Dear Parents and Carers
Thank you to the large number of parents and carers who came along to our first Parent Meeting of the year this morning. It was particularly lovely to have so many parents of our new families come along.
It would be wonderful if that many people could attend our regular monthly meetings. Please try to come along and encourage other parents to join you. Our meetings are held on the third Thursday morning of every month. It was lovely to see so many friendly faces and meet new families in the Lakemba community.

I want to congratulate our 2015 Kindergarten students and their families for settling in to ‘big’ school so quickly. The students line up beautifully in the square and listen carefully to instructions. Well done everyone!

Our students are now in their classes for 2015. Thank you again for your patience. We couldn’t form classes until the beginning of Week 3 as that was when we enrolled the students who enabled us to form 20 classes. We didn’t want to arrange classes and then have to rearrange them when the extra students enrolled. It was important that students made connections with the teacher and other students that they would be spending the year with.

Last year we held meetings and distributed surveys to gather our community’s thoughts and ideas about the directions that Lakemba Public School should be taking over the next three years. We are now using this information as well as information from the staff and students to devise our School Plan. We will share the plan with you when it is completed.

Kind regards,  
Jann Price

Swimming Carnival
Stage 2 and 3 students will attend the swimming carnival at Greenacre pool on Monday 9th March. The aim of the day is for students to have fun and enjoy novelty events in the pool and in the water. It is a regular school day and all students are expected to attend.

Gates
The safety of our students is very important to us. For this reason the gates to the school on King Georges Road are locked between 9.30 am and 2.30 pm every day. We understand that at times this might be inconvenient but it is necessary. Thank you for your understanding.
We would also appreciate it if parents and carers would close the pedestrian gate on Alice Street when they enter or leave the school.

School Contribution
Accompanying this newsletter is the annual Voluntary Contribution letter. We are asking that parents contribute $30 per student or $60 a family to the school to enable us to better resource our school for your children. All contributions will be used to increase our students’ access to technology. We are planning to set up an area in the school that can be used for making movies. This will require the purchase of special lighting and equipment. Some of the money donated will also be used to support the implementation of the new Maths and Science curriculum for the Australian Curriculum.

Hats
Thank you to everyone for making sure your children have hats. All hats MUST BE LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME.
Library

Are you a responsible library borrower?

Responsible people return their library books on time. If they haven’t finished reading them, they renew their loan.

SRC (Student Representative Council)

Each class will be electing two students to represent them at SRC meetings which are held every two weeks. This year the students elected will represent their class for a semester. At the beginning of Semester 2 (Term 3) each class will elect two new students to represent them.

Students will be presented with their badges at a special morning assembly. Parents of SRC representatives will receive notification of the date and time so they can attend.

Values in Action

For the next two weeks we will be focusing on the following areas.

| When moving as a class, move in two lines behind the person in front of you. |
| KEEP LEFT |
| Only eat when you are sitting down. |

When students are following these directions they are safer and our playground and buildings are not littered with food and rubbish.

2014 Values Medals

Due to a mix up with the company who provide our medals, students who were awarded Values Medals at the end of last year did not receive their own medal at Presentation Day.

These medals have now arrived and they will be presented at a special morning assembly. Parents of students who received a medal will receive an invitation to see their child presented with their medal.

School as Community Centre News

TAFE Classes: A number of parents have asked me about English classes and other courses previously run at the Centre by TAFE Outreach. Unfortunately due to funding changes in TAFE, community programs will no longer be offered free. I will be able to program an English class for adults if 15 people enrol and are prepared to pay $97 per semester (or $80 if on a Centrelink benefit). The fee can be paid in two instalments. I am taking names and will be happy to put yours on a waiting list if you are interested. I may also be able to run a Teacher’s Aide Introduction course – again with 15 definite enrolments.

Parenting in a New Culture: This 3 week program will run in March in the Lakemba School Community Centre and will look at raising happy children who respect your values. It starts on Wednesday 18th March from 9.30-11.30. Free childcare is available. Interested participants may be offered a chance to train as parent leaders following this program. People interested in community work are encouraged to attend. Call Wendi on 9759 4061 to enrol.

Baby Playgroup: A special group just for Mums with babies between birth and one year is on every Thursday from 1.30-3.00pm. Run in partnership with the Child and Family Health nurses this will provide a chance to share ideas with other mothers of babies, have fun with your baby and get any health or development questions answered too.

Playtime for Toddlers: If your child is aged between one year and 2 ½ years this new group will be fun for you. Each week we will look at a different aspect of development – such as physical activity, developing language and learning to play with others. The group will be on Mondays from 10.00-12.00 every week. Next week we will be looking at language development in this age group.

Family Referral Service: A Worker from here is available for drop-in consultation every Wednesday from 1.00 in the School Community Centre. Sophie can help people find the right help for their family on many different types of issues – such as housing, family support, health concerns, immigration and finances. Free and confidential appointments offered at a time to suit you. Call her on 0409 028 060.

Women’s Yoga Class: As mentioned last time, Council funding for this class has now finished. However, if I can get enough women who are willing to pay $7 a week we can arrange more classes. Please contact Wendi if interested.

International Women’s Day: will be celebrated in Canterbury on 5th March from 10.00-12.00 at the Orion Centre, 155 Beamish ST, Campsie. All Welcome. Free childcare is available but ring Debra on 9789 9432 to book.

Ring Wendi on 9759 4061 for more information about any programs or activities.
Dear Parents

To assist the school in providing quality education experiences for your children a school contribution of **$30 per child or $60 per family** has been set for 2015.

The contributions collected last year have been used to purchase apps for our school iPads.

This year the money will again be directed towards the purchase of additional technology items for classrooms such as equipment for movie making and using listening posts in the classroom.

Funds will also be used to purchase resources to support the implementation of the new Maths, Science and History syllabus.

Payment would be appreciated as soon as possible. If you are unable to pay the full amount in one payment you may pay in instalments.

If you have already paid your school contribution for this year and would like to make an additional payment it would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

Jann Price
Principal
19th February, 2015

Please return this slip with payment to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Please circle amount enclosed  $30 per child  OR  $60 per family

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