

LAKEMBA LINK

Term 3 – Week 1



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Important Date

Monday 12 th July to Friday 16 th July	NAIDOC Week
Wednesday 28 th July to Friday 30 th July	Stage 3 Camp Cancelled
Friday 17 th September	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 4 th October	Public Holiday
Tuesday 5 th October	First day of Term 4 for everyone
Thursday 16 th December	Last day of school for 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to touch base with you all even though our Lakemba Link newsletter is not normally published this week.

A personal thanks from me to you for listening to and following the Stay at Home Orders as determined by the NSW Government, NSW Health and NSW Department of Education. By staying at home we are keeping ourselves and others safe and minimising the spread of the COVID virus.

A big thank you to the staff of our fantastic school. Once again we have had to work quickly and flexibly to organise, print and distribute learning from home activities for our students who need them, set up online classrooms, assist students and families to get online and then check and monitor student work. I am very lucky to work with such a professional, caring and dedicated team.

I would like to single out our magnificent office team of Miss Karen, Miss Ria and Miss Sue who have manned the phones and helped many of you to get online. Once again they have risen to the challenge and supported our community amazingly.

The Department of Education has instructed schools to reduce the number of staff they have on site at any one time. This means that at any one time there may be as few as six people at school and two of these may be working with students. Please keep this in mind if it takes us a while to answer the phone.

The NSW Department of Education has a number of resources online for parents and students. They can be accessed here <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home>

It is important for us to keep home learning in perspective. Our expectation is that you only attend to the learning that is achievable for your family. Completing activities is less important than making sure your child feels safe, loved and hopeful about the world. We completely understand it is hard. Your child's teacher is on hand to support you.

We know that many of you are working from home and juggling lots of things. It is important we continue to follow the current NSW Health Department guidelines and work together to get through this difficult time.



In closing I wish you well during the current Stay at Home orders. Please take extra care of yourselves and your family. Being at home without opportunities to leave home safely is difficult. We are proud of you and the way you are coping with this unexpected event. We are really proud of the way our students have moved so smoothly to either working online or on paper. We have more than 60% of our students working online.

I know that many of you will be looking forward to celebrating Eid ul-Adha with friends and family next week. Please remember though that doing this at this time is not safe. Celebrate with the people who live with you and plan to celebrate with your wider family and community later in the year when it is safer to do so.

Best wishes to every member of our community. We can do this!

Kind regards,
Jann Price