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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your homes haven't been impacted too much by the crazy weather we have had over the last few weeks. Some of the school buildings have leaked during the intense rain and we are working to have those repaired as quickly as possible. The 1 Lizard classroom has been repaired and the carpet in the room is due to be replaced soon.

We have enjoyed being able to have parents on site again after so long and really appreciate that you leave the school as soon as possible when dropping off and picking up your children. This helps to maximise community health and safety.

Kind regards,
Jann Price

Harmony Day



Lakemba Public School will celebrate the rich diversity of our community during our Harmony Day celebrations on Friday 25th March. Students are invited to wear their traditional outfits or clothes that are orange. This is not a muffi day so students who do not wear their traditional outfit or orange coloured clothing must wear their school uniform. A reminder that all students must wear closed in shoes and a hat. The canteen is offering a special meal day for the day which must be ordered by Tuesday 22nd March,

COVID 19

It is very important that we all remain COVID Smart and take extra care with our health and hygiene. If your child has any of the following - *fever, cough, sore throat, headache, aches and pains, diarrhoea, stomach pains* - they MUST stay at home as a way of minimising the spread of infection of any type. If you have had to give your child pain relief such as Panadol or Nurofen before they come to school your child should stay at home.

NAPLAN Online Practice

Students in Years 3 and 5 will complete the 2022 NAPLAN tests online.

Over the next few weeks students in Years 3 and 5 will take part in a practice test to familiarise themselves with how to access the test and answer similar questions to those they will experience during the test in May this year.

Important Dates

Friday 18 th March	SRC and Sport Captains and Vice Captain Induction Assemblies
Friday 18 th March	HIGH SCHOOL FORMS due to Lakemba Public School
Thursday 24 th March	School Photos POSTPONED UNTIL TERM 4
Friday 25 th March	HARMONY DAY at Lakemba Public School
Wednesday 30 th March	Wellbeing Conversations
Friday 8 th April	Last Day of Term 1
Wednesday 27 th April	First Day of Term 2 for Students
10 th – 20 th May	NAPLAN Online

Wellbeing Conversations

Wellbeing Conversations (parent teacher interviews) are held at the end of Term 1 each year. The aim of the Wellbeing Conversations is for teachers to get to know each of their students from their parents. Wellbeing Conversations are not conversations about your child's academic progress. They focus on each student's strengths, challenges and goals.

Next week you will receive a note about how to book an interview with your teacher. This will be an online process.

Wellbeing Conversations will be held face to face in your child's classroom.

Check In Assessments

Check-in assessments are online assessment for students in Years 3 to 9. They are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions. There are two assessments:

- reading
- numeracy

Each assessment is designed to be quick and easy to administer, consisting of between 40 to 50 multiple choice questions.

Schools can access feedback soon after the completion of the assessment and use it to supplement the internal data that they have.

Before the end of this term Year 3 students will engage with this online assessment.

Crossing Supervisor

We would like to welcome Joan to our Lakemba Community as our new Crossing Supervisor. We are delighted that you are able to assist us to keep each other safe while we use the roads around our school.

High School 2023

All Year 6 students should have returned their Application to Enrol in a Government High School to their teacher by now. Students who do not return these forms risk not being able to enrol in a High School of their choice.

School Uniform and Lost Property

Thank you to parents and families who make sure that our students are dressed in school uniform every day. I would like to remind everyone that girls should wear white or royal blue hijabs. For the safety of all students all hijabs should be close fitting and not flowing.

The Lost Property container is overflowing with jackets and hats that have been left around the school by students. Unfortunately most of the items do not have names on them so they cannot be returned to the people that own them.

Please make sure all your child's property is clearly marked with their name and class.



NSW Department of Education

2022 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Key dates for students in K-10:
Challenge opens Monday 28 February
Challenge closes for student entries Friday 19 August

Artwork by Stephen Murray King

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



Students should be at school by 8.55am every day. This applies to every child in our school. It is important that we demonstrate and embed punctuality in all our students so that they go forward in their life with this ??? in their toolkit for success.

School as Community Centre News

It was lovely to see families returning in numbers to playgroup this week! Please remember, we are operating in a COVID safe manner as there are still cases in the community. Please don't come if either you or your child has any symptoms or is unwell and we would prefer parents to wear masks.

In other news I need to let you know that I am leaving my position here at the end of this term – it has been such a pleasure working here for the last 19 years and I will miss it enormously but it feels like time for a change for me – and the Centre. Hope to see many of you before I go to say goodbye. A new Facilitator should be starting next term. Best wishes – Wendi.

Play and Learn Playgroup Tuesdays 9.15 – 11.30. Now face to face. This popular playgroup is for children aged 2 to 5 years. Support your children's language development & social skills and help them get ready for school. Remonda and Rojalin look forward to meeting you. New families who live locally are welcome - if your child is over two years then come along. Please wear a mask and bring a small fruit snack for your child's morning tea

Baby and Toddler Playtime Thursdays 10.00-11.30. If you have a baby or a child under two years of age then this small group for the little ones might be fun to try. It will include speech and language support provided by students from Sydney University.

Playgroup Leadership Course Wednesdays 9.30-12.30. We still have some places available in this course. TAFE is running the program to train parents in skills to organise and run a playgroup for your community. Children welcome. Enquire with Wendi now to check eligibility.

My Time Tuesdays 12.30-2.30. Now face to face. This group is for parents or others who are caring for children with a disability. It is a friendly group – the aim is to support you, give you a break and the opportunity to share with others in a similar situation. Child support provided.

Transition to School Program Fridays 10.00-12.00 This program is for children who do NOT attend preschool and will start school next year. A new group starts every term. If you are interested please let us know at playgroup or call Rojalin for more information.

School Holiday: Big Day Out There will be a family fun day on Wednesday 13th April in Terry Lamb Reserve Belmore from 10.00-1.00. Lots of free activities for kids from 0-12 including arts and crafts, volleyball, painting, henna & community information. Enquiries 9750 4100.

All the information about community programs are posted on our Facebook page. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/LakembaSaCC/>



Ring Wendi on 9759 4061 for more information about any programs.

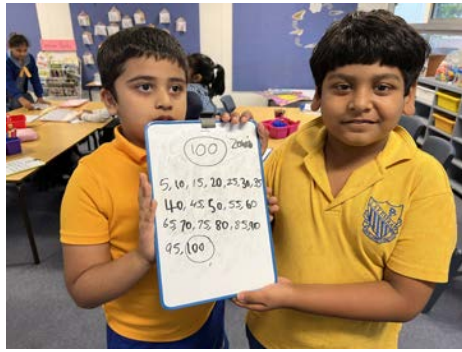
WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN STAGE 1?

This term, Stage 1 has been learning about ay, ai and a_e sounds in words. Students have been reading, writing and saying these words.



In Math lessons, students have been exploring patterns. They have been working together to make number patterns using skip counting. Students have also been building and describing staircase patterns. Stage 1 is starting to explore measuring using informal units such as unifix cubes and pop sticks.





We have been reading the picture book *Tom Tom* by Rosemary Sullivan and Dee Huxley. Throughout the story we find out about Tom Tom, a young Aboriginal boy and the different things he and his family do together.

We discussed who is in our family and drew these on houses. We also learnt about the different words we use to identify family members. We wrote these on leaves displayed around a tree display in our classroom.

One of the things Tom Tom always liked to do was play in the Aboriginal cubby house made of sticks and paperbark. This is known as a Gunya or Mia Mia. This term, students in Stage 1 worked together to build small cubby houses similar to the one in the story.

Students have also been reading narratives and discussing different parts of a story. They have been using story maps to sequence main events in a text so they can retell it.

