

# LAKEMBA LINK

Term 3 – Week 4



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy two weeks we have had at Lakemba Public School. The Public Speaking Competition Finals, Kinder 2023 Orientation, Potato Hill Gallery, our choir at Lakemba Fire Station centenary, Russ the Bus and Jump Rope for Heart. At every one of these events our students have been brilliant representatives of our school. They were respectful, cooperative and responsible citizens.

All of the things I mentioned above take a lot of work to organise. Preparation for events begins weeks before the actual day and involves many teachers. I want to publicly thank every one of our teachers who go above and beyond to make sure that our students are given opportunities to experience new and exciting things. They inspire and motivate our students and support them to achieve their goals.

As we approach the end of the school year we look forward to welcoming families to the annual Presentation Day where we recognise the work of our students.

Kind regards,  
Jann Price

## CHANGE OF DATE

During the holiday break the Department of Education announced a change of date to the end of the school year for students and staff.

**Students' last day of school this is year Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December is a Professional Learning Day for staff.**

## Sickness at School

Over the last few weeks we have had a lot of students become unwell during the day. When they come to the office their condition is assessed by our First Aid Officer. Students are monitored in sick bay for a while

## Swimming Scheme – Year 2 to Year 6

All students who are involved in the swimming scheme must wear their swimming costume to school under their uniform. They must bring a towel and underwear to change in to after they have finished swimming.



The swimmers are organised into three groups. Each group has students of similar ages. They will travel to and from Roselands Aquatic Centre by bus at different

times of the day. Ms Kergis and Mr Giovas will be at the pool for each group. Other teachers who will be in the water with the students will travel on the bus with the groups. The first group will leave school at 9am. The last group will arrive back at school at approximately 12.45pm.

## Important Dates

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Swimming School Years 2 - 6
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 1 Excursion to Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Excursion to Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Stage 2 Excursion to Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Last day to trade certificates</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Day
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last Day of School for 2022 for students</b>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	First day of school for 2023 for Years 1 – 6
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	First day of school for Kindergarten 2023



## Merit Awards, Special Awards and Pennants

**The last day for trading awards this year will be Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. No awards will be traded after this day.** Students will have to keep them safe and trade them next year.

## School Planning for 2023

To assist us in planning for 2023 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 who will be going to High School next year.

## Road Safety



We know that it might be convenient to let children out of the car while you are stopped at the pedestrian crossing it is extremely dangerous. It is also against the road rules. Please remember this when you are dropping your children off at school in the mornings.

## Through our eyes .....

### Potato Hill Gallery

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Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
2.00pm - 4.00pm



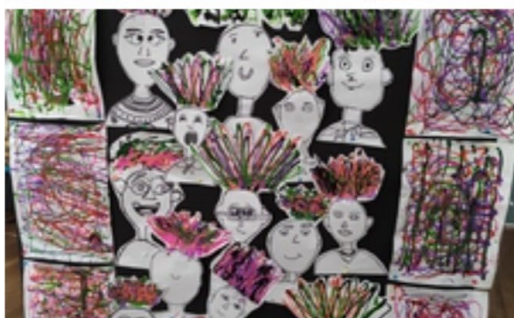
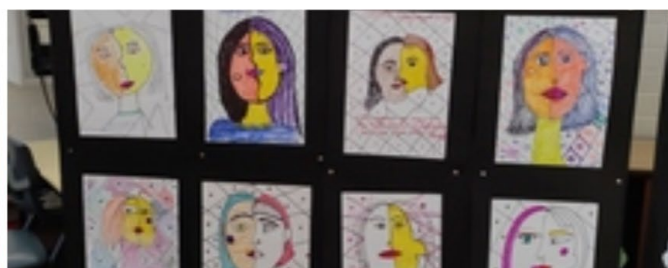
### Through our eyes ...

The students at Lakemba Public School invite you to  
Potato Hill Gallery – their biannual Art Exhibition.

Take the time to rediscover and enjoy the work of famous  
artists.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2.00pm - 4.00pm  
School Hall

What an amazing display of creativity!!! Our students, their teachers and some of our community members created a rich and diverse display of colour and design. You couldn't help but smile and be proud of everyone at our school as you wandered through the exhibition. Congratulations everyone!!



### Presentation Day

We are planning to hold Presentation Day at school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The celebration of student achievement will be held in two sections – Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 and then Stage 2 and Stage 3.

Not every child will be recognised with an award on this day. On this day a small number of children from each class will receive an award. Even though your child may not receive an award on the day it is important that you recognise their achievement. This can be as simple as discussing their report with them and assuring them that you are proud that they have done their best.

### Public Speaking



Congratulations to our four students who represented our school in the finals of the Beverly Hills Network Public Speaking. Thank you also to the teachers and families who supported them.

## Combined Public Schools Music Festival

Our Lakemba Public School Choir and Dance groups were amazing representatives of our school last Tuesday night at the Combined Public School Music Festival at Bankstown Sports Club. Congratulations to each and every one of them. They showed great commitment to their choice to be part of the choir or dance groups and stayed with it all the way through the year.

Groups like this can only happen if teachers are willing to commit to organising and practising with the students in their own time. A huge thank you to the choir teachers, Ms Siddiqui and Ms Kassianou, and Mrs Martins and Ms Georgopoulos, the dance teachers. You have all done a fantastic job. Thank you.

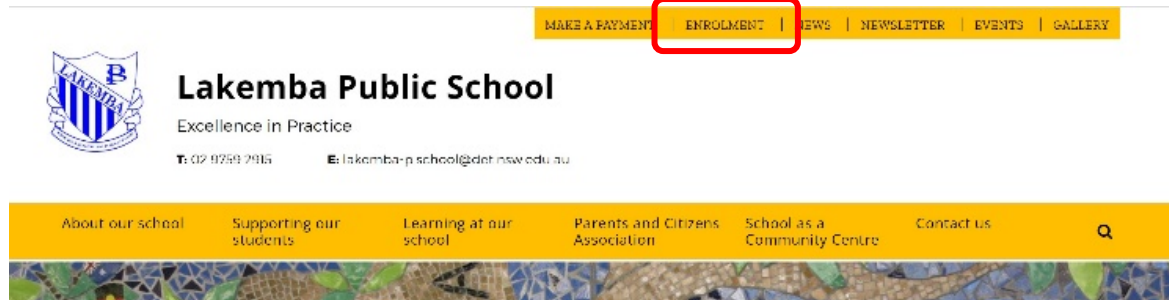


## Kindergarten 2023

If your child turns 5 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 they are eligible to start school at the beginning of 2023.

Enrolments should be made online through the school website

[lakemba-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lakemba-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



## Fire Station

Our school choir was invited to sing at the Centenary Celebration of Lakemba Fire Station. The celebration took place on Friday. Our students sang the National Anthem as well as two other songs for the guests which included the Fire Commissioner of NSW and other distinguished guests.

Congratulations to our students who did a fantastic job representing our school. Special thanks to Ms Siddiqui and Ms Kassianou who have trained the choir this year.



## Jump Rope for Heart

Our students displayed great stamina and skill during the Jump Rope for Heart activities this week. Students raised \$282 for the Heart Foundation. The Heart Foundation used the money that is donated to them to carry out research into heart disease as well as educate people about how to keep their heart healthy.

During the day the Demonstration Skipping Team entertained the students. There was even time for the teachers to demonstrate their skipping skills. Thank you to Mrs Ghantous and the SRC for organising the day.



## Overseas Travel

Many families at Lakemba Public School take their children out of school and travel overseas for long periods of time during the year. As far as possible all travel should be arranged during school holidays and not during school time. Australian law states that students must attend school every day unless they are sick.

Families wanting to travel overseas must apply for *Extended Leave Travel* BEFORE they travel and provide their travel itinerary. Please be aware that all leave taken to travel is recorded as unjustified as per Department of Education guidelines. Thank you to the many parents who do this. The documents required are available at the office.



## Selective High School 2024

Selective High Schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard at a regular High School. Selective High Schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability and by using specialised teaching methods.

If you would like to have your Year 5 child considered for Year 7 Selective High School entry in 2024 you must apply online using a valid email address. *This cannot be the student's email address.* Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Applications close on 16<sup>th</sup> November. The Selective High School Test will be held on 4 May 2023.

## COVID Smart Updates

- **Students and Staff Should Continue to Stay Home When Sick** and only attend school when they are symptom free.
- **Students and staff will be sent home if they are displaying symptoms of COVID.**
- **Students, staff and families should continue to use RAT tests regularly.**
- **Close contacts can attend school if they are symptom free.** It is recommended that close contacts wear a mask.
- **Enhanced cleaning practices will continue.** Cleaning of high contact areas throughout the school will continue during the day e.g. toilets, seat, bubbler, outdoor equipment.
- **Personal hygiene practices will continue.** This includes hand washing before entering the classroom before breaks as well as before eating.
- Vaccination is encouraged.

## 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



# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

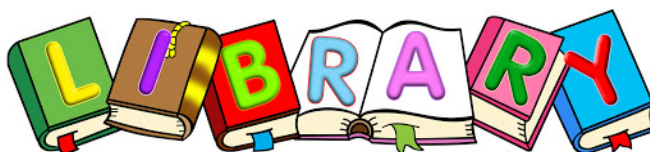
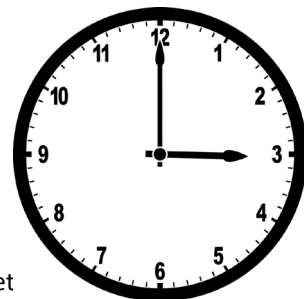
## Children Must Be Picked Up At 3pm

The school day ends at 3pm. All students must be picked up at 3pm. Thank you to the families who are always on time to pick up their children at 3pm. Teachers are not on duty to supervise students who are not picked up on time. They have work to do in their classrooms to prepare for the next day or they are involved in meetings after school.

Occasionally parents are held up and are late to pick up their child. We understand this but ask that if you are going to be late that you contact the office before 2.45pm. This allows the office time to get a message to your child's teacher.

Unfortunately some students are regularly not picked up at 3pm. There is a handful of students who are picked up by carers / educators who are regularly late. This is not acceptable.

The school will make contact with families who are late to pick up their children on a regular basis. If this continues a report may be made to the Department of Education's Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO).



During lunch time, some of our students have been learning to make 'Book Origami' with Mrs. Pogalva. These paper hedgehogs are beautifully created using some old and unwanted books, by our students in Stage 3 in our LPS library during lunchtime. They have completed and proudly displayed their Book origami at our 'Potato Hill art gallery this week.



## Chicken Pox

Parents and carers are advised that there has been a case of Chicken Pox at our school. Chicken Pox is a highly contagious disease for children and adults. Please keep an eye on your children's health and report any cases if Chicken Pox or other infectious diseases to the school so that we can keep a close eye on our students.

Information on Infectious Diseases can be found on the link below

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/default.aspx>



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## New Playground Markings

We are very excited about our new playground markings in both Area A and the Square. Students and staff have had a great time using the new markings during recess and lunch as well as during physical education lessons.



## School as Community Centre News

We farewelled the Sydney University Students this week after 9 weeks of the Toddler Talk and Language Learners programs. Feedback was extremely positive, with discussions to return the program to the Centre next year.

Kindergarten students entering school in 2023 underwent eye screening tests in preparation for big school next year.

Parents/students commenced the TAFE Espresso Coffee Course this week with high attendance, enthusiasm, and a passion for learning.

As we near the end of the year enrolments for programs are at close????? and we begin to prepare for next year. Many of you will have children entering High school, Kindergarten, Preschool or Day care. Parents may also be returning to work, study or moving homes.

The Lakemba Community Centre will commence an enrolment process for 2023, new forms will be available from the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2022.

### Programs

Koorana Playgroup - Monday (9.15am – 11.00am)

Please bring a hat, water, and fruit for your child.

SING and GROW – Monday (1.30pm – 2.30pm)

A musical therapy program, for parents and child/ren 0 – 5 years. This is a FREE program with instruments provided.

TAFE Espresso Coffee Course – Tuesday (9.00am – 2.30pm)

Koorana Playgroup – Wednesdays (9.15am – 11.00am)

Please bring a hat, water, and fruit for your child

EACH Thursday (10am – 2pm)

Service to our families and the wider community in assisting parents/carers for any questions/ concerns about their child/ren's development. This program is for children birth to 7 years and an appointment is necessary and can be made through the Centre facilitator.

PEEP (Parents Early Education Partnership) Fridays – (9.30am – 10.30am)

FREE program for parents and their child/ren 0 – 5 years in the 5 strands of learning;

Personal, social, and emotional development, communication and language, early literacy, early maths and health and physical development.

Contact Leonie Williams (Facilitator) on **0404 015 001** or [leonie.williams15@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:leonie.williams15@det.nsw.edu.au) to register for all programs.

# What's happening in Stage 3?

This week was the opening of Potato Hill Art Gallery. We were excited to share our artworks and show how we have developed our photography and writing skills.



## Humaira Firdous

This picture is of a tree in Wiley park .

This picture has the Rule of thirds which is the tree then the bushes and then the pathway .

The foreground in this picture is the pathway. The leading lines in this picture is the pathway which makes your eye go all around the tree. This picture also includes symmetry .

I like this picture because it has a pretty view.



## The Pyramid

Our artwork is made using natural materials inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. We collected sticks and big leaf blades. And then we put the sticks in a position where it looked like a pyramid and then we put the leaf blades on the sticks so it stays in position.

We made the stick pyramid under the square tower in Wiley Park because the colour reflected with the sticks. we put it in the center because it looks better. In the background there's a view of the playground and trees of Wiley Park. we decided to put rocks under the sticks/pyramid to make it look more like a 3 dimensional shape. we put it in the center and took a picture of it. we used a long bamboo stick because its colour matches the trees in the background of the photo. We got leading lines in the background and foreground.

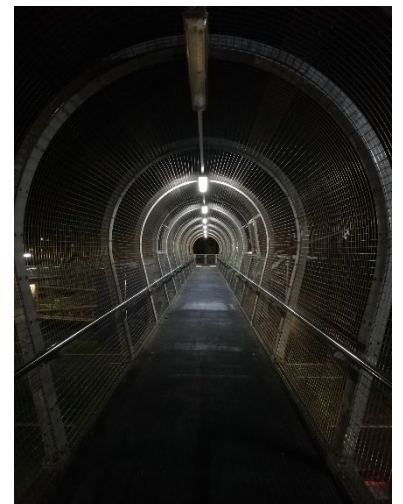
By Ali marad and Abdullah ismail



## The circle of life

Blurb-this is a photograph symbolizing life this artwork was inspired by the artist andy goldsworthy This artwork was made by flowers and leaves to symbolize the life within people in this earth. This demonstrates the rule of thirds by having the circle in the middle parting the ground into two sections ,upper and lower part of the artwork. The viewers eyes are forced to stare at the middle of the artwork because of its red vibrant colour catching their attention. The vibrant red symbolises life, risk and adventure.

"Life is a cycle it goes from one stage to another"-Lilly. Noor Amirah 5 Python



## Our Sun



This is my artwork inspired by the natural artist Andy Goldsworthy, I see this natural artwork as a similarity of outer space. In the very center is our sun. This artwork will show that the sun is crucial to life. We used the rule of thirds also balance and symmetry. We also focused the camera to the main subject so the person will concentrate on the artwork. Everything points towards the middle of the photo so the viewers' eyes will stay concentrated on the photo. The bright green grass represents outer space and the giant rock in the middle represents the core of the sun.

*By Sharaf Sagar and Ghoriza Sudarman*



Areeb Ibrahim

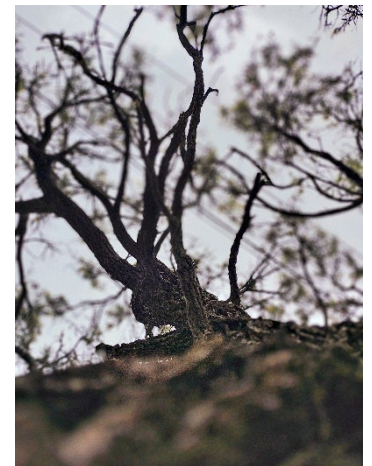
This picture was taken in wiley park near the pond where the bamboo is where i found a cool tunnel. I used rules of thirds one on left and one on the right side, the foreground is the leaves and the dirt. I love this picture because it has a bug's eye view.

## My Sun and Aboriginal Artwork



This is a inspiration art of Andy Goldsworthy. This is a photograph of a sun with four object around it. There are two comets that represents space (the sun also represents outer space). Then, there is a boomerang and a spear soaring towards the sun. All four objects are on the two thirds. We used the grass as foreground for the picture. This photograph was captured in Wiley Park. There is a balance in sticks and rocks and the symmetry comes from the main focal point (the sun). The sun is important to life as we can see in this artwork.

By Liam Rajab S Python



## Pink Flowers

Zaina Bhura, Photograph, 2022

This beautiful image was taken at Wiley Park in the morning. This is a close photo of the spectacular flowers in Wiley Park which I really like, especially the light pink flowers. The light pink flowers are as beautiful as can be and look fabulous in Wiley Park. It is significant to me because it is a place I can visit daily, make new friends and have fun. This is a place I used to go before kindergarten and it is never a boring place. Wiley Park is a place full of greenery and there aren't many places in Lakemba that have greenery. Our class went on an excursion to take different photos of Wiley Park while using some of the rules of photography and some of the rules I have used is rule of thirds, balance and symmetry.







# JUMP ROPE FOR HEART AT LAKEMBA PS 2022



Our school participated in Jump Rope for Heart Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022. The Heart Foundation's fundraising and skipping program, Jump Rope for Heart, encourages primary school students to exercise more and have fun while generating critical funding for programs that save lives, patient support, and heart research. All the funds we received were donated to the Heart Foundation.

The day was set aside for us to jump in support of those in need. To generate money for everyone's healthier hearts, students donated a gold coin and participated in a day of dressing up in red. Our school has raised \$282.

Students engaged in a variety of skipping exercises throughout the day to emphasise the value of preserving heart health. They've discovered that leading a healthy lifestyle requires getting up and moving. Not only did students learn heart-healthy habits, they also saw how their actions can help others.

The SRC members organised fun activities for students to participate in at recess and lunch such as colouring in activities and games.

Thank you for your support!

