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You are
Awesome!

A huge congratulations and thank you to all our families who supported our school and our community to keep everyone safe over the last four months. You have all done an amazing job while you have been assisting your children in learning from home.

Important Dates

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 1 st February, 2022	First day of school for students in Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3
Thursday 3 rd February	First day for Kindergarten 2022 students

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so excited to everyone back on site this week. The school has finally come alive again. Over the last few months many of us have commented on how quiet and unlike a school the days have been. To see the students smiling and to hear the students laughing and playing has made the school come alive.

It is even more important now that we are all back on site that students who are unwell do not attend school. We are relying on parents and carers to take their children to the doctor for assessment if they are unwell and not return them to school until they are fully recovered. Students who are away do require a medical certificate or negative COVID test before they can return to school. Even the mildest of symptoms must be treated seriously.

Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards,
Jann Price

Happy World Teachers' Day to the amazing staff of Lakemba PS. Thank you for all you do for our students and our community to support a #BrightFuture



SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE



SALE!

15% OFF

LAKEMBA PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM

FROM

30TH OCTOBER TO

13TH NOVEMBER 2021

AT

SAOUMA'S SCHOOL WEAR

SHOP 2/200 THE BOULEVARDE,

PUNCHBOWL 2196

PH: 97503276

PLEASE PURCHASE UNIFORMS EARLY TO AVOID SOCIAL DISTANCING QUEUES

Road Safety

Thank you to Canterbury Bankstown Council for upgrading the pedestrian crossing outside the school on Alice Street South.

Please note that currently the Crossing Supervisor is only on duty on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please take care when using the crossing at all times but particularly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays when the crossing is unsupervised.

Afternoon Pick Up

Thank you to everyone for following the directions at pick up time in the afternoon. They are designed so that adults and children are not crossing paths. In an effort to keep everyone as safe as possible we ask everyone to wear a mask.

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 [NSW COVID-19 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](#).

Hats

All students must wear a hat on the playground. Hats can be purchased online from the school or from Saoumas at Punchbowl.

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 computer-based 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.

Selective High School 2023

Current Year 5 students who wish to apply for selective High Schools in 2023 can apply online from 19 October 2021 to 17 November 2021.

Information is available at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

All candidates are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2022.

Canteen Open November 1



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.

Families will be contacted in the next couple of weeks and informed of the procedures we organise for transition.

School Security

Please help keep our school safe. If you see anything unusual happening in the school grounds at any time, please call School Security on 1300 880 021

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 1 st July
Term 3	Tuesday 19 th July	Friday 23 rd September
Term 4	Monday 10 th October	Monday 19 th December

School as Community Centre News

Lovely to see all the smiling faces of children (and parents) with everyone returning to school this week. Expect it is much quieter at home now!

Thank you to the parents who have called asking about playgroup in the Centre. 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. Hopefully we will be back with a full week of activities from next year.

Transition to School: Some parents have been asking about this and are concerned because their children will miss the usual sessions which familiarise them with school. If you would like to join the online sessions run by Save the Children on Friday afternoons please let myself or Rojalin know. Children practise some skills such as taking turns and asking for help while parents can have a chance to discuss their concerns. Rojalin's number is 0437 651180.

Things parents can do to help:

1. **Book reading:** share a book with your child every day- this helps them to learn new words and sentences and understand other people's experiences.
2. **Take time to talk:** about everyday things you and they are doing, like cooking, shopping or playing. Introduce new words and explain what they mean. Children need to be able to talk confidently about their experiences and needs at school.
3. **Encourage Independence:** including going to the toilet without help and washing their hands; getting dressed in the morning including putting on shoes; managing food items themselves like lunchboxes and drink bottles.
4. **Learning to draw and write:** provide lots of drawing opportunities at home including drawing shapes and learning to recognise their name. Use thick markers or crayons to encourage the correct finger grip.
5. **Learning to cut:** teach them to hold the scissors correctly and how to stabilise the paper with their other hand. Use old magazines or newspaper to provide plenty of practice to strengthen their fingers. Start with small snips and progress to long straight lines, then squares and circles.

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. We are especially interested in hearing from parents with 4 year olds starting school next year who might benefit from some help with their expressive language.

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>

How to get proof of your Covid19 Vaccinations: Language resources available.

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/information-in-your-language/products/how-get-proof-your-covid-19-vaccinations>

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.



Critical and Creative Thinking in Stage 3!

Last week, Stage 3 students designed a coat of arms using words and images to share the important things about them. This included things about their family, culture, hobbies, and things that are their favourites.

Have a look at some of the designs!

