

LAKEMBA LINK

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Term 1 Week 2



Important Dates

Monday 26 th February	Meet the teacher
Friday 1 st March	Clean up Lakemba Day Leadership badge ceremony
Monday 4 th March	Swimming carnival (Year 3 to Year 6)
Wednesday 6 th March	Online High School applications open
Thursday 7 th March	Crunch and Sip launch
Wednesday 13 th March – Monday 25 th March	NAPLAN
Thursday 21 st March	Harmony Day
Friday 22 nd March	Earth Hour
Thursday 28 th March	Online High School applications close
Tuesday 2 nd April – Friday 5 th April	Wellbeing conversations



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed lots of family time over the summer break.

We have jumped straight back into learning at Lakemba PS with a wellbeing focus. Students have been learning about how to keep themselves safe in the community with sun safety, road safety and electrical safety. Internet safety has also been a focus with Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. Helping our students develop the skills to keep themselves safe online is important. You can help your child at home by having regular conversations about online safety. For resources to support you to keep your child safe online please see this website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Our new Kindergarten students also started this week and we welcome all of our new families to Lakemba PS. Students have had a great week making friends and getting to know Lakemba PS.

As we move into new classes next week it is important to communicate with your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions. Please remember to make an appointment with the teacher.

Amber Mangraviti
Relieving Principal

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Attendance Matters

Daily attendance at school is very important and children are required to attend school on each day it is open. If your child is away from school, please remember to email or send a note to school to explain why your child was away.

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Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

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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This term our school will transition to using School Bytes for communication including messages, permission notes and absent notes. Please ensure we have the correct contact details including phone number, email and address. Please send a note or call the office to update your details.

Road safety at Lakemba PS

We need your help! Keeping our students, families and the community safe is a big priority.



During busy times please ensure you park in designated parking spaces, avoid turning outside the school and not drive onto footpaths. Our neighbors also use their driveways frequently so please do not block driveways.

Thank you for helping us make safety a priority.

High School 2025

It won't be too long before our Year 6 students move to Year 7. Choosing a high school for your child is a big decision and in the next few weeks our local high schools will hold information sessions. At these information sessions you will see the school and learn more about the programs on offer. If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 please consider attending sessions to inform your decision. Online applications open soon and we will hold a parent forum to help with this process. More details to come.

Swimming Carnival

One of our favourite Term 1 events is the swimming carnival. This is an opportunity for students to practice their swimming skills and be part of their house team. It will be a great day at Ashfield pool for all Year 3 to Year 6 students. Permission notes and further details will be published via School Bytes soon.





School as Community Centre News.

Welcome families to the first newsletter for 2024 for the Lakemba Community Centre.

We look forward to seeing those returning families and meeting those families attending our centre for the first time.

Programs are offered over each school term across the school week. The programs aim to support families and their children who are not yet enrolled in school (Kindergarten). Our centre supports our neighbouring school community members who will also be invited to attend the programs on offer.

The programs held at the Centre are FREE for all families, with the exception of Adult Learning Education Courses where at times, fees may be required for eligibility purposes.

The Centre requires every family to complete a new registration form for the Centre each calendar year. This allows for current contact details to be recorded and emergency contact details to be regularly updated. Forms may be collected at the Centre or emailed directly to you.

The Centre is available for contact purposes between the hours of 8.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday. Appointments may be made for face- to- face meetings outside of the scheduled programs.

Communication to families is through the school newsletter, Audiri, email and phone messaging. To assist families in communicating the programs ahead from Monday the 12th February please find the attached information below.

Please note; for any new programs or one day events added for Term 1, 2024 information will be communicated through the school's and centre's media forums.

For all enquiries and further information please contact myself.

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

I look forward to seeing you all and welcoming you into the space of the Lakemba Community Centre.

Thank you

Ms Leonie

DAY	PROGRAM	DETAILS
Monday	Koorana Playgroup 9.15am – 11.00am STARTS 12th FEBRUARY	Koorana's registration form required " Start Strong Pathway program ". Program for children birth – 5 years. This program supports children that are NOT attending Preschool, Long Day Care or Family Day Care.
Tuesday	Community Services Certificate 4 Course 9.30am – 2.30pm STARTS 5th MARCH	St George Sutherland Community College. Face to Face learning Tuesdays Lakemba Public School 20 hours per week study across 12-month program. Orientation/Induction 5th March 9.30am. Enrolments taking place now. Eligibility and fee determined on application. Contact facilitator directly.
Wednesday	Rohingya Mums Group 9.15am – 11.15am STARTS 14th February	STARTTS facilitating "Circle of Security Program" including Yoga class. 9-week program 15 places available Child minding and yoga mat included. Registration essential for Yoga class waiver form assessment.
Thursday	Language Learners and Toddler Talk program 9.00am – 11.00am STARTS 7th MARCH	University of Sydney – 4 th year Speech Therapy students to facilitate Language Learners children 4-5 years followed by Toddler Talk children 2-3 years. Empower your child's lifelong learning with targeted communication and literacy activities. 9-week program. Small group work. Registration essential.
Friday	Koorana Playgroup 9.15am – 11.00am STARTS 9th FEBRUARY	Koorana's registration form required " Start Strong Pathway program ". Program for children under 3 years. This program supports children that are NOT attending Long Day Care or Family Day Care.