Dear Parents and Carers

We are currently undergoing a huge transformation in education. The Melbourne Declaration in 2008 formed the platform for the writing and introduction of new curriculums throughout Australia. NSW has developed specific syllabus documents that align with the Australian curriculum.

The staff at Lakemba Public School are currently implementing the English syllabus. Next year will see the introduction of the Maths syllabus. It is also a requirement that the History and Science syllabus be implemented by 2016. This involves a lot of new learning for staff and the adjustment of Stage and class programs.

You will soon be receiving your child’s Semester 1 report. The students and teachers have worked hard. It is important for you to remember that every child will achieve differently. Most students will receive a ‘C’ and that is absolutely what we want. A ‘C’ means that your child has a sound knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills of the subject. It is a good result! Please praise your child for their level of achievement. It is important that you take particular notice of the level of effort your child has put into their work and discuss this with them. Very few students receive an ‘A’ or ‘B’ so please don’t be disappointed.

All children learn at different rates. The report you receive will reflect your child’s learning up to now.

It is also important to remember that the learning in each grade is different and it is not always possible or helpful to compare your child’s results from year to year.

I am proud of every student’s effort and learning at Lakemba Public School. They all try hard. Thank you for supporting them in their learning and the school as we try to make the learning the best it can be.

Kind regards,
Jann Price

**Athletics Carnival**

The whole of Lakemba Public School had a great day at the annual Athletics Carnival on Tuesday. All students displayed Lakemba’s values of respect, cooperation and responsibility as they competed in their age races and other events. Thank you to Ms Tsoukalas and the team of teachers who organised the day.

Students who did well at our carnival will be taking part in the Zone Athletics Carnival next month. These students will receive a note about the day. It is a great privilege to be asked to represent Lakemba Public School at events where lots of other schools compete. We expect that students who are selected to compete at Zone level will compete enthusiastically at the carnival.
Library
Thank you to the families who have returned books to the Library. It is never too late to return overdue books.

The Library has a loan from the Australian Museum called Museum in a Box. The box includes artefacts about Birds. Every class will have the opportunity to interact with the items in the box and investigate and complete tasks about the contents of the box.

Garden
Thank you to everyone who has helped Wendi to build and organise the new garden beds near the SaCC. The work will continue on this project every Thursday for the next few weeks.

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

School as Community Centre News

Garden News: A big thank you to all the people who have helped with the garden reconstruction in the last couple of weeks. Thanks to parents Anjuman, Fatima, Sri, Elvedina, Farah, Aysa, Noor, Ishrat, Melissa and Angela, Mark the GA and the fabulous Year 6 Environment team who did lots of hard work shovelling and learnt about how wicking beds work.

On Thursdays for the next few weeks Kate will be working with whoever is available in the garden. We need to germinate seeds and plant the first crop of vegetables and herbs. Come along if you are interested or ring Wendi for more details on 9759 4061.

PALS: Get Ready for School Program: This program is going well with 10 parents and their 4 year olds taking part. Thanks to Joanne from Community Health and Rosaria who are running the program. Part of being ready for school is practising skills like greeting others, taking turns and listening, sharing and asking for help when something is difficult or frustrating. If you are interested we may run a second group next term before Leapfrogs starts in Term 4. Contact Wendi to discuss.

Health Checks for 4 year olds: Families are reminded to take their children to the doctor for their 4 year old check before June 30th in order to receive the Family Tax Benefit A supplement of up to $726.

STEPS: Eye Test for 4 year olds not attending a childcare centre will be happening in the Centre next term. Please register with Wendi if you would like an appointment.

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.