Term 3 - Week 10

**Important Dates**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It’s hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 3. The year seems to have flown so quickly.

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank the dedicated and hardworking staff of Lakemba Public School, who always go the extra mile to ensure that your children, our students, receive the best opportunities possible. Together we make a great team. It is a privilege to work with them.

Thank you also to our parents and the wider community who support us in everything we do.

The school is on holidays for two weeks from next Monday. The children return to school on Tuesday 7th October. Have fun but remember to think about the consequences of your actions before you do something. It is important that everyone is as safe as possible.

Happy Eid Al-Adha to those families celebrating this special time during the holidays.

Have a safe and restful holiday.

Kind regards

Jann Price

School Administrative Support (SAS) Staff Week

Two weeks ago was SAS Staff Recognition Week. These dedicated people work in our office, classrooms and playground to assist and complement the school’s teaching and learning programs.

Lakemba Public School has the most dedicated and amazing office and School Learning Support Officers (SLSO) who work with our staff and students.

Karen, Ria, Sue, Soula and Adele work tirelessly in the office with the whole community. They also attend to the students who need first aid attention.

We are so lucky to have Mark as our General Assistant (GA) who works wonders in the school grounds and buildings to keep our school functioning. He is a whiz!!!

Christina, Michelle, Fida, Robyn, Nancy, Affa and James work with students in the classroom and playground.

Thank you to our fabulous team. We couldn’t do it without you!!!

Permission to Publish and Learning Support

The Permission to Publish note was sent home to all students with the last newsletter. It is also available on the school website under the notes tab.

Every student must return this permission note by the end of this term. Without these permission notes some students could miss out on receiving the praise or assistance they deserve.

Father’s Day Stall

Thank you to all the families who supported our Father’s Day Stall last week. We raised over $900 which we will put towards buying microphones for our iPads to improve the quality of our recordings.

Head lice

Please check your child’s hair and treat it if there is any sign of head lice. Chemists sell products to kill the lice in hair. If your child does have lice it is important that you wash all their clothing and bedding.
**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to the parents who took the time to speak to teachers about their child’s progress. Thank you also to those of you who had to wait a little longer than planned because teachers were running late. This often occurs when parents run late or take more than the allocated 10 minutes with the teacher. It is important to remember that we work in partnership with our parents to do the best for our children.

If you weren’t able to attend yesterday please call the office and arrange an appointment.

**Exemption from Attendance at School**

By law, all students must attend school every day unless they are sick. Parents of children who are sick must provide a written note explaining their absence when they return to school.

All families who are taking their children overseas must apply to have their children exempt from school BEFORE they leave Australia. Students who are absent overseas without obtaining signed permission from the Principal will be reported to the Department of Education and Communities who, along with the police, investigate the family. Families can be liable for large fines if they do not comply with these regulations.

Please see the office for the exemption form. You will also need to provide copies of your itinerary.

**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 1 of this newsletter for the dates.

**Library News**

As we approach the end of the term it is very important that all students who have overdue books return them to the library. Students will receive overdue notices this week. Please help them to search for the book at home.

**School as Community Centre News**

Best wishes to everyone for a lovely Spring holiday break with your children. As you know all our playgroups and other classes also take a break during the school holidays.

**Next term:** starts Tuesday 7th October.

**Leapfrogs:** This special school program to help you and your children get ready for a happy and successful start to Kindergarten will start at Lakemba School with an Orientation morning on Thursday 16th October. Leapfrogs starts on Thursday 23rd October at 9.15. Make sure you have your enrolment forms in the office so that you don’t miss out!

**Step Into Work Course:** This very popular 5 week program for women who are looking to return to work soon will be back in 4th term (starting late October). The course includes individual coaching on setting goals and planning, help with resume writing and interview skills – all supported by a professional team with many years of experience. Limited numbers and a selection process applies. Please contact Wendi on 9759 4061 if you are interested.

**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!

**English Class for Adults:** This class continues until the end of the year and is open to beginner and intermediate learners every **Wednesday 1.00-3.00pm**. A permanent residency visa is required and regular attendance needed. Childcare provided FREE.

**Child Dental Benefits Schedule:** Your children may be eligible for up to $1000 a year each for free dental care and treatment at your local dentist. To enquire either ring 132011 or look online at [www.my.gov.au](http://www.my.gov.au) if you have an account (for example, if you are registered with Centrelink).

**Help for Families:** Next term a worker from the Family Referral Service will be based in the School Community Centre on Wednesday afternoons. This service helps people find the right help for their family on many different types of issues – such as housing, family support, health concerns and finances. Free and confidential appointments offered at a time to suit you.

All the information about community programs are posted on our Facebook page. Go to [www.facebook.com/LakembaWileyParkSaCC](http://www.facebook.com/LakembaWileyParkSaCC) and Ring Wendi on 9759 4061 for more information about any programs or activities.
On Wednesday 10th September we went to City of Canterbury Council chambers for the Schools litter forum.

We participated in three activities and talked about how litter affects the environment and the animals. One of the activities was looking at the types of rubbish in the Cooks River. There was lots of plastic and even a doll. Another activity was looking at a model of a river and how the litter went into the river when it rained.

We also met the Mayor and representatives from the environment@Lakemba project. These people have been working hard to audit the litter on Haldon Street and come up with ways to reduce the litter in the area.

It was an interesting and fun day. We learned a lot about litter and how it affects the environment. Next term we will take action to reduce litter in our school.

By Shahbaz & Kathleen

City of Canterbury Schools Poster Competition

Congratulations to all the people who entered the “Plastic bags are rubbish” poster competition. There were so many thoughtful and well-designed posters it was tough for Mrs Price and the environment team to pick the winning posters.

Congratulations to the winners

Kindergarten: Tania, Rafin, Mariam
Stage 1: Apon, Iqra, Isatu
Stage 2: Tasnim, Salome, Rhythm
Stage 3: Suman, Abidalrahman, Mashitah

All the posters have been entered into the council competition and we can’t wait to hear the results.
Could your kids do Go4Fun?

- Free program for kids aged 7-13 above a healthy weight
- Families learn healthy eating and exercise with fun games
- Builds confidence and self-esteem confidence
- After school during term in an encouraging environment

Go4Fun Programs - Term 4 2014
All programs run once per week

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For more information or to register your child

1800 780 900  go4fun.com.au