Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have been enjoying the beautiful weather we have had over the last few weeks. The sea of blue and gold at assembly every morning really makes me smile. The fact that the great majority of our students demonstrate Lakemba values by wearing their hat in the playground every day is really pleasing too. Thank you to the parents who go out of their way to ensure that their children wear school uniform or school colours. It is important that all of your child’s clothing is clearly labelled with their name. Please check the lost property if your child has lost a jacket or hat.

Teachers are busy preparing reports that will be sent home before the end of the term. It is important that you make an appointment to see your child’s teacher if you have any questions about their progress. Teachers cannot talk to you about your child when they are looking after their class.

Thank you to the parents who attended the parent meeting this week.

Kind regards,
Jann Price

P & C Reforms

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

While Lakemba does not have a P & C we do have a parent group that meets regularly. At our meeting on Monday the group elected Rana Dergham as the representative for Lakemba Public School. Thank you to the other parents who were willing to take on this role.

Mothers Day

Our Mothers Day Stall was a huge success. The stall and the raffle raised approximately $1375 which we will be using to begin purchasing audio technology for each of the classrooms.

Thank you again to everyone who contributed gifts and supported their children to buy gifts. The parents who helped wrap and organise the gifts have been invited to a thank you morning tea with Ms Kotsiras tomorrow.
Debating
Lakemba Public School’s debating team took part in their first debate against Hampden Park Public School last week. Thank you to Ms Tsoukalas and Ms Cooper for preparing the students so well. The students spoke clearly and worked hard to rebut the arguments of the other team. The adjudicator from Homebush West Public School provided really valuable feedback for the students and the teachers. Well done everyone.

Parking
We have had a complaint from neighbours about people parking in and across their driveways. This is against the law. Please be considerate of others and think about how you would feel if someone did this to you.

NAPLAN
Years 3 and 5 students completed the NAPLAN tests last week. It is expected that the results of these tests will be available in September.

Public Speaking
Congratulations to every student for preparing and delivering a speech in preparation for the finals of Lakemba Public School’s annual public speaking competition yesterday. Everyone did a great job.

Class representatives did a fantastic job presenting their prepared speeches. Stage 2 and 3 students also had to present an impromptu speech which they only had a short time to prepare. Even though students were nervous they all presented themselves well. Congratulations to the overall winners.

Cross Country
The annual Cross Country Carnival was held two weeks ago. Well done to everyone who took part. Congratulations to the students who placed in their race. These students were eligible to compete in the Zone Cross Country Competition today. Thank you to the students who did represent Lakemba Public School. Thank you to the teachers who organised the day at Wiley Park. Thank you to Ms Kergis and Mrs Smith for accompanying the students to the Zone Cross Country.

Parent Information Notes
Thank you to everyone who has returned the Parent Information Notes. There are still a number of families who have not returned this very important note. If you have lost the note please see the office for a new one. This information is vital for the school.

Library
School library books are on loan for one week. It is important that students return their library books on time. If they have not finished reading them they must bring them back to the library and renew their loan.

Tips for Reading at home - information prepared by Primary English Teachers Association Australia is available in the library, please ask.

Library monitors are helping in the library at lunchtimes and learning how the books are organised. They will soon receive their badges.

It’s nice to be back. Helen Latimer Teacher Librarian

National Simultaneous Storytime
Wednesday 21st May
11am in the library
Everyone Welcome!!

Too Many Elephants
By Ursula Dubosarsky

National Sorry Day
National Sorry Day falls on Monday 26th May. This is a special day in Reconciliation Week and as part of the curriculum, quality rich texts about reconciliation and the indigenous history of Australia will be read and discussed. Respect bands will be on sale during the week for $2.

School Contribution
Thank you to everyone who has already paid their school contribution this year. The contribution is $30 a student or $60 a family. The note is at the end of this newsletter. The money that is contributed will be used to increase the technology available to the students in the classrooms.
Food Challenge
You may have seen some of our Lakemba students on The Project on Channel Ten last Friday night. They were some of the students who attended the Jamie Oliver Food Revolution at Olympic Park. The day celebrated the importance of cooking good food and raising awareness of how cooking healthy food impacts on health.

Thank you to Ms Rothwell and the Stage 2 and 3 teachers for organising the group of over 200 students to take part.

Garden
Wendi has organised a working bee tomorrow, Thursday 22nd May, to set up the new gardens to replace the ones that were removed to make way for the new demountable.

There will be some exciting new gardens. Year 6 students from the Environment Leadership Team will be helping at various times throughout the day.

Remember that people who help with the garden are able to use the produce from the garden.

Wendi will be providing lunch for the garden helpers.

School as Community Centre News
The Return to Work course and ‘Living Calm’ program are both full now. Since they have both been popular I will try and get them again next year if not later this year.

English Class: This class run by TAFE has a couple of vacancies. It is on Wednesdays 1.00 – 3.00 and a permanent residency visa is required. FREE with childcare as well.

Yoga for Women: Is still on this term every Wednesday from 10.00-11.00 in the Lakemba School Hall. Yoga increases your flexibility and strength and is an aid to relaxation as well so consider giving it a try. Only $3 per week.

HELP! Garden Working Bee: Anyone who is interested in being part of a gardening group is invited to come this Thursday 22nd May from 9.30 and help us get started.

We are building some “wicking beds” – which are garden beds with a reservoir of water under them which means they don’t need as much day to day attention.

We need people who are prepared to help shovel soil and gravel, as well as assemble some colourbond beds (very simple screws and bolts) – a FREE lunch will be provided for all helpers and we will have fun if there are lots of helpers.

Even if you can only stay a short while your help will be much appreciated.

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.
21st May 2014

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

Dear Parents

To assist the school in providing quality education experiences for your children a school contribution of $30 per child or $60 per family has been set for 2014.

The contributions collected last year have been used to purchase iPads for the students to use in classrooms. The school now has a total of 20 iPads.

This year the money will again be directed towards the purchase of additional technology items for classrooms such as iPads and iPods. Funds will also be used to purchase literary texts to support the new English curriculum.

Payment would be appreciated as soon as possible. If you are unable to pay the full amount in one payment you may pay in instalments.

If you have already paid your school contribution for this year and would like to make an additional payment it would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards
Jann Price
Principal

Please return this slip with payment to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Please circle amount enclosed  $30 per child  OR  $60 per family

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