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Important Dates

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,

Welcome to the last Lakemba Link for 2021 and what a 2021 we have had. The last two years have included bushfires, floods and COVID. Thankfully Lakemba has not been directly affected by fires or floods but we have certainly been affected by COVID. This has included Learning from Home as well as the school closing on a number of occasions as positive cases were reported in our community.

And throughout all the upheaval and challenges our community has worked together to support each other and keep each other safe. For this I cannot thank you enough. Knowing that you are there supporting our school, students and staff is very comforting. Knowing that we are working in partnership at all levels is rewarding and means that we are doing the best for your children, our students.

Unfortunately the school has been non operational for the last two days of the year. This is not something that is decided upon lightly by the Department of Education and the Ministry of Health who work together to do the contact tracing to ensure that we are keeping all members of our community as safe as possible.

The teachers are really disappointed that they were not able to say goodbye to their students for 2021 and wish them a happy and safe holiday in person. Hopefully the Zoom sessions that were set up on Thursday helped ease that for the teachers as well as their students and families.

Traditionally Year 6 have some special activities in the last week of their Primary School days. I know that they are particularly upset that they haven't been able to have their fun day or goodbye tunnel. We have decided that we will invite our current Year 6 students to a special event early in Term 1 next year so that we can say goodbye properly. Of course the time and event will depend on the Public Health Order and Department of Education guidelines at the time.

Earlier this week you should have received your child's report. Please spend time talking to them about their learning and how they plan to improve their learning next

year. It would be really beneficial for them all to spend some time each day reading rather than lots of time online.

There will be some staff changes at Lakemba next year. Mr Hooper is moving to a school closer to his home. During his time at Lakemba he has done a fabulous job of fostering the musical knowledge, skills and talents of students and teachers. This year he has he has worked with Mrs Zreika and teachers developing the critical and creative thinking skills of our students. Thank you Mr Hooper. You will always be part of the Lakemba family.

We will also be saying goodbye to Ms Kelley who has gained a permanent Assistant Principal position at Belmore South Public School. Thankfully we will still be seeing and working with Ms Kelley as we work closely with Belmore South in our strong Community of Schools (COS). I am really proud of Ms Kelley. She is dedicated and committed to her students and the whole school.

Mr McMahon is also moving in to a permanent position at another Primary School in 2022. Even though he hasn't been with us for a long time he has demonstrated great flexibility and resilience during really unusual times. Mr McMahon took over 3/4G when Mrs Ghantous started her leave in Term 3. By then we were all Learning from Home and Mr McMahon did a great job working with his class online and then face to face when we returned in Term 4. We wish Mr McMahon every success for his future.

Ms Patterson, our school counsellor, will be working at another school in 2022. She has worked hard with our Learning and Support Team supporting our students and families throughout the year and we wish her well in her new school.

We are really excited about 2022 and all the great things that we have planned. The K – 2 team will be implementing the new K – 2 English and Numeracy syllabuses and the whole school will be working with them to ensure that they are ready when the remaining syllabuses are released.

Thank you for your support of me and our school during this crazy year. You have gone above and beyond to support your children's learning and by doing so have assisted us. My hope for 2022 is an uninterrupted year of learning and fun.

Merry Christmas to those of you who celebrate at this time of the year. Best wishes for a safe, happy and fun holiday to everyone.

See you 2022.
Kind regards,
Jann Price

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



Are you coming back to Lakemba PS in 2022? If not please let us know.

Please email the school and let us know.

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Canterbury Bankstown Council School Holiday Programs

<https://www.cbccity.nsw.gov.au/community/community-services/children-families/school-holidays-programs>

School as Community Centre News

It is hard to believe we are at the end of the year already – although it has felt like a LONG year in many ways! Well done everyone for getting through the difficult times, looking after your family and community, and staying strong.

I have really missed seeing you all in the school and at the Centre's programs for the second half of this year and look forward to starting everything again at the beginning of 2022. Thank you to those who have stayed in touch via our social media chats and also by phone – it has been good to see and hear what you are doing. There have been some amazing craft projects done at home! Best wishes for a safe and relaxing summer!

Vouchers for Swimming lessons: The NSW Government has expanded its 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.

Also remember, each primary school aged child is eligible for two **Active Kids Vouchers** of \$100 each to be used for sport registration, swimming, dancing etc – with a registered provider. They should be used this year! You can access them from your Service NSW account.

School Holiday Event: There will be a "Big Day Out" family fun day and picnic on Tuesday 18th January from 10.00-1.00 in Terry Lamb Reserve Belmore. Lots of fun activities for children up to 12 years. You will need to register for this Covid safe event – I will post details on the Facebook page and WhatsApp groups.

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>

Fee Free English Classes: will be held at the Multicultural Network in Bankstown starting Monday 28th February 2022. You need to be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident and to get a USI number to enrol. Bookings essential. Contact Joy 0433 338717 or Estella 0418 881983.

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.

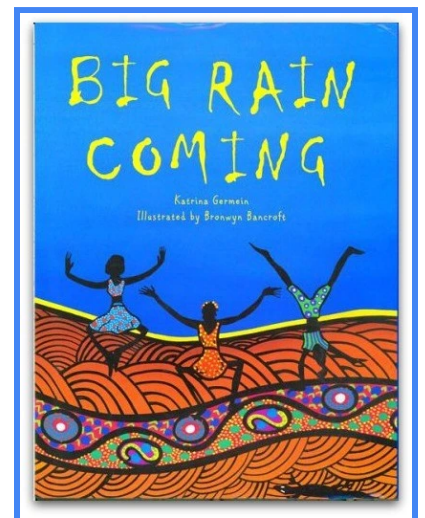
Critical and Creative Thinking

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







One of these is known as Colour - Symbol - Image. Have a look at how Stage 1 students used this thinking routine to reflect on the picture book they have been reading 'Big Rain Coming'.

Colour - Symbol - Image

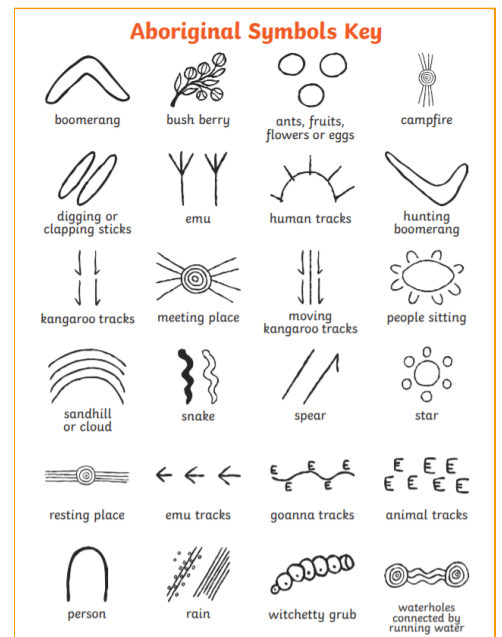
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Why did you choose this colour?	Why did you choose this symbol?	Why did you choose this image?



Colour - Symbol - Image




 COLOUR What colour best represents this?	 SYMBOL What symbols best represents this?	 IMAGE What Image best represents this?
		
Why did you choose this colour? because it reminds me of the sky and billabong and rain.	Why did you choose this symbol? because people were doing different activities through the book.	Why did you choose this image? because the rain came at the end of the story.

Adapted by Alice Vigners 2017



Haniya Alreena


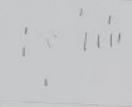
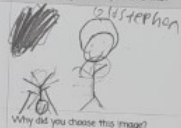
Colour - Symbol - Image

COLOUR What colour best represents this?	SYMBOL What symbols best represents this?	IMAGE What image best represents this?
		
Why did you choose this colour? Because the ground was brown in every picture.	Why did you choose this symbol? because the book is about rain.	Why did you choose this image? because he thought thunder means rain.

Adapted by Alice Vigors 2017

Sakrifa




Colour - Symbol - Image

COLOUR What colour best represents this?	SYMBOL What symbols best represents this?	IMAGE What image best represents this?
		
Why did you choose this colour? Cause the dog has holes in the dirt.	Why did you choose this symbol? Because there's rain in the story.	Why did you choose this image? cause Old Stephen said Big rain coming and it is the book.

Adapted by Alice Vigors 2017

Kamal Fares




Colour - Symbol - Image

COLOUR What colour best represents this?	SYMBOL What symbols best represents this?	IMAGE What image best represents this?
		
Why did you choose this colour? Because the ground is all brown	Why did you choose this symbol? Because there where so many human	Why did you choose this image? Because the about Rain

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Knareq

Colour - Symbol - Image

COLOUR What colour best represents this?	SYMBOL What symbols best represents this?	IMAGE What image best represents this?
		
Why did you choose this colour? rain clouds	Why did you choose this symbol? Old Stephen footsteps the drain to collect the water Rosie's kids	Why did you choose this image? Old Stephen drowning in clouds. Rosie's kids snoring.




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Do a P.E.I. Knareq



Zaynab/Zohra

Colour - Symbol - Image

COLOUR What colour best represents this?	SYMBOL What symbols best represents this?	IMAGE What image best represents this?
		
Why did you choose this colour? We chose black because it represents the rain clouds.	Why did you choose this symbol? We chose this symbol because the story was all about rain.	Why did you choose this image? We chose this image because the book was about rain.

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