challenging for everyone. Well done everyone for staying safe and following the Government recommendations to keep your families safe and well. At the Community Centre, we have really missed having you on site – but it has been great to see some of you online each week or talking to each other on the WhatsApp groups. I've enjoyed saying hello outside the gate as well!



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/>

Next Term: We are still not permitted at this stage to start groups in the Centre. Hopefully this will change in a few weeks but we can't be sure. When we do start again we will be operating under Covid Safe procedures so will need to limit numbers attending and ensure we have cleaning and tracing processes in place.

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Community Information: TAFE is advertising places in its Adult English Migrant Program. This is for eligible migrants and humanitarian entrants with 510 hours of FREE English classes. They will also help you organise free childcare. They are also running Pathways to Employment Programs in Community Services, Business Administration and Retail. Ring Bankstown TAFE on 9780 5559 to enrol.

Active and Creative Kids Vouchers: You can apply for vouchers of \$100 per child for both these programs. Active Kids is to help with the cost of sport, fitness or recreational activities (like soccer, gymnastics, rock climbing) and Creative Kids vouchers can be used for music or dance lessons, visual art or graphic design courses. Go to www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/active-kids or www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/creative-kids for more details about how to apply. If you would like help to do this, let us know.

Emergency Aid: - Metro Assist can help with bills, food vouchers and medical costs with priority given to those NOT eligible for Centrelink. Call 8709 0200 to discuss eligibility and book an appointment.

- The Muslim Women's Association also offers help with food parcels, bills and winter clothing and appliances. Call 9750 6916 for an appointment.

- Australian Red Cross is offering emergency relief for those with urgent needs to those who are not Australian citizens or residents and are not eligible for State funds for temporary visa holders, and have no income or savings or other means of support. For more information go to: <https://www.redcross.org.au/get-help/help-for-migrants-in-transition/help-for-migrants-in-transition>

- Prospect in Campsie also offers assistance with food, clothing, household items and financial aid for families. Call 0402 787571 for more information.

- The Mama Penny Initiative (through Addison Road Community centre) has free food parcels every Friday between 9:30 and 11:00 at the Belmore Youth Resource Centre, Redman Pde Belmore.

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

