Dear Parents and Carers,

We were so lucky the rain held off long enough for us to parade proudly up Haldon Street and dance and sing on the stage in front of thousands of people.

Congratulations to everyone who took part and thank you to all the families and staff that supported the school in this annual event. You did Lakemba proud!!

Despite the downpours of rain we all enjoyed Commonwealth Games Day last Thursday. It was great to see all students engaged in learning about countries linked to Australia through the Commonwealth of Nations. Thank you to the teachers who very cleverly organised games such as finger wrestling, arm wrestling, long jump, hockey and table tennis for everyone to enjoy. Thanks also to Mr Mark and Mr Brent, who came for the day to help, for the delicious BBQ.

The Commonwealth Games will be held very close to home in 2018. The Gold Coast in Queensland is very busy planning and preparing venues and fields for the events. Maybe some of us will be lucky enough to travel there to experience the excitement.

Our Stage 2 students spent Monday exploring the area of Sydney where the book they are studying, My Place by Nadia Wheatley, was set. The local historians, Laurel and Bob, who spent the day with the group expressed how impressed they were with our students’ knowledge of the book and behaviour. Well done Stage 2!!

Kind regards from the very proud Principal of Lakemba Public School

Jann Price

Father’s Day Stall

Thank you to all the families who have donated gifts for the Father’s Day Stall. Thanks also to the teachers, mums and students who have spent time wrapping the gifts ready for Dad.

The Early Stage 1, Stage 1 and Stage 3 students will have a chance to buy from the stall on Thursday. Stage 2 will be able to purchase their gifts on Friday. All the gifts have been spread evenly amongst the classes so no one will miss out.

Gifts range in price from $2 to $6. Students will be able to purchase one gift only.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN results will be sent home on Friday this week. When considering your child’s results you should remember that the tests were completed four months ago and that the results are indicative of a short span of time. We are proud of all of our students who did their best on the day.

Special Photos

Next Tuesday the photographer will be here to take photos of SRC, debaters, sporting teams and the Year 6 graduation photos. If your child is involved in any of these groups please make sure they are in full school uniform or colours on the day.

Permission to Publish and Learning Support

The last page of this newsletter has two very important notes that every child needs to return to school.

The Permission to Publish note asks for parent’s permission to publish things such as children’s work, name, photo and sound and visual recordings. Parents should be aware that information can also be online and available for some time.

The Learning Support note asks for your permission to discuss your child’s individual learning needs during Learning Support Team (LST) meetings. Your permission is necessary if your child is to receive the support they need.
Art Group
Our Art group is well underway with their planning and production. We can’t wait till our garden installations are in place.

I wonder what these will look like when they are finished?

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parents will receive an invitation to attend an interview with their child/ren’s teacher/s soon. It is important that all parents take the opportunity to speak to the teacher to see how they can help their child at school. All interviews are by appointment. If you need a particular time you must send the note back immediately as times straight after school are very popular.

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
New!
Indonesian Women’s Health Program: Khusus untuk wanita Indonesia
This new program starts next Monday morning (8th September) and will run for 10 weeks into next term. Including lots of information about your health and services available it will be run entirely in Bahasa. Free childcare too. Please ring Wendi on 9759 4061 or Andi on 0433 421355 to book in.

Yoga Continues! It has been great to see some new people at the weekly Yoga class for women which is at 10.00am every Wednesday in the Lakemba School Hall. Still $3 per class plus $2 for childcare so a real bargain! Come and try – beginners welcome!

English Class for Adults: This class has a few spaces left for new students and is open to beginner and intermediate learners every Wednesday 1.00-3.00pm. Congratulations to the brave students who came last week in the rain! A permanent residency visa is required and regular attendance needed. Childcare provided FREE.

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’ 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!

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

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 are posted on our Facebook page. Go to www.facebook.com/LakembaWileyParkSaCC

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

What happens to items and materials placed in the recycling bins?

Recyclables are picked up once per week in Australia. Our collection contractor uses packer-trucks, commonly called garbage trucks, with large recycling signs on the side to collect and transport the recyclables. The recyclables are taken to an indoor, semi-automated, processing facility operated by Firstar Fibre. Firstar Fibre separates the different materials, compacts and bales the material for shipment to various companies to make new items. By using recycled resources to make new items, companies save billions of dollars each year in energy costs.

Speech by Dipro
Poster by Ahmed

Waste Free Lunch day

Last Tuesday Lakemba Public School held a waste free lunch day to celebrate Enviroweek. Congratulations to the 144 students who brought their food to school in reusable containers and lunch boxes.

Remember all entries for the City of Canterbury Poster completion need to be returned this Friday.