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Important Date

Sunday 5 th September	Father's Day
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,
Welcome to Spring and warmer weather.

Last week the Premier of NSW announced a plan for students to return to face to face teaching. Schools will return to face-to-face learning either through a 'staged return' or 'full return', depending on NSW Health conditions in their area.

Local government areas (LGAs) and suburbs of concern operating under Level 4 plus restrictions will continue learning from home until they are removed from the areas of concern by NSW Health and the Department of Education. Lakemba is currently a suburb of concern and

in an LGA of concern. Before our students can return to school the LGA has to be no longer a than concern. ?????

When stay-at-home rules are still in place but other community vaccination and transmission conditions are met, students will return to school in a staged way. This is a staggered return for prioritised cohorts, with no mingling or on-site activities.

When it is appropriate students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health-approved COVID-safe settings on school sites in the following order:

- 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 make sure you check your If anyone in your home is affected by a Positive COVID-19 result, please let the school know. We want to support you and your children and keep our community safe. All information provided is confidential.

As we enter the last two weeks of Term 3 keep smiling and stay safe.

Kind regards,
Jann Price

You will be sent the Zoom link

It's the end of Term 3 so let's celebrate

Disco

Monday 13th September

9am - 9.40am

Start the week with your best clothes and a dance!

Wellbeing

Wellbeing, resilience and bouncing back are frequently discussed in the classrooms at Lakemba Public School during Bounce Back lessons. During these lessons they learn the strategies below to support them during their learning, social interactions and life. Ask them to share their learning with you.

BOUNCE BACK

Bad times don't last. Things always get better. Stay optimistic.



Other people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check.



Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Think again.

Nobody is perfect-not you and not others.



Concentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter.



Everybody experiences sadness, hurt, failure, rejection and setbacks sometimes, not just you. They are a normal part of life. Try not to personalise them.



Blame fairly. How much of what happened was due to you, to others and to bad luck or circumstances.



Accept what can't be changed (but try to change what can change first)

Catastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don't believe the worst possible picture.



Keep things in perspective. It's only part of your life.



Travel

The Education Act states that any child enrolled in NSW Public School must attend school every day unless they are sick. Families who wish to travel must complete an *Application for Extended Leave – Travel* and provide a copy of their return tickets. All students who do not attend school for ten days without notifying the school are referred to the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO). If contact with the family cannot be made the matter is referred to the Child Wellbeing Unit (CWU).

We understand that spending time with family overseas is important for our community, but it is important to understand that the *Department of Education Attendance Policy* does not recognise this as a valid reason for a student not to be at school. Please do not be offended if your application for leave cannot be approved.

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/>

2021 Opportunity Class Placement Test DELAYED

As a result of the most recent advice from NSW Health regarding the duration of Covid-19 restrictions the Opportunity Class Placement Test for 2020 Year 4 students has been delayed further. Parents and carers of students who have applied to do the test will be contacted with further details.



We are very excited to announce that from Monday 23rd August teachers will be holding a Zoom meeting with their class once a week.

Monday – Stage 2 – 3E, 3M, 3TH, 3/4G, 4C

Tuesday – Stage 1 – 1CH, 1N, 1W, 1/2A, 2F, 2G

Thursday – Early Stage 1 – KA, KB, KH, KR

Friday – Stage 3 – 5I, 5WB, 5/6M, 6O, 6P

The time and link for the Zoom meeting will be posted in each class' Google Classroom. How to guides will also be posted.

The aim of the Zoom sessions is for students to connect with their teacher and classmates. Teachers will not be teaching a lesson during the Zoom session.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone!!

School as Community Centre News

Hello again. I hope you are keeping warm, safe and well during these long weeks at home. Having my daily walk in the fresh air and sunshine certainly helps me manage each day. Hope you get to do this as well with your family.

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.

TAFE is offering a number of FREE hospitality skill set short courses. When restrictions ease, these skills will be helpful in finding work. <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/course/-/c/c/SG00008098/Statement-of-Attainment-in-Hospitality--Interact-with-Customers--Safe-Work-Practices-and-Visitor-Information->

Racism Not Welcome Campaign: Our area has joined this nationwide campaign and you are invited to join and make a pledge to support the ideas. Council has erected banners about the campaign and there will be ongoing media and opportunities for residents to have their say. <https://haveyoursay.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/join-racismnotwelcome-campaign>

Play 2 Learn Playgroup: Families who are part of this group should have all received a call and an invitation to be part of our WhatsApp group by now. Save the Children is posting regular videos of play activities for your kids and I am joining the *Chai and Chat* sessions for parents on Wednesdays. Keeping children happy and occupied indoors every day is difficult for everyone. Hope you can find time to read, sing and play with your child for some part of every day. It really helps! I will be posting a story or song on the Centre Facebook page every Wednesday. *#readandsingwithmeathome*.

Vaccine Hub at Canterbury Hospital: This clinic is offering Pfizer vaccinations to all local residents aged between 16 and 49. They have lots available apparently. Appointments can be made at <http://vaccination.slhd.nsw.gov.au/>

Emergency Relief: Many families will be finding this time very difficult financially if you have lost work. There are a number of local organisations providing support with food hampers and vouchers, help with energy and chemist bills, phone and internet costs. The NSW Government also has assistance packages for individuals and businesses. Contact www.service.nsw.gov.au.

- Metro Assist: All appointments are to be via phone consultation Bankstown office 8709 0200 or Campsie office 97893744.
- Prosper Project Campsie: Call 0404 787571 to check supply.
- Muslim Women's Association: Call 9750 6916 to check availability and make an appointment.
- Greek Welfare Centre: Lakemba St. Call 9740 6022.

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

Have a look at the amazing work by our creative Stage 1 students in Week 7!

They had a go at the Blooming Paper Flower Experiment!

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Blooming Paper Flower Experiment Critical and Creative Thinking - Stage 1 Activity Term 3, Week 7

How to make blooming paper flowers:

- All you need is some paper, coloured markers and a container of water.
- Start by cutting out some paper flowers. You can use the flower template below or just cut your own.
- After the flowers are cut, colour them with markers so that you can see the colours swirl in the water.
- Fold the flower petals into the centre. You do not want to fold them tightly, just a loose fold or they will not open as well. Don't press the creases too tight.
- Fill a bowl or other large container with some water.
- Place the folded flower into the water and the paper will absorb the water causing it to open the petals. It is pretty amazing to watch. They begin opening one at a time until it is all the way open.



Mohammad
Hussein



Bilal



Ayesha



Zainab



Najiha



Jusna



Maham



Mariya



Aradhya



Alexia



Abdulsalam

The Blooming Flower Experiment in

1/2A



Sami



Shajidah 1/2A



Saleem



Rafardhan



Mahmoud



Arisha

CRITICAL & CREATIVE THINKING

Blooming Flower Experiment



Afifa Ishaq



Alveena Anaum



Ayaan Mazhar



Arisha Raya



Fares Mahmoud



Huda Tahir



Joseph Badawy



Safia Unnisa



Zayan Ahmed