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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,

Thank you for your patience over the last two weeks as the school has had to be closed by the Department of Health and Department of Education to allow for cleaning following the reporting of positive COVID 19 cases in the community.

Since students have returned to school we have put in place several strategies to restrict the mixing of students across the school. These include students working Stages, separate recess and lunch times and playgrounds, teachers working with one Stage only instead of across the school and not working in other classrooms such as the Library and Computer Lab.

We understand that you will be worried and concerned about your children attending school. It is very important that everyone continues to ensure that they do not send their children to school if there is the slightest chance that they could be sick. This includes a slight fever or headache and includes any of the symptoms below:

- fever
- cough
- tiredness
- loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- headache
- aches and pains
- diarrhoea
- a rash on skin, or discolouration of fingers or toes
- red or irritated eyes
- difficulty breathing or shortness of breath.

When emailing the school please make sure that you include your child's name and class in the email.

A COVID Vaccination and Testing hub is expected to be set up in Wiley Park this week. Please take the opportunity to use the facility while it is so close to us.

Thank you for doing your best to keep our community safe.

Kind regards,
Jann Price



Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?

The school must have up to date details about your address, phone number and email address.

There are still many families who have no email address recorded with the school. Please contact the office to ensure that we have the correct details.

Staff Update

Ms Mhajer has begun maternity leave to prepare for the birth of her baby in a few weeks time. Ms Pogalva will be working with 3M until the end of the year. We wish Ms Mhajer and her husband well and look forward to hearing about the new addition to their family in the coming months.

Overseas Travel

Restrictions on travel have recently eased and families are able to travel. While we understand that families have not been able to see their overseas family for some time it is important that everyone who travels during school time understands that under the NSW Education Act students should only be absent from school if they are sick. This is marked as justified leave.



Families who are travelling must complete an *Application for Extended Leave – Travel* which is available from the office. This informs the school about your travel and means that students who do not attend school for an extended period of time without the school's knowledge are not reported as missing students to the Department of Education's Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO). All travel or holidays taken during school time are marked as unjustified leave. This does not mean that the student cannot travel with the family.

When applying for *Extended Leave – Travel* the family must supply their itinerary – return airline tickets. One way airline tickets are not considered evidence of the intention to return to Lakemba Public School.

Afternoon Pick Up

Thank you to everyone for following the directions at pick up time in the afternoon. The directions 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.

Check in Assessments for Years 3, 4, 5, 6

Over the next few weeks students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are participating in reading and numeracy Check In assessments. The Check In Assessments are an initiative of the Department of the Education to support schools to assess and monitor student learning. The assessments will supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to assist teachers tailor teaching and learning. Students with a disability will receive the same level of support during the assessment as they would normally receive in their classroom.

2021 Tell Them From Me Student Survey

Last week parents and carers of students in Years 4, 5 and 6 would have received a note about their child taking part in the Tell Them From Me Survey. The survey provides us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life and how engaged they are with school. Students do not have to answer all questions and can stop the survey if they do not want to complete it. Students who returned the non-participation note will not complete the survey.

2021 Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. This survey will help our school understand parents and carers perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carers views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements. The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The school is not able to see individual parent responses. The parent survey is now open until Friday 26 November and is available in 23 languages. More information about the survey is available at: <http://education.nsw.gov.au/cese/tell-them-from-me/2021-snapshot-2-key-information-#Parent2>

To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/9m495>

Kindergarten 2022 Information Session – 17 November 10am

The school will be holding an online Zoom orientation session for families whose students are enrolled in Kindergarten in 2022 at Lakemba Public School. If you have not received an email with the Zoom link please contact the school.

Planning for 2022

To assist with planning for 2022 we ask that if you know that your child/ren will not be returning next year or that you will not be starting school until later in the year because of a family holiday please call the office and let them know immediately.

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.

Kindergarten 2022

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://lakembap.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 in Term 4. At this stage we are conducting a Zoom orientation session on Wednesday 17 November at 10am. 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

Lakemba Public School UNIFORM

Available at:

SAOUMA'S SCHOOL WEAR
SHOP 2/200 THE BOULEVARDE,
PUNCHBOWL 2196
PH: 97503276

School as Community Centre News

Transition to School: By now parents who have a child enrolled for Kindy in 2022 should have received an email with details of an online orientation session for you and your child. If you haven't yet put your enrolment in and need some help completing it, contact the office for advice or I am also happy to help. Call me on 9759 4061.

Celebrating Children, Cultures and Language Project: Are you bilingual and enjoy reading with children? We are seeking interest from people who would like to be trained as storytellers in their language. The training will be for one day a week for 8 weeks starting in February next year. Some casual work may be offered after the training. Please contact Wendi for an Expression of Interest application.

Free Clothing and Essentials Event: will be held on Thursday 18th November from 9am-1pm at the Rotary Community Centre, 34 North Parade Campsie (1 block from Campsie train station).. There is lots of clothing, small household items, toiletries, nappies, toys, kitchenware to give away. You MUST register to attend at <https://prosperprojectaustralia.org/private>

Speech therapy: If you have a young child who is on a waiting list for speech therapy or an assessment , or you are concerned about your child's language and speech, please contact Wendi at lakembasacc@gmail.com or ring as there are some online sessions available 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 but any age child can be referred.

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

During CCT lessons this year, we have used thinking routines to understand and develop our thinking on a topic.

Try the '3-2-1 Bridge' thinking routine at home to share your thoughts and ideas about Remembrance Day.

What 3 words come to mind when you think about <i>Remembrance Day</i> ?	
What 2 questions do you have about <i>Remembrance Day</i> ?	
What is 1 simile or metaphor you could use to describe <i>Remembrance Day</i> ? <i>Have a look below at what similes and metaphors are.</i>	

