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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter for Term 1 2022. It is difficult to believe that the first ten weeks of the school year have already finished and we are approaching the first school holiday break of 2022.

Thank you for being COVID Smart and supporting our community to remain as healthy as possible. Even though COVID is evident in our community the school has not had the interruptions that other schools in our area are experiencing. Please remain vigilant during the holiday period so that your family and our whole community can continue to function in our new 'normal'.

Thank you to the parents who shared our Harmony Day picnic with us to celebrate our culturally diverse, inclusive and harmonious school community.

Thank you to the parents who took the opportunity to speak to their child's teacher during Wellbeing Conversations last week. As it is extremely important that all families are connected with the school, teachers will be contacting those families who did not make an appointment to set up a time to connect.

We look forward to seeing everyone back safe and sound on Wednesday 27th April.

Ramadan Mubarak to our families observing this holy time and Happy Easter to our families who celebrate this special time.

Kind regards,
Jann Price

Important Dates

Thursday 7 th April	ANZAC Assembly
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
Thursday 12 th May	Choir Rehearsal
Friday 13 th May	Eid Morning Tea Community Farewell for Wendi

SaCC News

Yesterday we said goodbye to Wendi, our SaCC Facilitator as she retires to enjoy the next stage of her life. Wendi is an integral part of our school and community. She is often the first face our families come in contact with when they arrive in our community. They continue their connection with Wendi and our school as they make friends, become familiar with the education system and build their confidence and connections in and across the community.

Wendi has been the SaCC Facilitator at Lakemba Public School for nineteen years. In fact Wendi started the SaCC in our school. She works with children and families from birth to eight years of age.

Wendi established Paint Canterbury REaD. Paint Canterbury REaD aims to get the whole community to read, talk, sing & rhyme with children from birth so they will be ready for reading at school.

Thank you Wendi for everything you have done for Lakemba. Even though we will miss you we know that you will be enjoying more time with family and friends and following your passions. You go with our best wishes and love.

To enable everyone to say their own farewell to Wendi we are organising an Eid morning tea on Friday 13 May. Wendi has accepted an invitation to attend so that community members can say their own goodbyes.

Interviews for a new SaCC Facilitator have been held. We are awaiting the recruitment process to conclude so that we can introduce our new SaCC Facilitator.



Eid Morning Tea

Friday 13th May
10.30am



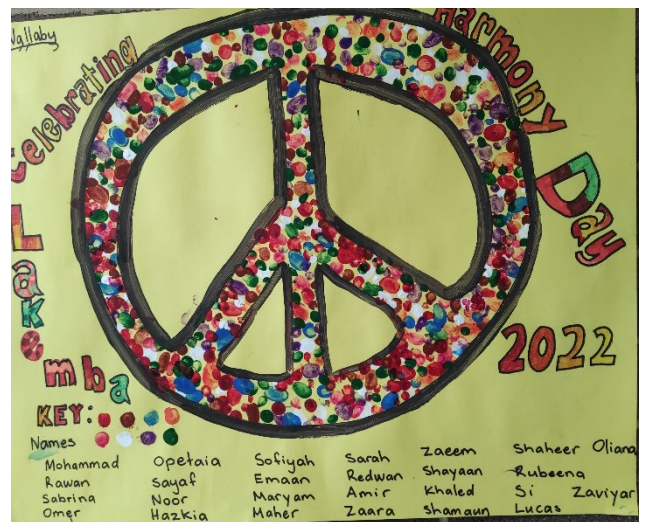
Enjoy morning tea with our community and wish Wendi from the SaCC well as she retires.

We are excited to invite you to our Eid morning tea on Friday 13th May at 10.30am.

We have invited Wendi, our fantastic School as a Community Centre (SaCC) facilitator, who retired during the holidays, to join us.

It will be a great opportunity for everyone to wish Wendi well in the future.

Harmony Day 2022



NAPLAN

Years 3 and 5

Please note the time table for NAPLAN in Term 2.

On these days it is important that students in Years 3 and 5 are at school on time so that they are settled and ready to begin their online tests with their class.

Students who are not well should not come to school. As you can see from the timetable there is time allocated for catch up tests.

Week 3 (9th May - 13th May)

Monday 9th May	Tuesday 10th May	Wednesday 11th May	Thursday 12th May	Friday 13th May
NO NAPLAN School Preparation Day	Year 3 Writing (paper test) Year 5 Writing	Year 5 Reading	Year 3 Reading	Year 5 Conventions of Language Year 3 Reading (Choir students)

Week 4 (16th May - 20th May)

Monday 16th May	Tuesday 17th May	Wednesday 18th May	Thursday 19th May	Friday 20th May
Year 3 Conventions of Language	Year 5 Numeracy	Year 3 Numeracy	Catch up tests	Catch up tests

Anzac Visit

Members of the Lakemba RSL visited our school yesterday. They spoke to the Stage 3 students about ANZAC Day, its place and importance in Australia's history. They also shared a video and stories about their time in the army and navy.



Lost Property

The Lost Property container is overflowing with jumpers and jackets that do not have names on them. Please make sure that your child's name is on every item of their clothing so if they leave it somewhere it can be returned to them.

Voices in the Wind

StoryFACTORY
10TH ANNIVERSARY
WRITING PRIZE
SUPPORTED BY UBS

The aim of the competition is to celebrate the voices of amazing young writers in diverse communities in Australia.

If you like to write stories or poems – or anything really! – this competition is for you!

Open to primary and high school students and Story Factory alumni

CASH PRIZES TO BE WON!

ENTRIES OPEN 1ST APRIL
& CLOSE 31ST MAY

FIND OUT MORE AND ENTER NOW
www.storyfactory.org.au/programs/writing_prize



Big Day Out

➤ Come along for a family fun event brought to you by the Canterbury Child and Family Interagency.



A fun school holiday activity to be enjoyed by the whole family!

Free activities including: painting, face painting, arts & crafts, henna, dancing, volleyball games, community info, plus communication check-ups performed by Speech Pathologists from your local Community Health Centre.

DETAILS:
Date: **Wednesday 13th April 2022**
Time: 10am – 1pm
Where: Terry Lamb Reserve
10 Myall St Belmore

REGISTER NOW!



Contact our CCFI Facilitator
Yan Pin (Ellen) Wang

Direct number: **0402 827 254**



School as Community Centre News

Nearly at the end of first term and it feels like we have barely started! I'm sure we are all very tired of this endless rain! It has been great to see the brave families who have come out to our groups. Ramadan Mubarak to all those who will begin marking this month.

As I said in the last newsletter, I am leaving my position here at the end of this term – thank you to everyone who has taken the time to see me and say goodbye. I will miss you all!

Mrs Price has kindly suggested that we have a community farewell after Eid on the 13th May. I will look forward to having the chance to say goodbye properly then! A new Facilitator should be starting next term and I'm sure you will welcome them to Lakemba. Best wishes Wendi

Playgroup Leadership Course Wednesdays 9.30-12.30. Do you enjoy playing with children and making new friends in your community? TAFE is running this program which will train parents in skills to organise and run a playgroup. It will continue next term and new people are able to join as it will now move into planning your community project. Children welcome. Classes resume on Wednesday 11th May (after Eid) – please contact the new facilitator or Michelle Morrison at TAFE to enrol on 9827 5155 or 0403 329 490.

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 on 0437 651180 for more information.

Preschool Language Group Thursdays 11.30-12.30 Is your child going to school next year? Do they talk well to others? This small group will help your child's communication skills and confidence by building vocabulary and social skills. The group is run by speech therapy students and is for a maximum of 5 children and parents at a time.

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 0402 82 7254.

FREE tickets to the Easter Show will be given to children aged 5 to 11years who get a Covid vaccination at Sydney Olympic Park between now and April 18th. You can get the vaccination and go straight into the show!

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



Ring 9759 4061 for more information about any programs.

The Term Ahead

Starting Week 2:

- Home Reading
- Homework
- Library Borrowing



The Term Gone By

Term 1 has been many weeks of great learning by every student in Kindergarten. Miss Rothwell, Ms Vavitsas, Miss Kassianou and Mrs Tsilimos are very proud of your children and we know that they will continue to improve during Term 2.



How to order on Book Club



1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school
2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read



3. Order online via the Scholastic Australia **LOOP** website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (**LOOP** orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)
4. The books are delivered to your child's classroom.

LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
5. Make payment via credit card.