LAKEMBA LINK

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Important Dates

Tuesday 5 th October	First day of Term 4 for everyone Learning from Home	
Thursday 16 th December	Last day of school for 2021	
Friday 28 th January	Staff Development Day	
Monday 31 st January	Staff Development Day	
Tuesday	First day of school for students in	
1 st February, 2022	Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3	
Thursday 3 rd February	First day for Kindergarten 2022 students	

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 4 and the imminent return of students returning to school. We are really looking forward to welcoming Kindergarten and Year 1 back on Monday 18th October and everyone else on Monday 25th October.

Thank you for being so supportive during the time we have been Learning from Home. Together we are a great team!!!

Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards, Jann Price

Return to School Guidelines

Monday 18th October - Kindergarten and Year 1 Monday 25th October - All students

When students return to school all learning will be face to face. The school will no longer provide Learning from Home packs.

Morning

- Students will be met at the gate by teachers. Parents will not be able to enter the school grounds.
- Two playarounds will be in use one for K 2 and one for 3 – 6 students.

Afternoon

Students who are picked up by their parents or carers will be released in their Sport House group at different times.

Students who walk home on their own will be released at 3pm.

> 2.25pm – Barrington (Blue House) – 2.35pm – Grafton (Green House) 2.45pm – Richmond (red House) 2.55pm – Yalumba (Yellow House) 3pm – Students who walk home on their own.

When picking up their children all parents and carers must: Staff News

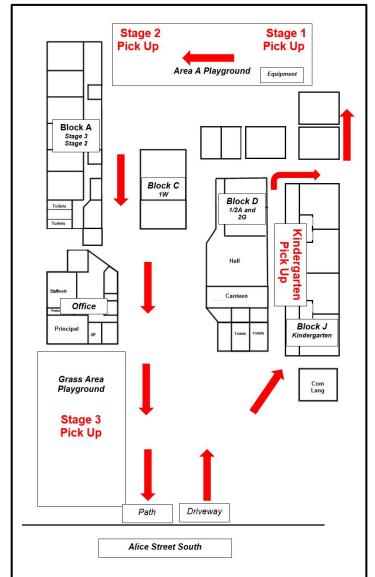
- wear a mask.
- socially distance.

Term 4 – Week 2



- keep moving and not stop to talk to teachers or other parents.
- leave the school as soon as they have picked up their children.

All parents must walk up the school driveway and continue past the Kindergarten rooms. They will proceed by the back of the demountable classrooms to Area A where they will pick up their Stage 1 and Stage 2 students. They will continue through the Square and down the path out of the school. Stage 3 students will be waiting on the grass. Please see the map below.



Congratulations to Ms Adhami and her husband who welcomed their daughter early in September.

Congratulations to Mrs Ghantous and her family who Selective High School 2023 welcomed their new little girl in to their family at the end of Current Year 5 students who wish to apply for selective High September.

On Friday we farewelled Mrs Furda who is beginning maternity leave to prepare for the birth of her first child. We Information is available at wish Mrs Furda, her husband and their extended family well and look forward to hearing all about their beautiful baby high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7 later in the year.

Mrs Shammi will be teaching 2F for the rest of the year. Mrs Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2022. Furda and Mrs Shammi have been working together to ensure that the student learning continues as planned. Mrs Shammi is working closely with the Stage 1 team.

School Visitor Check-in

A single School Visitor Check-in system for every school in NSW is coming from 18 October!

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.

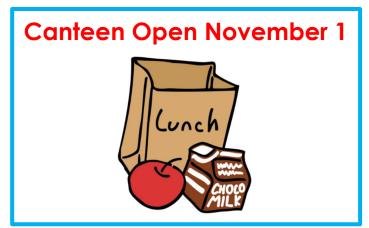
Benefits of the new system include:

· accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!

· linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the <u>NSW COVID-19</u> mandate.

· giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.

You can watch a short parent video External link to see how it works for parents or our contractor video External link.



School Planning 2022

To assist us in planning for 2022, could you please notify the front office on 9759 2915 if your child will not be returning to Lakemba Public School next year. This does not include Year 6 students going to high school.

Opportunity Class 2022

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions this year's Opportunity Class Placement Test has been rescheduled to Wednesday, 17 November 2021. It has been agreed by the Minister that the test will be administered as a computerbased test in a process similar to the Check In assessments.

To ensure that students can be placed at the beginning of the 2022 school year students who applied for OC placement will be tested at their own school.

Schools in 2023 can apply online from 19 October 2021 to 17 November 2021.

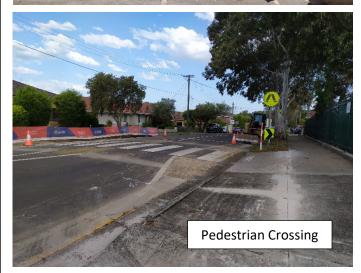
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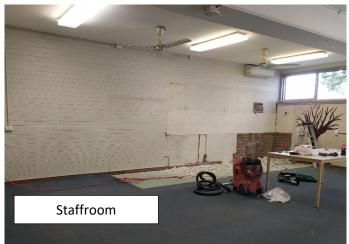
All candidates are required to sit the Selective High School

Building Works

While you have been Learning from Home there has been lots of work going on at the school.







Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently planning for our 2022 Kindergarten enrolments. Children who turn 5 before 1st August 2022 are eligible to begin school next year. Parents and carers should complete the application online through the link on the school website. https://lakemba-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/

Our administrative staff are able to process these enrolments and contact families to obtain further information. Please pass on this message to any family, friends, or neighbours.

Families who have enrolled online will be contacted about Kindergarten Orientation early in Term 4. At this stage orientation will probably be online rather than onsite. If you have any questions please contact the school.

Due to current restrictions, we are unable to run our usual Leapfrogs program for students beginning school in 2022.

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School Security

To assist us in planning for 2022, could you please notify the Please help keep our school safe If you see anything unusual front office on 9759 2915 if your child will not be returning to happening in the school grounds at any time, please call

School as Community Centre News

Welcome back everyone - hope you enjoyed some screen free time during the holidays and some of the lovely weather as well. It is exciting to be emerging from this long lockdown and I'm sure the children are looking forward to returning to school and seeing their teachers and friends. Perhaps, like me, you also feel a little nervous about this which is very understandable.

Unfortunately, due to Department of Education Covid Safe plans for schools, we will not be starting any face to face groups in the Centre probably until next year. I will miss catching up with your little ones in person but really enjoy your posts and photos on the WhatAapp groups.

I will continue to post a story every Wednesday and join Rojalin and Satarala from Save the Children for Chai and Chat (online) at 11.30 Wednesdays. Let me know if you'd like to join as well. We are also planning an online program of Transition to School for those who are interested and will aim to support you and your children to be ready for the start of school in 2022.

Speech therapy: If you have a young child who is on a waiting list for speech therapy or an assessment please contact Wendi at lakembasacc@gmail.com as there are some online sessions this term in partnership with Sydney University. There are three FREE online webinars called "Dealing with Child and Parent Anxiety after Covid" which are on 15th, 22nd and 29th October from 10.30-12.00 run by a psychologist which might be helpful. The sessions provide an opportunity for personal discussion as well. To register go to https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dealing-with-child-and-parent-anxiety-aftercovid-tickets-188017414147.

Mental Health Support: A clinic for those experiencing mental health concerns as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic is located at the ISRA Medical Centre 102A Haldon St Lakemba. The federally funded clinic is open Monday to Friday from 8:30-5:30. They have two female staff; a qualified counsellor and a mental health nurse. You can walk in to book or call 1800 595212.

Back on Track with 123 Magic. Is a 3 week parent program which will be delivered online to help families with strategies to improve family relationships post the lockdown. Wednesdays 10th, 17th and 24th November from 1.00-3.00 each week. To register call Kay Oo on 9789 3744 or email kay.oo@metroassist.org.au

For Pre-schoolers: There are some fabulous early childhood lessons and resources written by the Department of Education Early Childhood staff for parents to do at home if their children are not going to childcare at the moment. Some great ideas for home learning for the under 5's. Go to https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/ec-guided-learning/home

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

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



Ring Wendi on 0404 015 001 for more information or just for a chat.

2022 School Terms

These dates are the dates that students must attend school.

Term 1	Tuesday 1 st February	Friday 8 th April
Term 2	Wednesday 27 th April	Friday 1st July
Term 3	Tuesday 19 th July	Friday 23 rd September
Term 4	Monday 10 th October	Monday 19 th December

wellbeing wednesday STEM Scavenger Hunt

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

For the Week 1 Wellbeing Wednesday activity, students were involved in a STEM Scavenger Hunt and thought about the different STEM words. Have a look at their creativity!



