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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter for 2022. This newsletter is a combination of news from Weeks 8 and 10.

I was sad that I was unable to be at school for the annual Presentation Day but I was unwell. By all accounts it was a very successful day that was enjoyed by the many parents and carers who joined the assemblies. I want to thank the staff for their excellent organisation of the day.

As we finish the year I want to thank everyone for a great 2022. It was an action packed year full of learning, challenge and fun. Thank you to our families for your support and care. Thank you to our students for being you. Thank you to our staff for all your hard work, dedication and love you bring to school with you every day. Together we are a great team.

As we begin the holiday break I wish everyone a safe and happy summer holiday. Enjoy spending time with your family and friends. Take care and stay safe.

Happy Christmas to those of you who celebrate at this time of the year.

See you all in 2023.

*Kind regards,
Jann Price*

Staff Changes

Congratulations to Mrs Pogalva, our Teacher Librarian, who has been successful in gaining a new position through Merit Selection at a school closer to her home. We thank Mrs Pogalva for the great work she has done making sure our Library is fully stocked with great books that are easily accessed by our students and staff. Mrs Pogalva has also been a great team member as she worked and supported teachers and students across our whole school.

We are also farewelling Mrs Skea who has gained a permanent teaching position at Chullora Public School from the beginning of 2023. Mrs Skea began her teaching career at Lakemba. We are very proud of her and wish her great things in her career and life.

We will also be saying farewell to Mrs Hamdan. Mrs Hamdan has worked in a number of roles at Lakemba for a number of years. We thank her for the work she has done and wish her well in the future.

**Students in Years 1 to 6 in 2023
return to school
on
Tuesday 31st January.**

Important Dates

Thursday 15 th December	Year 6 Farewell
Friday 16th December	Last Day of School for 2022 for students
2023	
Tuesday 31 st January	First day of school for 2023 for Years 1 – 6
Friday 3 rd February	First day of school for Kindergarten 2023
15 th March to 27 th March inclusive	NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5
Thursday 6 th April	Last day of Term 1 for everyone
Wednesday 26 th April	First day of Term 2 for all students
Friday 30 th June	Last day of Term 2 for everyone
Tuesday 18 th July	First day of Term 3 for students
Friday 22 nd September	Last day of Term 3 for everyone
Monday 9 th October	First day of Term 4 for everyone
Friday 15 th December	Last day of Term 4 for students

Student Leaders 2023



Congratulations to all the Year 5 students who stood for 2023 Student Leadership Elections a few weeks ago. Every one of them did a great job. They took risks and put themselves in front of the whole school to speak about themselves.

Congratulations to Nadine, Lilly, Aaiez, Sufyan, Roiz and Yaqeen (absent) on being elected as the Senior Student Leadership team for 2023.

Talking to Your Child About Their Report

This week you will receive your child's Semester 2 Academic Report. Teachers put a lot of care and thought in to preparing their students' reports. Your child's report provides you with a great reason to start a conversation with your child about school.

While the five tips above are important, above all else give your child time to share their own thoughts and feelings about school, about what they are learning, about how they feel in their classroom and about their relationships with their teachers and friends!

1. Take Time One-on-One

Find a quiet time and place to sit one on one with your child to talk to them about their report card. Give them your undivided attention, without interruptions. Try to set aside enough time to have a relaxed discussion.

2. Focus on Effort Over Grades

An effort mark is by far one of the most important aspects of every child's report! It is the aspect of their schooling that they have the most direct control over. In conjunction with the teacher's comment, effort marks help you to understand your child's attitude towards learning.

3. Do Not Compare Your Child's Report to Others

Help your child understand that everyone is different. Everyone excels (and struggles) in different areas. Try to avoid comparisons between their report card and their siblings' or classmates' reports. Instead, focus on where they have tried their best, as well as the learning areas in which they achieved well or made a great improvement in.

4. Help Your Child Set Learning Goals and Make a Plan to Help Them Achieve Their Goal

Help your child set future goals based on their teacher's comment about how they can improve their learning. Help them to make a plan to do this. This might include practising their times tables for 10 minutes every day with you or reading with them every day for a short period.

New English and Maths Syllabus

This year Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 have been trialling the new K – 2 English and Maths Syllabus. Both of these syllabuses are due for full implementation in 2023. The Years 3 – 10 English and Maths Syllabus have been released for trialling in 2023 ready for full implementation in 2024. You can find the new syllabus documents at

Maths <https://curriculum.nsw.edu.au/syllabuses/mathematics-k-10-2022?tab=course-overview>

English - <https://curriculum.nsw.edu.au/learning-areas/english/english-k-10-2022?tab=course-overview>

We are excited to be using the new documents and enjoying the new learning that goes with it. We plan to run some parent information sessions on the documents next year.

The English Syllabus has a strong focus on oral language and communication, vocabulary, phonics, reading comprehension and fluency and handwriting. In preparation for this the school will be using a spelling workbook and a handwriting workbook in every grade in 2023. Both workbooks align exactly with the new syllabuses. You will receive a note notifying you of the exact cost as soon as possible. All payments should be made online via the school website

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



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.



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. Students who are absent for overseas travel are recorded as having 'unjustified' absences on the roll.



Families who decide to travel during the holiday period so that their children will not be returning to school at the beginning of the 2023 must email their airline tickets to the school email lakemba-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



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before they travel. Students who do not return to school who do not have travel documents recorded at the school will be reported to the NSW Department of Education Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) as missing students.

Sprouting Change

The Lakemba Public School Gardening Team represented our school at the Sprouting Change – Planting Across Borders event at Holy Spirit Catholic College on the 30th November.

The team were excited to be presented with native plants for our garden. While they were at the event the team also made contact with the education officer and nursery manager of Bunnings at Greenacre. Both of these ladies visited our school the next morning and offered suggestions for our Bush Tucker Garden – Tumbellwa. They have offered to come back and help us in 2023 and also presented the team with more plants for our garden.



Premier's Back to School NSW Program to Get Kids Ready for Back to School

As we prepare for another year of learning in 2023 you can now apply for the Premier's Back to School NSW program. The program offers \$150 worth of vouchers (3 x \$50) to help pay for school supplies such as uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks and stationery.

Every primary and secondary student is eligible for the vouchers.

You can apply for and access your vouchers in your MyServiceNSW account, in the Service NSW app, by calling Service NSW on 137 788 or visiting your local Service Centre (Roselands).

To be eligible your child needs to be a NSW resident and enrolled in a NSW primary or secondary school in 2023.



BIG thanks to those who have returned their library books or paid for their replacement.

Overdue-notices continue to be updated, and the returns-box has been full at the end of each day.

Occasionally books do make their way back to shelves without being properly processed through the library system. If you find the books over summer please keep them safe and return it to the library next year.

Please ask your child to come and see either Mrs Pogalva if they believe they have already returned a book that is still showing up on their loans record.

The Premier's Reading Challenge 2022 was successfully completed by 338 students from Kindergarten to Year 6. These students will receive either a Certificate of Completion, Gold or Platinum from the Department. Well done to all those students who completed the Challenge.

Reading During School Holidays

To help our students continue reading Lakemba Public School has got subscription for Wheelers eBooks. students can continue borrowing and reading e books through our school's library page.

- 1) Logon to your student portal with your DEC username and password.
- 2) Go to Oliver Library → Go to Orbit → Click on the tab eBooks.
- 3) Click on the title of eBook you want to read → OPEN the book and read.

Happy and safe holidays!
Mrs Pogalva
Teacher Librarian



Extended Leave - Travel

Every student is expected to be at school all day every day unless they are sick.

We know that the great majority of our students have close family such as grandparents living in their home country. While we believe that contact with family is important for everyone's social and emotional wellbeing, we believe that extended time away from school to visit family overseas, can impact students' academic progress. This impact can be multiplied if families travel overseas regularly such as every year or second year.

Currently 10% of our students overseas and absent from school. Only 2% of these students are expected to return to school for the beginning of 2023. Not returning to school for the beginning of the school year is very disruptive for students. By the time many of them return friendships have been built and they have difficulty settling in to their new class and learning.

Families should organise their travel to include scheduled school holidays to reduce the number of days students are not engaged in formal schooling. Our school does not provide work for students who travel overseas.

It is important to note that all extended Leave for travel is recorded as unjustified leave as per Department of Education requirements.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight 	= 4 weeks 	= Over 1 year missed
1 day per week 	= 8 weeks 	= Over 2.5 years missed

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CHRISTMAS PERIOD STORE CLOSURE

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Last trading day: **Wednesday 21st December 2022**
 Re-opening: **Friday 6th January 2023**

We wish you a happy and safe holiday, Merry Christmas!



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Don't Miss Out on Kindergarten 2023!

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

Enrolments should be made online through the school website
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School as Community Centre News

In writing the final newsletter for the Community Centre, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the warm welcome you have garnered myself in opening the doors to your community. Your support and participation in the programs offered at the Centre have ensured the continuance of high-quality programs and workshops at the Centre.

On reflection, Playgroup was delivered twice a week and facilitated by 'Koorana' a newly formed partnership that will take us into 2023.

Parents have attended a variety of parenting workshops with their child/ren Engaging in Musical Therapy, 5 Strands of Learning, Better Beginnings and Parents as Children's First Educator.

The Centre has provided a platform for visitations from NSW Health Services and Sydney University Speech Therapy Students.

Many independent organisations provided services tailored to our family's needs throughout the year and will be welcomed back in the new year.

Parents and Caregivers undertook Adult English Classes and completed a Statement of Attainment in Espresso Coffee through TAFE NSW.

This provided parents with a place to socially engage with others, build confidence, gain a qualification and the opportunity to enter the workforce in an area of high employment.

Future programs/courses and workshops will be communicated through various media outlets in late January.

To ensure that you are receiving the latest news and updates please register your family with the Centre for 2023.

This is achieved by completing an annual Community Centre form that is FREE to join for all families of our local community and covers all programs attended throughout the year.

The Community Centre will be closed from the 16th December and reopen face to face on Tuesday 31st January 2023.

I wish all families a safe and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Contact Leonie Williams (Facilitator) on **0476 288 811** or leonie.williams15@det.nsw.edu.au.

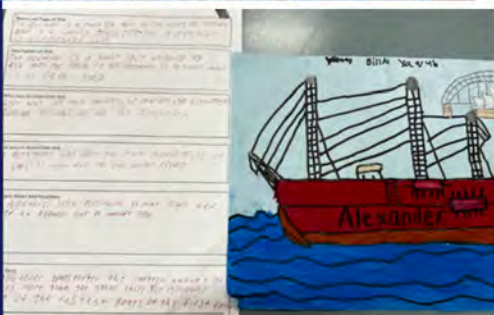




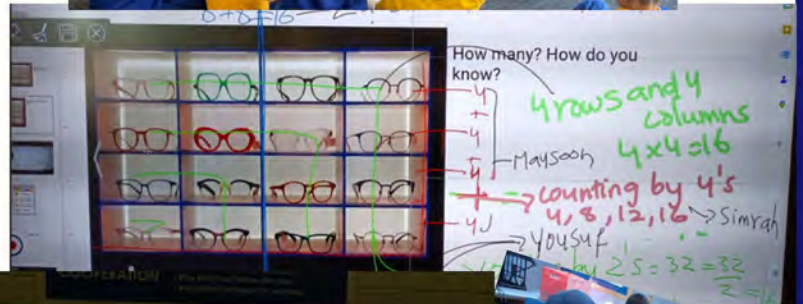
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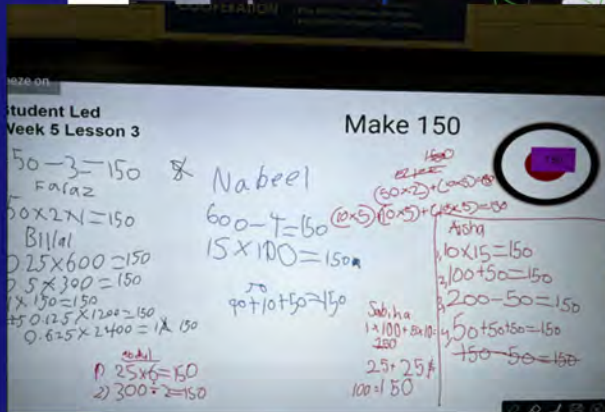
History



Mathematics



Potato Hill



Swim Scheme



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN STAGE 1?

FEATURES OF AUSTRALIA



KAMAY BOTANY BAY EXCURSION

This semester, students in Stage 1 have been learning about features of Australia and the way people are connected to the land.

Last week, they visited Bonna Point Reserve at the Kamay Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre to investigate the unique features of this place and the ways people have used this place over time.

Students:

- *developed their understanding of various Australian animals such as echidnas and possums.*
- *investigated a range of invertebrates that live in the bush.*
- *explored the beach habitats through a game of 'Beach Bingo'.*
- *used a pictorial map to find hidden symbols.*

It was a wonderful day enjoyed by both students and staff!





KINDERGARTEN NEWS

WEEK 10

Kindergarten Graduation

Our students graduated from Kindergarten on Tuesday 13th December and what a wonderful day it was. Children made their own graduation mortar board and everybody looked very grown up.



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*To Our Parents
Thankyou for your
support throughout
2022*



**We had fun
performing for
our parents!**



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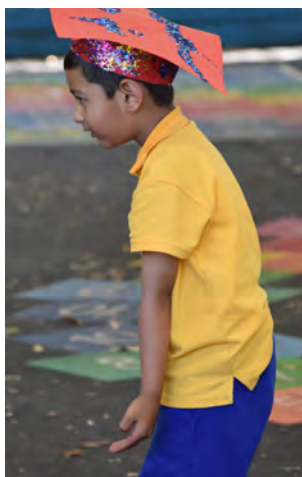
Our students perfectly performed a variety of songs for our parents. They were conducted by students from each class who enjoyed this experience.



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To Our Parents

Our teachers loved teaching your children during 2022!



We had fun conducting our class!



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Have a safe holiday with your children and see you in 2023!





JOIN OUR FUN SUMMER READING CLUB!

Our Summer Reading Club is open to anyone under the age of 18. Update your progress on you Reader Zone app (turn over for more information) or pick up a bookmark at your local branch. Hand in your completed bookmarks or show your app badges to receive a prize.

Read to Me (ages 0-4 years)

Read 10 books and mark them off in the app or on your reading log.

Kids' Reading Club (ages 5-11 years)

For every 15 minutes you read, mark it off in the app or on your reading log.

Teens Club (ages 12-18 years)

For every 30 minutes, mark it off in the app or on your reading log.

When: 28 November 2022 to 29 January 2023

Details: Find out more or register at cb.city/src

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RAFFLE, DJ, SANTA,
FOOD, PRIZES & MORE

Summer School Holiday Activities

COST: \$42 a day | \$180 a week

AGES: 5-12 years

TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm

WHAT TO BRING: Water bottle, recess and lunch

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