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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter for Term 2 2022. I hope you all had a great holiday break and have settled in to the new term.

Thank you to the parents who joined us for our Anzac Ceremony in Week 1. Anzac Day is a time to reflect not only on those who were affected by war in the past but also a time to think about how we can contribute to a more peaceful world. At the ceremony our student leaders spoke about being kind and thoughtful towards others. They encouraged everyone to go out of their way to do something kind for someone else every day.

As the weather becomes a little cooler please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform jacket/jumper and the correct uniform pants to school. Long pants should be royal blue and not jeans or black tights. All jackets/jumpers must be marked with your child's name so they can be returned to them if they take them off and leave them in the playground or classroom.

I would like to wish all our mums, grandmas, aunts and special women who love and support our students a happy Mother's Day for yesterday. I hope you enjoyed your special day and were spoilt by your family

*Kind regards,
Jann Price*

Eid Leave

Best wishes to our families who celebrated Eid over the last week or so. I hope you enjoyed celebrating with your family and friends.

In line with the directions from the Department of Education's Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) students can only be granted one day leave even if the other day or days are covered by a note from the parent. These days will be marked Explained – Unjustified.

Cross Country



Students K – 6 will take part in the annual cross country event on Friday 20 May.

Students in Year 3 to 6 and students who turn 8 this year will compete at Wiley Park. All other students will take part in cross country events at school.

All students should wear their sports uniform and sports shoes. They should bring lots of water to drink on the day.

The canteen has organised a meal deal for the day. The last day for ordering a meal deal is Tuesday, 17th May.

Important Dates

10 th – 20 th May	NAPLAN Online
Thursday 12 th May	Choir Rehearsal
Friday 13 th May	Eid Morning Tea Community Farewell for Wendi
Friday 20 th May	Cross Country
Friday 17 th June	Athletics Carnival To Be Confirmed
Monday	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 1 st July	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 19 th July	First Day of Term 3 for students

Eid Morning Tea

To celebrate Eid we are hosting a morning tea at 10.30am on Friday 13 May in the Hall. This will also be an opportunity for everyone to say farewell to Wendi who will be there. Please be aware that children who are students of the school will not be able to attend the morning tea.



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 for the future.



Mother's Day 2022

Thank you to the parents who attended our K – 2 Mother's Day Assembly last Friday. It was lovely that so many parents were able to join us. Thank you also to everyone for supporting our Mother's Day Stall. These events are only possible as a result of the staff who make sure that there are enough gifts for students to purchase, wrapping the gifts and being there to make sure that any child who wanted to buy was able to. I hope our mothers and significant female role models were able to enjoy their special day!

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

COVID

Please remember that all positive cases of COVID must be reported to the school as well as on the NSW Service App. Recent rule changes mean that students who are close contacts can attend school as long as they test every morning and follow COVID Safe procedures while on site – physical distancing, washing hands and sanitising regularly.

Students who are unwell must stay at home. They should have a negative RAT test before returning to school. Please contact the school if you require RAT tests.

Choir Rehearsal

The Lakemba Public School choir will take part in the Combined Primary School Music Festival later in the year. In preparation for the final show the choir must attend two rehearsals with other schools. Our choir will attend the first rehearsal at Punchbowl Public School on Thursday. Thank you to Ms Siddiqui and Ms Kassianou for training the choir.

Book Club

The latest Book Club brochure has been sent home this week. We are asking that all payments for books be made online directly via the Loop process to Scholastic. A page explaining how to do this was included in the last newsletter. There is more information below.



Book Club LOOP
The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?
LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for LOOP receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

BONUS!

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!

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More Kids Reading. More Learning. More Fun.

Opportunity Classes 2023 – Year 4 Students 2022

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and high potential students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Successful students will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Thursday 28 July 2022.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2023, you need to apply between Tuesday 26 April 2022 and Friday 13 May 2022. You will need to access the online application at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

You must not use the child's email address.

Tell Them From Me

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students in Years 4, 5 and 6 think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. Most questions in the survey can be skipped.

You will receive a note next week about the survey. If you do not wish your child to take part you will need to sign the note and return it to your child's teacher.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English at education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm

Athletics Carnival

All students will participate in the annual Athletics Carnival on Friday 17th June. The races will be held at Wiley Park. A note will be sent with more details closer to the date.



Birthdays

There are a number of families who like their child to celebrate their birthday at school with their class. In the future we are asking families not to send a cake or cakes or goodie bags to school for the class. Yiota in the canteen has agreed to provide iceblocks or cupcakes for your child's class. Parents who wish to do this need to speak to Yiota at least a week before their child's birthday so that she can organise the products and let you know the cost of the goods. Please do not send cakes or goodie bags to the school as we will not be able to share these with students. This decision has not been made lightly but is necessary with food allergies, anaphylaxis and COVID.



Dear LPS families,

Welcome back to term 2 -2022. LPS library borrowing of physical copies of books have started this week. Our library is dedicated to fostering a love of reading and learning.

We encourage all students to borrow books from our School Library every week, therefore, students are required to bring a library bag. Library bags can be purchased from the school office for \$3.50. Payments should be made online and then the office staff will give the bag to your child.

Library lessons for each class will be on the following days:

Monday:	1 Possum, 1 Lizard, 3 Galah, 4 Wallaby
Tuesday:	K Flying Fox, 1 Crocodile, 3 Magpie, 4 Wombat
Wednesday:	2 Lorikeet, 4 Emu
Thursday:	K Kangaroo, K Bandicoot, 1 Cockatoo, 2 Kookaburra, 5 Python, 6 Koala
Friday:	1 Echidna, 5 Frog, 3 Owl

Overdue Books – Please return all overdue books back to the Library as soon as possible.

If you believe that the overdue book has been returned please write a message on the back of an overdue slip and return it to me. There are no fines for late returns. However, if books are lost, families will need to pay for the cost of the book at the office.

Our school library is open for students at lunch time every Tuesday and Thursday.

Starting from this week parents are welcome to visit the library on Wednesday mornings from 8.30 to 9.00 am. You can come along with your child/ren and read a book. Mrs Pogalva will be in the library to assist you. There is a selection of bilingual books in the library if you wish to read one of these with your child.

Looking forward to learning in the Library this term.

Mrs Pogalva

Teacher Librarian

School as Community Centre News

Welcome back to the term! In introducing myself, I am Ms Leonie, and I will be your new Schools as Community Centre Facilitator. I very much look forward to meeting you all through the various programs on offer. You are always welcome to drop in to say hello!

Mondays

Mum to Mum English Class – starts 9th May - 9.30am – 11.30am

An opportunity for parents/carers and their young children to play together, learn and practise English together. Child minding provided.

Tuesdays

Play and Learn Playgroup- starts 3rd May – 915am – 11.30am

This playgroup is for children aged 2 to 5 years. Support your children's language development & social skills and help them get ready for school. Please wear a mask and bring a small fruit snack for your child's morning tea.

My Time – starts 3rd May - 12.30pm -2.30pm

This group is for parents/carers who are caring for children with a disability. It is a friendly group with an aim to support you, give you a break and the opportunity to share with others in a similar situation. Child minding provided.

Wednesdays

Playgroup Leadership Course - starts 11th May - 9.30am - 12.30pm

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. Child minding provided.

Thursdays

Baby and Toddler time -starts 5th May – 9.30am 11.00am

If you have a baby or a child under two years of age then this group is for you! **Baby and toddler time is for you and your baby to learn through play, connect with other families and have fun.** It will include speech/language workshops provided by students from Sydney University.

Speech and Language support – starts 5th May – 11.30am – 12.30pm

Program delivered by the students of Sydney University by appointment only.

Fridays

Transition to School Program Fridays 10.00am -12.00pm

This program is for children who do NOT attend preschool and will start school next year. A new group starts every term.

Please remember, we are operating in a COVID safe manner and if you or your child is unwell or has symptoms, we encourage you to stay at home. We would prefer parents/carers to wear masks during all programs. Thank you.

All the information about community programs are posted on our Facebook page. Go to

<https://www.facebook.com/LakembaSaCC/>



Ring Leonie on 9759 4061 for more information and to register for programs.



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