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Important Dates

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 Learning from Home
Thursday 16 th December	Last day of school for 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations!!! As we come to the end of a very challenging term, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for the extraordinary work you have done supporting your children to Learn from Home. I know that this has not been easy for anyone as you juggle working from home yourselves and navigating the demands of family life.

Thank you doesn't seem enough to express my gratitude to the amazingly talented, resilient and committed staff of Lakemba Public School. They have worked tirelessly and flexibly to support you, our students and one another. Together we are an incredible team!

It is now time to take a break, spend some time relaxing and restoring our strength to navigate Term 4 and whatever that brings our way.

Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards,
Jann Price

Term 4

As you are aware, the Premier of NSW and the NSW Department of Education have released a proposed overview of the timeline for students to return to school for face to face learning during Term 4.

The information provided to date indicates that students will return to face-to-face learning with the incorporation of NSW Health approved COVID safety measures on school sites in a staggered way across a number of weeks:

- from 25 October – Kindergarten and Year 1
- from 1 November – Years 2, 6 and 11
- from 8 November – Years 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Please note that while this is the proposed timeline for students to return to school during Term 4, this planning is also dependent on daily COVID19 case information across the state and community vaccination rates and therefore may need to be adjusted at a time closer to these dates.

It is important to keep checking our social media for any updates that we become aware of.

SASS (School Administrative Support Staff) Recognition Week

Last week was SASS appreciation week. We celebrated our dedicated SASS team with a virtual morning tea.

The Lakemba SASS team is made up of Miss Karen (School Administrative Manager) and Miss Ria and Miss Sue (School Administration Officers) in the front office. Our students are supported by our Student Learning Support Officers (SLSO) Miss Christina, Miss Michelle, Miss Nancy, Miss Marjia, Miss Rita and Miss Ashiya. Our whole school is supported by the work of Mr Mark, our GA (General Assistant), who makes sure that everyone and everything at school is safe and in working order.

Our amazing team do so much behind the scenes to help our school run smoothly. We really appreciate and value their work in many areas across the school. They have demonstrated their flexibility and ability to adapt to changes that often occur without warning while continuing to support teachers, students and families. Our SASS team is an integral part of our school community.

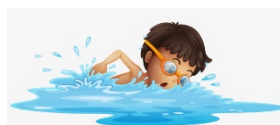
School Building Works

We are excited to inform our community of the building works that are happening at our school over the holidays. The staffroom is being extended and the construction of the new, larger COLA will begin. Even though we don't expect the projects to be fully completed by the time of our expected return to school we hope that the majority of the demolition and major construction work is complete.

The Opportunity Class Placement Test

As a result of the most recent advice from NSW Health regarding the duration of COVID-19 restrictions and the return to school plan, the Opportunity Class Placement Test scheduled for 6 October 2021 has been **delayed**. New testing arrangements for students will be announced as soon as possible. Please continue to check the <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> for current advice for families.

Swimming Scheme 2021



Recent changes to the advice regarding the delivery of sport and physical activity within the Department of Education sector has resulted in the School Swimming and Water Safety program being cancelled for 2022. Sadly, our booking in Term 4 will not go ahead.

We know that it is sad news for the students, but we hope that they can understand that their safety is our priority.

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.

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.

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.

School as Community Centre News

Hello again. Happy holidays everyone! It will be a relief to be off screens for a while I expect for everyone. Try and get outside every day for some fresh air and sunshine.

Emergency Relief: I have previously listed a number of organisations providing this to people experiencing hardship during this Covid 19 lockdown in the Canterbury Bankstown area.. The Directory is updated regularly. Go to www.4cs.org.au to look at the latest version.

If you are in self-isolation or have been placed in quarantine at short notice and can't get food for yourselves you can call 137788 (Service NSW) - wait through all the options to ask for the Rapid Relief Team and they will arrange a contactless delivery of non-perishable food items.

IWAA is providing a program called Ready4Work in Aged Care and Disability to participants who meet the Federal Governments Settlement Engagement and Transition Support eligibility (generally been in Australia less than 5 years). English language support is part of this FREE program. Call 0431 424359 to apply.

Mental Health Support: A clinic for those experiencing mental health concerns as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic is located at the ISRA Medical Centre 102A Haldon St Lakemba. The federally funded clinic is open Monday to Friday from 8:30-5:30. They have two female staff; a qualified counsellor and a mental health nurse. You can walk in to book or call 1800 595212.

Digital Books in 30 languages: Children's books with English translations are available at the following website so you can read with your children in home language. You need to be a member of the Library to enter the site. <https://lote4kids.com/au-canterbury-bankstown/>

Canterbury Bankstown Council has developed a website and newsletter called Stay Safe: Stay Connected. Register your details at <https://cb.city/SafeAndConnected> to get weekly:

- Challenges to complete on your own or as a family;
- Health and wellbeing tips;
- Important COVID-19 updates; and
- Prize draws including iPads and \$50 gift vouchers.

For children: Creating Links is holding some fun FREE online activities for the family to enjoy in the holidays

*Cooking with Angela on Tuesday 21st and 28th September from 2.00 – 3.00 with Angela.

*Cup Your Hands to Sound on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd 2.00- 3.00 with Edgee.

*Buddies and Me for 8-11 year olds on Tuesday 21st and 28th September 12.00-1.00 with Jasmin and Amanda. Call 1300 254 657 to register for each one.

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>

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 we will be offering some online sessions next term.

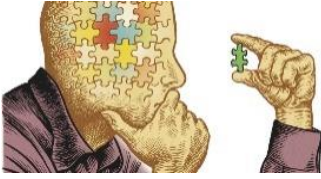
All the information about community programs are posted on our Facebook page.

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/LakembaSaCC/>

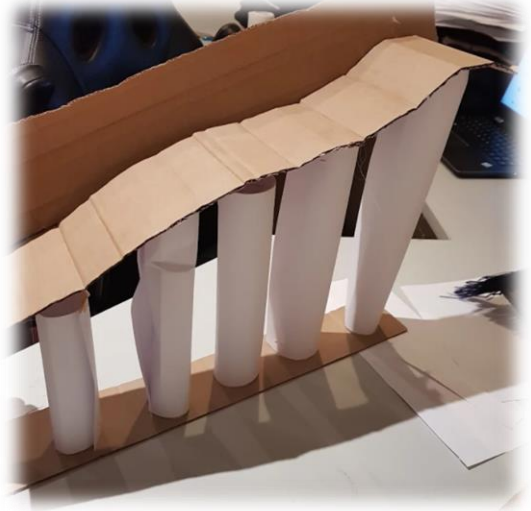


Ring Wendi on 0404 015 001 for more information or just for a chat.

Critical and Creative Thinkers at LPS!



Zaina 5/6M



Ayesha 5/6M

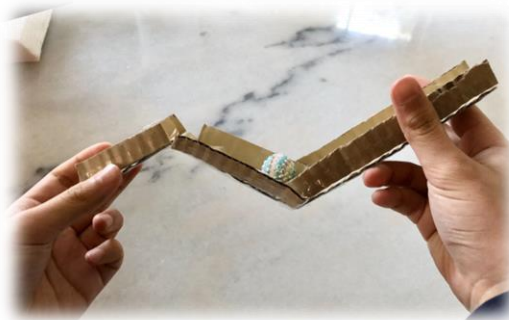
This term Stage 3 students have been learning about contact and non-contact forces. Last week, they looked at gravity and learnt that it is a non-contact force.

Stage 3 learnt that roller coasters use gravity to make them travel down scary drops! Their STEM challenge was to create a roller coaster that will carry a marble from the top to the bottom.

Have a look at some of the creative designs!



Aliya 5/6M



Leura 5I

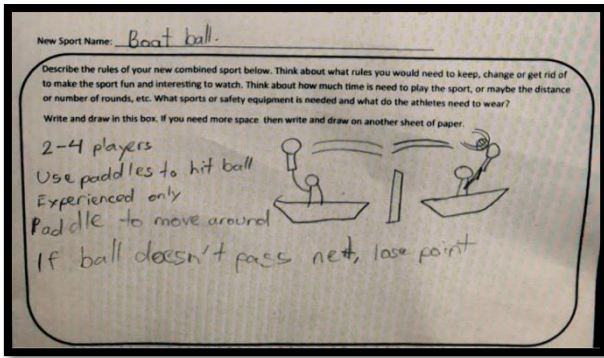


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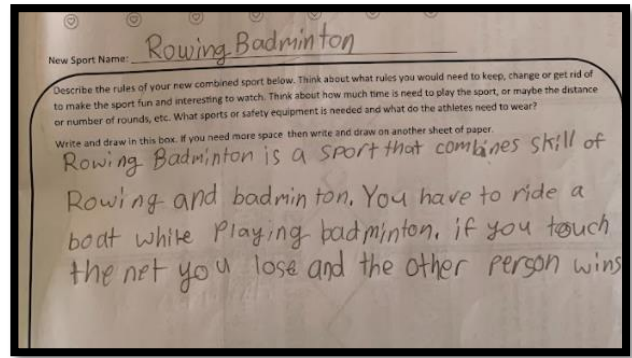


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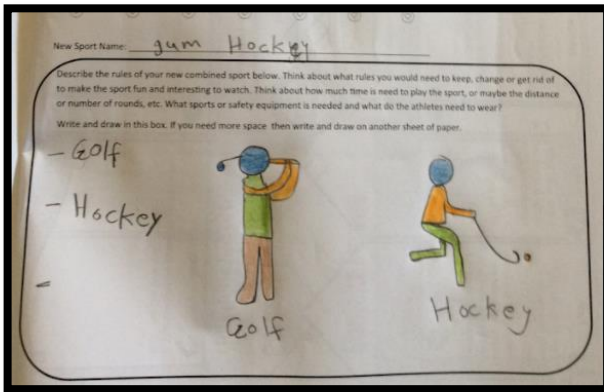
Leura 5I



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Stage 2 and 3 students have been thinking critically by combining different Olympic sports to create new sports.

Have a look at some of the sports they have invented!



Mohammad 3E



New Sport Name: Cartwheel race This is a combination of athletics and gymnastics.

Describe the rules of your new combined sport below. Think about what rules you would need to keep, change or get rid of to make the sport fun and interesting to watch. Think about how much time is needed to play the sport, or maybe the distance or number of rounds, etc. What sports or safety equipment is needed and what do the athletes need to wear?

Write and draw in this box. If you need more space then write and draw on another sheet of paper.

- You cannot stop doing cartwheels for under 20seconds
- You cannot push other competitors
- You cannot eat nor drink during the cartwheel race
- You cannot team up with competitors to win
- You cannot fall or you will be eliminated
- You must stay in your car wheel race lanes!

Tasnia 5I

They also thought creatively by making changes to the rules and equipment of different Olympic sports!

Mahira 5/6M

Think about the equipment used in archery and answer the following questions.

Question	Your answers and ideas
The sport of archery could not exist without the round targets. Painted on each target are rings which become smaller the closer you get to the centre. Can you change the round target to another shape?	I would change the round target to a rectangular shape, as it might give it a larger width, which increases chances of shooting in the middle.
What would happen if the shape of the arrow is changed?	If the shape of the bow changes it wouldn't really affect archery, because archery matters about your skills and how you can shoot with your bow.

Spring 2021 – School Holiday Activities for Children & Young People in Canterbury-Bankstown



Name of Organisation and Contact details	Name of Activity and Description	Age Group	Date	Where and Cost
CB.City Libraries	FLYING PAPER DRAGONS Create some amazing Flying Dragons (yes they do fly), with our lovely Librarian. Use our template or whatever paper you have at home. Watch our video for instructions.	6-12 years	Anytime, prerecorded	Video link. FREE
Koorana Playgroups Carla Flanagan 0448463398	ZOOM PLAYGROUPS _ program design to give children and their parents/carers opportunity for social connections, to support child development and have fun	0-6years	Monday 20 September - Friday 1 October 11am (Note: every weekday except NO session on Tue 28 th Sept)	Zoom https://koorana.zoom.us/j/4032958301 Meeting ID: 403 295 8301
Creating Links – Bankstown Contact: Angela - 1300 254 657 admin@creatinglinks.org.au	GIRL SPACE Girl Space is a program for girls aged 13-17 years to come to together and empower each other. We will be discussing Relationships with others and with ourselves, the importance of looking after ourselves and how to deal with tricky situations in life.	Girls aged 13-17 years	Tuesday 21 Wednesday 22 Tuesday 28 Wednesday 29 September 11:00AM - 12:00PM	Online - ZOOM
Creating Links – Bankstown Contact: Jasmin or Amanda N 1300 254 657 admin@creatinglinks.org.au	BUDDIES & ME Buddies & Me is an exciting group for children to be able to explore emotions by stopping, spotting and solving challenges using tools while also making new friends and interacting with other children.	Children Aged 8 - 11 Years	Tuesday 21 Tuesday 28 September 12:00PM - 1:00PM	Online - ZOOM

<p>Creating Links – Bankstown Contact: Angela - 1300 254 657 admin@creatinglinks.org.au</p>	<p>COOKING WITH ANGELA Come join in on the fun while Angela cooks some delicious food the whole family can join in and create. You will have the opportunity to recreate some amazing dishes for your family during lockdown.</p>	<p>All ages</p>	<p>Tuesday 21 Tuesday 28 September 2:00PM - 3:00PM</p>	<p>Online - ZOOM</p>
<p>Outloud info@outloud.org.au 0478 247 178 Instagram & Facebook: @outloudarts Website: www.outloud.org.au</p>	<p>OPEN STUDIO Open Studio is a chance to meet with our incredible Outloud team members, Finn & Jess, who have had bountiful experience in the art world in theatre, music and performance art (just to name a few!). Bring your artwork for feedback, discuss a budding idea or ask questions for all things creative. For emerging artists, young people, established artists wanting to chat!</p>	<p>All ages</p>	<p>Tuesday 21September Tuesday 28 September 4pm-5:30pm</p>	<p>FREE on Zoom Access the Zoom now: tinyurl.com/openstudioNOW</p>
<p>CBCITY Library</p>	<p>READ AND SING Join our fun Librarians for our online live singing and storytelling sessions. Discover our word of the day, and learn new songs and different stories each week. Bookings are essential to receive invitations to online sessions.</p>	<p>1-5 years</p>	<p>Wednesday 22 & 29 September. Thursday 23 & 30 September. 10.30am</p>	<p>Virtual via Zoom. FREE</p>
<p>Creating Links – Bankstown Contact: Edgee - 1300 254 657 admin@creatinglinks.org.au</p>	<p>CUP YOUR HANDS TO SOUND This activity will empower families to work together to create sounds and rhythms using plastic cups and hands. This is an opportunity for family bonding, interaction and creativity.</p>	<p>Children Aged 8 - 13 Years</p>	<p>Wednesday 22 Thursday 23 September 2:00PM - 3:00PM</p>	<p>Online - ZOOM</p>
<p>CBCITY Library</p>	<p>DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS Help create your own hero's story. Put your ideas together with others to help solve riddles, create allies, find clues and defeat evil! This tabletop role-playing game is sure to inspire your cooperative problem solving, maths and literacy skills. Find out what all the fuss is about and book today.</p>	<p>12-18 years</p>	<p>Thursday 23 & 30 September, 2pm.</p>	<p>Virtual via Zoom. FREE</p>

CBCITY Library	SCIENCE WITH FOOD Check out the amazing Science Viva scientists conducting experiments with food or join in with the list of ingredients and materials. Parent supervision strongly advised.	6-12 years	Friday 24 September, 2pm	Virtual via Zoom. FREE
CBCITY Library	CHATTER BOOKS What's loved! Discover and share your books and find out where to find your next best favourite.	8-12 years	Friday 1 October, 2pm	Virtual via Zoom. FREE
