I received notification during the holidays that due to our growing student numbers, the school has now been reclassified as a P2 school. This is a Department of Education and Communities (DEC) term and will not change the way the school operates on a daily basis. If our numbers keep increasing over time we do become entitled to extra staff and services but this is still a long way off for us.

The toilet security system has been installed. There are still a few minor things that need to be adjusted but the major work has been completed.

- The metal doors are on timers so they are closed during class time and unlocked before and after school and during breaks.
- Students can access the toilets during the break if they have a programmed tag. The only classes that have the tag are the Kindergarten classes. All other students will continue to use the inside toilets during class time.
- Even though the doors are not locked during the breaks they are not locked open. Children need to push the metal doors open to access the toilets.
- The keypad on the outside wall of the toilets is for staff use.

Thank you for your patience while we investigated the best option to keep our children safe while they use the toilets during class time. It has taken a lot of hard work and time to organise but we are really pleased with the outcome.

I look forward to seeing and sharing with as many of you as possible at the parent meeting tomorrow.

Best wishes to all of our families who will be celebrating Eid next week. Enjoy this special time with your families.

Kind regards
Jann Price

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope that you all enjoyed a safe and restful holiday break.

The staff has spent a considerable amount of time over the first semester developing a purpose and vision for our school and students. This is an important and necessary process to ensure that as a school we have a very clear idea about the type of school we need and want, to ensure that our students are the best 21st century learners and citizens as possible. We need your ideas too. I have included the statements in this newsletter and we will discuss it at the parent meeting on Thursday. Please come along.

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**Term 3 - Week 2**

**Wednesday 23rd July**

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**Debating**

Congratulations to the Debating team who had their first win last week. Even though winning is not the aim of competing it was very exciting for the school as this is the first year that we have taken part. Thank you to Ms Tsoukalas and Ms Cooper for training the team.
Lost Property

Now that we are having really cold weather it is really important that every item of your child’s clothing is labelled with their name. Please check the Lost Property boxes at the entrance to the Stage 1 classrooms if your child has lost something.

Environment Team and Tree Day

The Year 6 Environment team are concerned about the amount of items that our students put in the rubbish that could be recycled. They conducted an audit at the end of last term and the results are included in this newsletter. They are investigating what happens to the rubbish that we generate at school and how the school can be more environmentally friendly and aware.

The team will be working with Mrs Mangraviti and Mrs Žeika to assist the SRC representatives to plant small plants in the garden at the entrance to the school and clearing an area in the corner of the carpark ready for our new native bush tucker garden.

Thank you to Mrs Mangraviti and Mrs Žeika for working with the very enthusiastic Environment team.

United Way Volunteers

We have been lucky to secure the support of the United Way volunteers who worked with our school a few years ago. Wendi has been liaising with them to plan and organise projects around the school. The group volunteers their time and money to help us with plans we have made to improve the playground.

On Thursday 7th August the United Way volunteers will be cleaning and painting areas of the SaCC as well as building, preparing and planting a native bush tucker garden in a comer of the lower carpark. We are very excited that this garden that we have had planned for a long time will finally be built. Thank you Wendi for helping to get this great support for our school.

PSSA

PSSA is competitive sport that is organised by a group of schools. There are summer and winter competitions. Students in Stage 2 and 3 are able to try out for the teams. In winter this year Lakemba has competed in girls and boys soccer and netball. Unfortunately we have had to cancel the last few games of boys soccer and netball this season because of the difficulty we have had with bus transport. The girls soccer teams have been able to continue in their competition because we have been lucky to find a bus to accommodate their teams. Bus transport on Friday afternoons is very difficult to secure.

Website

Don’t forget to check the school website regularly. You will find the newsletter as well as other information about the school. In the weeks to come we will also be uploading notes that come home and some examples of student work.

21st Century Learning

- **Creativity**
  - trying new approaches to get things done – innovation and invention
- **Communication**
  - sharing thoughts, questions, ideas and solutions
- **Critical Thinking**
  - looking at problems in a new way, linking learning across subjects and disciplines

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Our school has spent a lot of time working on these very important skills for the 21st century. On Staff Development Day last week the staff concentrated on Creativity. They researched and discussed what creativity is and how we can encourage and teach creativity in our classrooms.

Teachers have already begun talking to their students about creativity and what it is. Some of your children may have already spoken to you about creativity. Team leaders will be talking about this in the Stage meetings that have been organised during the next few weeks.

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Home School Liaison Officer
In the next few weeks the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) will be visiting the school to check student attendance. This happens every term. All absences must be explained with a note from parents.

Thank you to the parents and students who have made a huge effort to get to school before the bell. Remember if your child is not sitting down at morning assembly when the bell rings they are technically late for school. We must make sure that our students know that getting to appointments on time is very important. Everyone runs late occasionally but being late regularly is not the best way to show you mean business!!!!

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.

School as Community Centre News
Welcome Back! Hope you enjoyed the lovely winter sunshine during the holidays with some outdoor activities. Best wishes to all those observing Ramadan.

Parents are invited to join together for an Eid lunch on Thursday 31st July from 12.00-1.30 in the Community Centre. Come and hear what’s happening in your community and meet new people. Please bring a dish to share – or some Eid leftovers!

This term will see several new programs with a health focus for women as well as a new parenting program for families with children with learning needs. These will all run in the School Community Centre (SaCC) in the grounds of Lakemba PS – all welcome. Please come and try.

Women’s Health Information: Three information sessions will be held starting Monday 18th August with a women’s health expert. Covering health issues such as preventing heart disease, body changes as you pass through different life stages and staying healthy as well as the value of screening tests, these 3 sessions will be very informative for all women. A Bangla Interpreter will be available as well as FREE childcare.

The sessions are from 9.30-11.30 each week. Please ring Wendi on 9759 4061 to book or enquire further.

Stepping Stones: A specialised Triple P parent program for families of children with additional learning or communication needs starts on Wednesday August 6th from 9.30-11.30 for 5 weeks. The program supports parents to manage their children’s challenging behaviour within an understanding of their abilities. Ring Wendi on 9759 4061 for more information or to enrol.

English Class for Adults: This class will restart on Wednesday 6th August 1.00-3.00pm. Childcare provided but a permanent residency visa is required. New enrolments and previous students welcomed.

Yoga Continues! Good news in that Canterbury Council will continue to fund this weekly Yoga class for women for the rest of the year and that Despina, the regular teacher will also be returning. New participants welcome every Wednesday at 10.00 in the Lakemba School Hall starting back on Wednesday 30th July. Still $3 per class.

Celebrate Chand Raat: on Saturday 26th July in the Uniting Hall, corner Haldon St & The Boulevarde from 4pm – Midnight. There will be a range of services and products available to buy including sweets, henna tattoos, clothing, jewellery. Families welcome and free entry. Call Kate or Romana on 9750 9344 for more details.

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 on new activities will be on the site – so tell your friends.

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

In the last week of term 2 the environment team did a waste audit. A waste audit is collecting rubbish and trash and sorting is it to see how much recyclable material, food scraps and general waste our school throws in the rubbish every week. This time we collected cups, bottles, poppers, foil and cans.

The environment team worked hard to make sure all the school knew which rubbish we were collecting. We did speeches in front of the whole school and we even made posters. From this waste audit we found that in a week Lakemba PS throws away:

* 310 bottles and cups
* 95 pieces of aluminium foil
* 35 cans
* 350 poppers and milk cartons
* 165 straws

That’s a lot of recyclable materials in the rubbish.

By Abdul B & Shahbaz

TREE DAY

Every year many schools across Australia take part in School’s Tree Day. On this day students learn how to plant and care for trees and other plants. This year, School’s Tree Day is on Friday 25th July. This means that on Friday all classes will be involved in fun activities relating to tree day.

By Kathleen