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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are quickly approaching the end of another year and the promise of a long summer holiday. We are also quickly approaching the time when you and your child will receive a written report on their Semester 2 learning. There will be no formal interviews this term however you are welcome to contact the office and organise a meeting with your child's teacher at any time to discuss your child's progress.

Your child's formal written report is a summation of their progress at this point in time and makes suggestions for your child's future learning. It is important to remember that this is not the total sum of your child. Your child's character, ability to communicate with their peers and adults, ability to work in a team, think critically and creatively and solve problems are skills that are extremely important for your child to develop as they progress through their education and enter the workforce.

Enjoy the next few weeks.

Kind regards,  
Jann Price

### COVID Update

Please be aware that there have been cases of COVID reported in our community. It is important that we all continue to take precautions to keep ourselves safe and healthy. This includes:

- Staying at home if you are not well.
- Wearing a mask.
- Taking extra care with hygiene including washing hands, covering coughs and socially distancing.

Recent government changes means that people who test positive to COVID do not need to isolate as long as they are symptom free. Positive cases must still be reported to the school and Service NSW. It is advisable for people who are positive and attending school or in the community to wear a mask to protect others.

### 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

If you have to give your child Panadol or Nurofen before they come to school in the morning they are not well enough to come to school. You should keep them at home and monitor them and take them to the doctor if their health does not improve.

### Important Dates

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

### Swimming Scheme – Year 2 to Year 6

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Swimming Scheme this year. Knowing how to be safe on the water and how to swim are extremely important skills for everyone particularly those of us who enjoy cooling off in the water during summer.

# 2023

### Is your child NOT returning to Lakemba Public School in 2023?

If your child is not returning to Lakemba Public School in 2023 it is important for you to contact the office as soon as possible.

Students who do not return to school at the beginning of the school year with no explanation may be reported to the Department of Education's Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) as a missing student.

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.

## Independence

It is not what you do for  
your children,  
but what you have taught  
them to do for themselves,  
that will make them  
successful human beings.  
Ann Landers

All children need to develop their independence. This means that they are able to rely on themselves, and not their parents, carers, or other adults, to know what they want, where they need to be, and do things for them. A good example of this is children being able to dress themselves without any help whatsoever from a parent or going to the bathroom on their own without assistance. By the time children come to school they should be able to do both of these things.

Independence is important because it:

1. Promotes confidence and self-esteem as well as motivation and perseverance in school and life.
2. Fosters self-reliance, allowing children to feel they have control over their life.
3. Gives children a sense of importance and **belonging** which is essential for building social relationships and for contributing to the world.
4. Develops children's levels of self-awareness and sensitivity towards others which teaches them to help those around them.
5. Teaches children self-motivation as they have the freedom to find their own reasons to achieve.
6. Provides children with the belief that they are competent and capable of taking care of themselves which makes them resilient to external challenges.
7. Allows children to become **good decision-makers** as they have the freedom to consider various options before choosing the one they feel is best.
8. Develops other vital qualities such as patience, concentration, self-help, cooperation, self-discipline and self-trust.
9. Gives children the freedom to experience life fully and learn its many important lessons.
10. Makes children happy and healthy as they feel a great sense of achievement and success as a direct result of their own actions.

*While being independent is extremely important it is also very important that children know how and when to ask for help if they need it.*

## 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.



**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.

## Don't Miss Out on 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)

The screenshot shows the website header with navigation links: MAKE A PAYMENT, ENROLMENT (highlighted with a red box), NEWS, NEWSLETTER, EVENTS, GALLERY. Below the header is the school logo and name: Lakemba Public School, Excellence in Practice. Contact information is provided: T: 02 9759 2916, E: lakemba-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. At the bottom, there is a footer with links: About our school, Supporting our students, Learning at our school, Parents and Citizens Association, School as a Community Centre, Contact us, and a search icon.



# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

## 100% Attendance

In Weeks 5 and 10 each term students who have been at school all day, every day during the previous five weeks receive an Attendance Merit Award.

Congratulations to the students who received one of these awards at the end of Week 5.

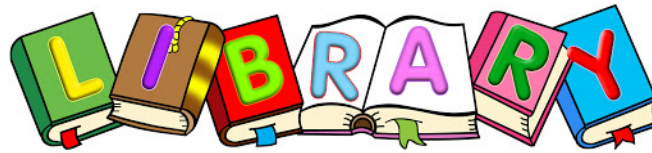
Students who are late to school, leave school early, are absent because of sickness or other reasons during the five week period are not eligible for an Attendance Award.

## 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.



## All books are due back to the Library by 1<sup>st</sup> December

A big thank you to everyone who has made an effort to bring overdue books back already. Letters will be sent out soon to families whose children have books that are still overdue.

*There is no physical borrowing of books over the summer holidays.*

However, students are encouraged to continue reading books using eLibrary. eLibrary is the digital gateway to the range of quality online resources that encourage and enhance reading and supports learning. Students can access e-Resources through our library page. Please see Mrs Pogalva if you need any help with this.

Happy Reading.  
Mrs Pogalva  
Teacher Librarian



# Time to return the Library Books.

## 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



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## Keeping Our Children Safe and Our Neighbours Happy

The school receives many phone calls from neighbours who are unable to get in to or out of their driveways because parents and carers are using their driveway to park or drop off their children. Please be considerate of our neighbours and think about how you would feel if this happened to you! Think about what you are teaching your children when you do this.







## School as Community Centre News

We are nearing the end of the term and it's a busy time of year with lots of activities filling up families' calendars. Please remember to advise the Centre if you are not attending a program or you or your child are unwell.

### **The SaCC has a new business mobile 0476 288 811 for you to contact.**

We thank you for keeping your children home when they are unwell as it keeps us all well and safe.

Koorana Playgroup will celebrate its end of year with an inhouse party at the Centre on both the Monday and Wednesday where you may bring your child a morning tea snack of party treats! A note will go home during Playgroup times.

The TAFE students highlighted their talents last week in serving coffees to the school staff as part of their practical learning.

#### **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.

**Please note that all programs will end by the 9<sup>th</sup> of December and no new enrolments will be taken for this year.**

If you have any questions please contact

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