Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the parents of Early Stage 1 and Stage 2 students who attended our parent meetings over the last two weeks. It is important that parents know what is happening in their child’s classroom and one of the best ways to do this is to see it in action. The meetings and visits were also good opportunities for parents to ask questions.


School Plans formalise the school’s priority areas, intended outcomes and targets in alignment with the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) policies and directions. Lakemba’s staff, parents and students are important stakeholders in developing these plans. Their input is crucial to our school being united in its vision for our students.

Before the end of the term I will be inviting parents to a meeting to gather your ideas about what directions we need to pursue. Please keep your eyes open for more information on this. Your ideas and input are extremely important.

Kind regards

Jann Price

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**Road Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility!**

Please take the time to read the sign at the pedestrian crossing on Alice Street and talk to your child/ren about the steps that are necessary to cross the road safely.

Just because you are crossing on a pedestrian crossing does not mean that cars will stop for you!!

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**Art Group**

Two students from each class have been selected to be part of the art group. Ms Kergis and Mrs Alki will work with these students for an hour each Tuesday for the remainder of the term. Each group will be creating some fantastic pieces to decorate our gardens. Our grounds are going to look fantastic!
Parent Meetings
The Early Stage 1 Parent Meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday 3rd September at 9.30 am. The Stage 3 meeting is on Wednesday 27th August at a time to be advised. It is really important that as many families as possible attend to learn more about what is happening in their child’s classroom.

Zone Athletics
Congratulations to all the students who represented Lakemba Public School at the Zone Athletics carnivals over the last two weeks. Thank you to the teachers who accompanied and assisted them.

Special congratulations to Udochukwu in Year 2 who not only won the heat of his 100 metre race, but came first in the final. He is now eligible to represent Lakemba and the Zone at the Regional finals. What a fantastic achievement!!

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.

Children whose families have lodged their application for enrolment in Kindergarten in 2015 are eligible to attend the Leapfrogs program which takes place in Term 4. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for the dates.

Library News
Thank you to the students and their families who put so much effort into dressing as a book character for our Book Week celebrations last week. Thanks to Mrs Latimer for organising the fun. Some pictures of the day are displayed in the window next to the front door of the office area.

There are still a large number of students with overdue library books. Mrs Latimer has sent out reminder notes. Please check your homes and return any library books you find.

Library Monitors have been chosen and will receive their badges at a morning assembly soon. Their parents will be invited to attend.

Mrs Latimer is running a colouring competition that is open to all students. Stage 3 students created the competition forms. Everyone is welcome to enter. All entries must be handed to Mrs Latimer by Friday 22nd August – this Friday.

Yoga
The SaCC and the school have combined over Terms 2 and 3 to fund a Yoga program for Stage 2 and 3 girls during recess on Wednesday. Wendi has been successful in obtaining a grant from Canterbury Leagues Club to fund a Yoga class for Stage 2 and 3 boys. This will begin tomorrow. All students who take part must have a signed permission note from their parents. A huge thank you to Wendi and Canterbury Leagues Club!!

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Website

Our website is changing regularly so make sure you visit it often.

Check out the NOTES tab where you will find copies of notes that are sent home.

Look at GOING GREEN in the Our School tab. You can find out all about what we are doing to raise awareness of our environment.
Leapfrogs

a transition to school program for students and their parents

Is your child starting Kindergarten at Lakemba in 2015?

9.15am to 10.30am

Thursday 16th October
Orientation Morning

Thursday 23rd October  Thursday 30th October

Thursday 6th November  Thursday 13th November
Graduation celebration

Your child must turn 5 before the 31st July 2015
Get your enrolment forms in now!
Phone: 9759 2915

School as a Community Centre

What a week of weather!

Women’s Health Information: All those who registered for this program who missed the first day due to the heavy rain are welcome to join us for the remaining two sessions on Monday 25th Aug and Monday 1st Sept. The sessions are from 9.30-11.30 each week and there is FREE childcare. A Bangla interpreter will be available. Please ring Wendi on 9759 4061 to enquire further.

English Class for Adults: This class has begun again and is open to beginner and intermediate learners every **Wednesday 1.00-3.00pm**. Childcare provided but a permanent residency visa is required. New enrolments and previous students welcomed.

Love Talk Sing Read and Play: with your baby under 12 months of age at this friendly group every Thursday 1.30-3.00 in the Lakemba School Community Centre. A Child Health nurse is available for a chat as well. Babies love the songs and rhymes and special time just for them!

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. Still $3 per class.

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

Also, now is the time to pick up an enrolment form at the school office if your child will be starting school next year.

All the information about community programs is posted on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/LakembaWileyParkSaCC](http://www.facebook.com/LakembaWileyParkSaCC).

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

2014 Schools Poster Competition

This term, the Environment Team at Lakemba Public School has been involved in activities relating to various environmental issues, including recycling. To raise further awareness of recycling, our school will be taking part in Canterbury Council’s Schools Poster Competition. The theme of the poster competition this year is ‘Plastic Bags are Rubbish’. To participate in the competition, students need to design a poster that encourages their family to not put plastic bags in the yellow recycling bin.

A letter was sent home with students last week with details about the competition. There will be school prizes as well as council prizes awarded to the winners of the poster competition.

Posters are due in Week 8, Friday 5th of September, 2014.

Unwrapped Lunches Day

Next week is Environment Week. Lakemba Public School will be participating in a ‘Waste Free Lunch Day’. This will be held on Tuesday 26th August, 2014. All students are encouraged to bring their recess and lunch in reusable and recyclable containers to reduce the amount of waste we contribute to landfill. Special certificates will be handed out on the day to students who participate.