Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have passed the halfway mark of the last term of the year. The holidays will be here before we know it!

Thank you to the dads who came along last Friday afternoon. They gave us a good insight and some interesting ideas about what they like about Lakemba Public School and the skills and experiences they want their children to have by the time they leave Lakemba PS. Thank you also to the families who have returned their survey about Lakemba Public School. All of this information will be used to help us plan our learning over the next 3 years.

I will be taking some leave over the next couple of weeks. My husband and I are excited to be travelling to the centre of our amazing country with friends. I will also be supporting my daughter for a few days as she recovers after surgery. The school will be safe in the hands of the Executive team in my absence. Please see them if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards

Jann Price

**Important Dates**

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**Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)**

Many of you will remember that our school was recognised by AITSL as a school that was doing innovative and interesting things in regard to teacher professional learning. In fact our school received a Director’s Award for Professional Learning in 2013.

In 2012 a film crew spent a day at the school capturing the Lesson Study process that our teachers were involved in. The video created is available on the internet. It is used internationally by other schools interested in using the Lesson Study process for teacher learning. Stage 1 was featured in the video.

We have been contacted again by AITSL who have asked to film the process again. They will also be discussing the impact that this form of teacher learning has had on our school. This year the Stage 2 and 3 teachers will be featured. No children will be interviewed but they may appear in the background of the video. Students in the classes involved will receive a permission note about this soon. The filming is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 19th November.

**SPECIAL PHOTOS**

Photos of the following groups are available for purchase:

- Art Group
- Choir
- Debating
- Drumming
- Library Monitors
- Sporting Teams
- Sports Captains
- Student Leaders
- SRC
- Year 6 Leadership Teams

The cost of the photographs depends on the number you purchase e.g.

- 1 photo = $14
- 2 photos = $26

Photos are available for viewing in the office.

Orders and money by Friday 21st November
Children not returning to Lakemba PS in 2015
To enable us to plan accurately we need to know which students will not be returning to Lakemba Public School in 2015. Please complete the note at the end of this newsletter. Students who do not return to school as expected are reported as missing students to the Home School Liaison Officer. This person works with the police to find out where the student is.

If your family travels overseas with an Exemption from Attendance at School Certificate and is unable to return to Lakemba Public School on the date of their exemption certificate, they must contact the school via email and explain the situation.

Lakemba-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

School Awards
Please assist your child to gather together all their Merit Awards and give them to their Stage supervisor. We will be ordering the School Medals to present on Presentation Day. Don’t wait until the last minute to trade your certificates for higher awards.

Permission to Publish and Learning Support
There are still a considerable number of families who have not returned the Permission to Publish note that was sent home to all students at the end of last term. The note is also available on the school website under the notes tab.

Every student must return this permission note immediately. Without these permission notes some students could miss out on receiving the praise or assistance they deserve in local papers and online on the school website.

Kindergarten 2015
If your child is turning 5 on or before the 31st July 2015 they are eligible to apply to enrol at Lakemba Public School. Enrolment application forms are available at the office.

Community of Schools
As part of the Harcourt PS and Lakemba PS Community of Schools initiative a small number of Stage 2 and 3 students from each school will work together on a Creative Arts project. The project will be coordinated by Ms Kergis, Mrs Alki and a teacher from Harcourt.

Students who are selected to take part will receive a permission note soon. Students who do not return the note the next day may forfeit their place.

Do you want see 21st century learning?

There is an opportunity for a limited number of parents to be included in teacher professional learning sessions on Wednesday 19th November.

See Mrs Price if you are interested.
United Way
We were fortunate to have a group of volunteers coordinated by United Way visit our school earlier in the year. They refurbished the SaCC railings and prepared and planted our Bush Tucker garden.

We are excited that they have volunteered in the school again today. You will notice the new garden beds around the trees in the Square. The surrounds also provide some extra seating. Thank you United Way.

Visitors

**NOTICE**

ALL VISITORS MUST SIGN IN AT OFFICE

All parents and visitors MUST sign in at the office before they go to classrooms or speak to their children. Please don’t be offended when staff ask you to go to the office if you are not wearing a Visitors badge. This is for the safety of everyone.

Parent Volunteers
Thank you to the parents who volunteer their time to work with some of our students to improve their reading. Your support is invaluable!

School as Community Centre News

Toy Library: Don’t forget the Toy Library (based in Hampden Park PS) is open every Wednesday morning from 9.00-1.00 and one Saturday a month from 1.00-3.00. The next **Saturday is the 29th November**. For $10 membership you can borrow a new toy or game every week to help your child’s development.

Help for Families: A worker from the Family Referral Service will be based in the School Community Centre every **Wednesday afternoon from 1.00- 4.30**. This service helps people find the right help for their family on many different types of issues – such as housing, family support, health concerns, immigration and finances. Free and confidential appointments offered at a time to suit you.

The Fun for Kids Playgroup will have an end of year party on Tuesday 2nd December (please bring a plate of food to share) and the last Playgroup this year will be on Tuesday 9th December when we will have a special graduation for all those children going to school next year.

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

www.facebook.com/LakembaWileyParkSaCC

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

Keep up to date with what is happening at Lakemba Public School
Follow us on Twitter
@LakembaPS
Environment Team News

Recycling superheros at Lakemba Public School!

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Recycle Right...

at lunch

Recycling most food and drink containers saves water and energy and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Keep polystyrene cups and containers out of the recycling.

For more information visit RecyclingWeek.PlanetArk.org or call the Recycling Hotline 1300 733 712.
Returning to School 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

If your child/children are not returning or attending Lakemba PS in 2015 please fill out the note below and return it to the school as soon as possible.

We also need to know if your child will not be at school to begin on 29th January 2015 because they are overseas. Families must apply for exemption from attendance at school which is a separate document that can be obtained from the school office. This must be done before you travel.

As staffing is allocated based on the whole school numbers and especially the students in K-2 it is very important that the school is aware of the families leaving Lakemba PS and travelling.

Kind regards

Jann Price
Principal
13th November, 2014

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Please return this form to the front office as soon as possible.

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