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Important Dates

Thursday 16 th December	Last day of school for 2021
2022	
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,

I have lost count of the number of times I have said thank you to our fabulous community for the support you give each other and us as we have navigated the last few weeks. I know it has been a worrisome time for everyone but by working together we have come through. To continue to keep everyone safe please keep your child at home if they have any of the following symptoms:

- 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.

Students who return to school without a note are not permitted to go to their classroom until their parents have sent an email to the school explaining their absence.

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

Enjoy the last few weeks of school.

Kind regards,

Jann Price

Reports

Semester 2 reports will be sent home in the last week of this term. Due to the lockdown and school closures the reports are a shortened version of our usual reports. They will include future directions for English and Maths. There will be no grades.

For the first time each student has reflected on their attitude to learning and effort while they were learning at home.

Please talk to your child about their learning. Ask them about:

- what they are good at.
- what they need to get better at.
- how they plan to get better.
- who could help them.
- how will they know they have improved.

Staff Update

Congratulations to Mrs Furda and her husband who welcomed their daughter Lucy into their family last week. We wish them every happiness and look forward to meeting the newest member of the Lakemba family.

High School 2022

Local High Schools are organising orientation times for students who will be attending their school in 2022. It is important that your child attends these sessions so please monitor your emails and mail to ensure that you don't miss your child's High School orientation.

There are many ways in which parents can support their child to make a smooth transition to High School. Some of these include:

- speaking enthusiastically about the change of school and possibly friends that they are about to experience.
- making sure that your child understands and has practised how they will travel to and from their High School.
- organising their uniform and supplies well before their first day of High School.
- discussing emergency and safety routines such as what to do if they miss the train or bus, are late to school, can't understand their timetable and get lost in the school.

All of these things can cause your soon to be High School child to be anxious or worried. Discussing these things with them can help them to feel less anxious.

Unfortunately, there are some families who have not enrolled their Year 6 child in a High School for next year. It is now the responsibility of parents to contact High Schools to arrange enrolment. Please be aware that all schools are bound by their enrolment policy that outlines the procedure for out of area enrolments. Most High Schools have already filled their out of area enrolment quotas.





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

COLA – It's nearly finished!



The new COLA has been a long time in the planning and construction.

We are really excited that it is nearly finished.

We are looking forward to being able to use it for assemblies, presentations, outdoor learning area and play at recess and lunch.

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 Surveys

The Tell Them From Me surveys closed last week. Thank you to the parents who took the time to complete the survey. The information we receive from the student, staff and parent survey helps us with our planning for 2022.

Lakemba Public School UNIFORM

Available at:

SAOUMA'S SCHOOL WEAR

SHOP 2/200 THE BOULEVARDE,
PUNCHBOWL 2196 PH: 97503276

Kindergarten 2022

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 will 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 have been sent information about a school tour and interview that is organised for 29 November to 3 December.

If you have enrolled and not received any information about a school tour and interview please contact the office on 9759 2915.

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.

School as Community Centre News

Transition to School: it was lovely to see some familiar faces at the Orientation session for next year's kindergarten children last week. If you haven't yet completed your enrolment please do as soon as you can as each family will be offered a separate interview with one of the teachers in the next few weeks. If you need help feel free to call me or ring the school office.

Vouchers for Swimming lessons: The NSW Government has expanded it's First Lap program so that children aged 3-6 years can access a \$100 swimming lessons voucher from December 1st. Go to www.sport.nsw.gov.au/firstlap for more information.

Speech therapy: If you have a young child who is on a waiting list for speech therapy or an assessment please contact Wendi at <mailto: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: Ideas for home learning for the under 5's not attending pre-school are available for parents from the Department of Education Early Childhood staff. We use some of these ideas in playgroup too. Go to <https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/ec-guided-learning/home>

Free Music and Meditation Session: for parents will be hosted by Koorana next Monday 29th November from 11.00-12.00. Learn how music can benefit your child's development, help to calm them during stressful times and how to use resources at home. Call 83219600 or email enquiries@koorana.org.au to register for this event.

Career Pathways in Health for Migrants and Refugees: This program provides an introduction to the Health industry. It includes specialised training in-demand skills, introduction to the health industry and workplace language and communication skills. It is in partnership with Sydney Local Health and some practical experience may be offered at Canterbury Hospital so is a great opportunity with preference being given to local residents. INFORMATION SESSION Wednesday 8 December 9.30am to 11.30am. For more information about how to register call Myriam Bahari 0491 214 933 or email myriam.bahari4@tafensw.edu.au

Support for families in Covid Isolation: is available through the Canterbury City Community Centre who can arrange to deliver food and medicines while you are at home. Call 9750 9344 and one of their friendly staff will be able to help.

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/>



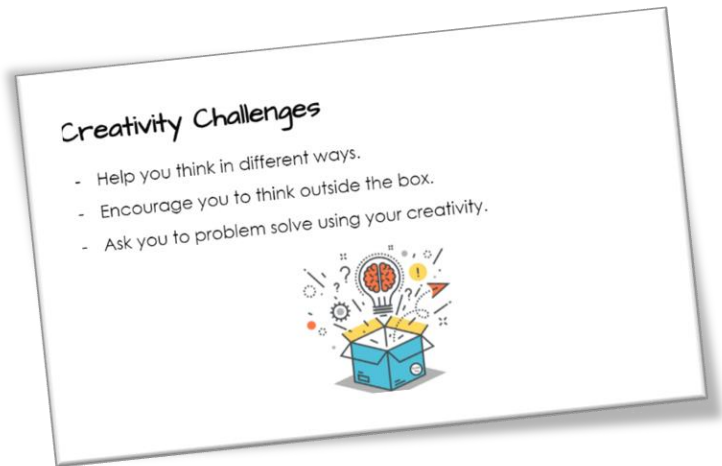
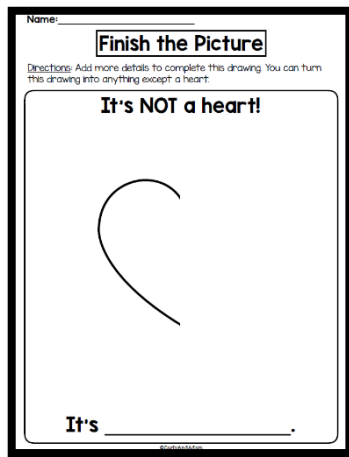
Ring Wendi on 0404 015 001 for more information or just for a chat.



Critical and Creative Thinking in Stage 1!

Last week, Stage 1 were given a creativity challenge to encourage them to think outside the box which we discussed means thinking differently.

This was the challenge...



Have a look at the creative drawings by 1/2A students...





We also read the book 'Not a Stick' by Antoinette Portis. This book is all about the power of imagination to transform even the most ordinary of objects into something magical.

A stick is just a stick... unless it's not a stick. From fishing rod to dragon-taming sword a small pig shows that a stick will go as far as the imagination allows.

