Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the last Lakemba Link for Term 1 and the end of my first term as Principal of our wonderful school. I want to thank the students, staff and parents for your friendliness and support as I settle in to the role.

I would also like to congratulate our new Kindergarten students and their parents on completing their first term at ‘big school’. Settling in to new routines and expectations can be very scary for everyone. Mrs KC and the teachers report that they were very proud of the students who visited the NSW Art Gallery yesterday. Well done Kindergarten!

Representatives of the DEC Safety and Security unit visited the school last week and provided advice on the best way to make our outside toilets more secure. These include:

- installation of electronically timed gates to ensure that the toilets are closed during class time.
- installation of proximity readers on the toilets to allow access with a specifically programmed card.
- installation of audio visual terminals on the exterior of the toilets so that people who do not have a card can only be given access from the office area.
- issuing of swipe cards to Kindergarten so that they can use the toilets during class time instead of going all the way across the school to use the inside toilets. All other classes will continue to use the inside toilets during class time.
- issuing teachers with a specifically programmed token that allows them to open the toilets in case of emergency.

The Safety and Security team are currently costing the installation of these measures. They have indicated that this solution will be very cost effective for the school and an effective way to make the outside toilets safer for our students. Access to the toilets from the hall will continue to be locked.

The executive team will be holding a parent meeting about NAPLAN at 9.15am in the AV room tomorrow. We will be explaining NAPLAN tests and procedures and how you can help to prepare your child for the tests. The meeting will be specifically for parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students but all parents are welcome.

Please remember that if your child is having difficulties with other students, it is not appropriate for you to speak to those students about your child. You must speak to your child’s teacher or me and we will investigate and speak to the children. Think about how you would feel if your child was spoken to about their behaviour by another parent.

I wish you all a good rest over the holidays. Stay safe.

Kind regards,

Jann Price

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Important Dates

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Parent / Teacher Interviews

Parent / teacher interviews will take place next week. You will have received a note that you need to fill in and return to school so a suitable time can be arranged for you to meet your child’s teacher. Your child’s teacher will send home a note notifying you of the time that they have scheduled to meet you. Parents who have not sent back a note may not be able to see the teacher if they just arrive for an interview. Preference will be given to parents who have returned notes.

The interview is a time to discuss your child’s progress and their future learning. All interviews are 10 minutes. If you require a longer interview your child’s teacher will arrange another time to meet with you.
**Year 6 Leadership Day**

From the beginning of next term, all of our Year 6 students will have roles within the school. Some of these roles will be playground buddies, energy monitors and safety monitors. All of the students will discuss and negotiate their role with myself and the Stage 3 teachers.

The Year 6 students will begin their leadership learning on Monday 7th April. They will spend the day together with some of the Stage 3 teachers taking part in focused activities and discussions. They will be provided with lunch on the day but will need to bring their own recess.

**Parent Information Notes**

Thank you for returning the Parent Information Notes so that we can update the information we have. We will need to make some phone calls to verify some information and get information from families who have not returned the note.

**School as Community Centre News**

**ENROL NOW!**

**Return to Work Course:** This popular program will be back next term and is for women who would like to find work this year but may be feeling unsure where to start. The 5 week program will look at setting goals, writing your resume, interview skills and managing your work and home life without stress. It starts on **Wednesday 14th May** and numbers are limited. An interview is required before enrolment. Please call Wendi on 9759 4061.

As you know, all the playgroups take a break over the school holidays. We will be back the week starting 29th April with all the usual playgroups.

“Living Calm”: The second group of this very popular program will start on **Thursday 8th May from 9.30-11.30** and run for 8 weeks. A natural health practitioner will work with the group to look at how stress affects your health and family and what can help. Techniques for relaxation and calming will be tried, and the group also makes healthy juices and teas as well as some chemical free hand creams and other products all of which will help to make your home the healthy and calm place you want. Limited enrolments and commitment required. Childcare provided. Ring: 9759 4061.

**Garden group:** As you may have noticed, our former community garden now has the new classroom on top of it! However, next term we are going to relocate some garden beds and start a new garden project. If you would like to be involved please see Wendi and register your interest.

**Positive Parenting:** In English and Arabic – 10.30 – 12.30 at LMA Grand Function Hall, Wangee Road, Lakemba - 9th April, 30th April and 7th May. Please register on 97596833. Places are limited.

Hope you and your family have a relaxing break over the holidays. Looking forward to seeing everyone next term.

Don’t forget the Centre is now on Facebook!!

We are excited about this and hope you will ‘like’ us soon. Go to

www.facebook.com/LakembaWileyParkSaCC

Information on new activities will be on the site so tell your friends as well

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

**Health Alert**

The NSW Ministry of Health reports that cases of measles have been brought back to Australia by under-vaccinated young travellers to the Philippines and South-East Asia. These people have gone on to infect other under-vaccinated people in the community, including young babies. Check your, and your children’s immunisation status now!