SWIMMING TRIALS
On Wednesday 13th February, several Year 3 – 6 students went to North Lodge Swimming Pool for the District Swimming Trials. All the students did a wonderful job and put in an amazing effort. Students spent time demonstrating their abilities at all four strokes of freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. Students who were selected to compete at the District Swimming Trials will be competing next Friday 22nd February at Noble Park Aquatic Centre. We wish everyone the best of luck.

Ms Skewes

PREP STUDENTS
In prep we have enjoyed doing many fun activities and have already learnt a lot of new things. We have settled in really well, established our routines and made many new friends.

Ms Caust
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Leaders Badge Ceremony
A reminder that the School Captains & Vice Captains, House Captains & Vice Captains, ICT Leaders and Junior School Councillors will be presented with their badges next Tuesday 19th February at 2.35pm in the hall. The student leaders and their parents are invited to celebrate with afternoon tea in the Library following the assembly.

School Council Membership
In next week’s newsletter, I will be calling for nominations for membership of the Chalcut Lodge School Council. Consequently, in this week’s newsletter I have included some information about the composition and role of School Council and of the election process.

Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner’s Risk
Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

Student Accident Insurance Arrangements
The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that parents/guardians seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

Road Safety Issues
Parents are requested to be mindful of student safety before and after school in relation to traffic:
- The Staff Car Park is not to be used for drop off and pick up purposes.
- Please do not double park in Primrose Hill Close or Haverton Hill Close when dropping off or picking up your child.
- Do not park in the No Standing Zones in Primrose Hill Close.
- As Primrose Hill Close is narrow and easily congested before and after school, enter it from the north (senior playground end) to avoid impasses.
- U Turns in Primrose Hill Close and Haverton Hill Close should be avoided.
- Discuss with your child the need to alight from your car from the curb side only, never the road side.
- If your child walks to school, discuss with them the importance of being alert to traffic, listening and looking both ways before crossing.
- If your child crosses Heatherton or Power Roads, discuss with them the correct way to use the crossings.
- Please obey all traffic and parking signs outside the school.
- The speed limit is 40kph adjacent to our school, however, drivers may need to drive even slower depending on the circumstances.

Parking inspectors patrol school zones and will issue fines for non-compliance of road rules and parking signs.
For the sake of our children’s safety, your co-operation in these areas will be greatly appreciated.

Meet the Teacher Interviews
The Meet the Teacher interviews will be held next Thursday 21st February, between 2.30pm and 8.00pm.
This is an opportunity for parents to touch base with the class teacher and to let them know more about their children and to receive an information handout about class rules, themes, homework expectations etc. Confirmation of appointment times will be sent home next Tuesday 19th February.
Please contact your child’s class teacher on Monday if you did not receive the notice.

It’s a Boy!
Congratulations to Integration Aide Lynette Clark and her family on the birth of their beautiful baby grandson, Solomon. Our Chalcut family gets bigger every day!

Your Opinion Please
We are currently reviewing our policies on Investment, School Electronic Banking and Policy Development. School community input is welcome. A reply slip is included in this newsletter.

Kay Davies
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

District Swimming
Well-done to all the students who made the District Swimming team, we are very, very proud of you: Good luck and may you represent our school with pride. GO CHALCOT!!!! Also, a special thanks to Ms Skewes and Mr Napier for organising and running the trials.

Administration of Medicines at School
If you wish for your child to take any medicine (prescribed or not prescribed) at school, a permission note including the name of the student, medicine, dosage, date, time to be taken and parent’s signature must accompany the medication. The medicine and note are to be handed to the class teacher who will send it to the office where it will be secured in a locked cupboard. Notes will be co-signed by administration staff. No student will be permitted to keep medicine in their bag or tub or on their person, with the exception of asthma puffers.

Emergency Information
Just a reminder, that if there are any changes that need to be made to your child’s emergency information (eg. change of parents’ occupation, change of name of neighbour or friend to be contacted, change in address or home, work or mobile telephone number, etc.) please notify the office promptly. The school must be advised of the granting of court orders relating to your children. A copy of any current court order must be given to the school. The school cannot act on court orders unless a copy has been provided.

Camps, Excursions and In-visits
To enrich class programs this year, teachers will plan camps & excursions outside the school to provide all students with opportunities for first hand learning experiences, which will broaden their understanding and knowledge of units of work being taught.
Teachers will also plan visits to the school, where visitors provide expertise and knowledge as part of the planned curriculum program.

Supporting Children’s Learning
We see homework as a shared responsibility between parents, teachers and students. All students from Year Prep to Year 6 are expected to do homework. Homework is of an informal nature in Years Prep - 1, becoming more formal from Years 2 - 6. It may involve reading or sharing a book with a family member, practising some spelling, writing, maths, tables or, when more formal homework commences, research work or projects. We have included in the Chalcot Weekly some information on how to help your child with their homework without doing it for them.

Bringing Students To School By Car
Parents who drive their children to school and use the front pedestrian gate are advised to enter Primrose Hill Close from the northern end (closer to Kennington Park Drive). Drivers may then use the parking bay to allow children out of the car. There is NO STANDING allowed opposite the school from 8.30 am to 9.00 am and from 3.15 pm to 3.45 pm.
For safety reasons, parents must not double park. It is a most dangerous practice for children to enter or alight a car double parked in the middle of the road. It is not a good road safety example to be seen by children. The City of Casey Council patrols this area and will readily book offenders. Fines for such offences are quite substantial. The school has no control over the issuing of these fines and cannot enter into discussions with The City of Casey regarding fines. Double parking or parking in ‘No Standing’ zones is illegal - even if “for only a few seconds”.
Our prime concern is for the safety of our students.

Linden Place Pharmacy
BIG thanks to Linden Place Pharmacy for your generosity in donating cleaning products to our Cookery & Etiquette Centre. Your continued support of this program is appreciated.

Monica Ghirxi & Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principals
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their teachers to receive Chalcot Achiever Awards. Chalcot Achievers will receive their certificates at assembly on Tuesday 19th February.

UPCOMING VISITS AND EXCURSIONS

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CHALCOT LEGEND AWARD - KATELYN DE SAVERY

For displaying outstanding Social and Personal Values Skills

Congratulations to Katelyn De Savery for being selected to receive the Chalcot Legend Award. Katelyn has been selected for initiating and being responsible for ensuring the school grounds were clean by completing bucket & tong duty during the first week of school. Katelyn will receive her certificate and canteen voucher at assembly on Tuesday 19th March.

CHALCOT ACHIEVER AWARD

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their teachers to receive Chalcot Achiever Awards. Chalcot Achievers will receive their certificates at assembly on Tuesday 19th February.

0/1 CB Lucas Bracamante 2/3 AT Zay Taufik Saleh
0 AC Vincent Tamas 3/4DN Chanell Samson-Kite
0 SC Lachlan Waite-Pullan 3/4 RS Oliver Mraz
1/2 DE Emily Goodall 5/6 AA Christina Dournova
1/2 JV Sarah O’Callaghan 5/6 GP AJ Samson-Kite
SCHOOL CANTEEN – LUNCH ORDERS
The canteen is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for counter sales and lunch order sales. Students will need to bring their own recess snacks and lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Orders for the canteen are to be written clearly on a clean paper bag, showing the price of each item. Write the student's name and class clearly at the bottom of the bag.

eg
Vegemite Sandwich $1.10
Orange fruit juice $1.10
Small Donut 70c

Total $2.90

Peter Jones 0SC

COPING WITH HOT DAYS
Just a reminder that, as part of our Sun Smart Policy, students must wear their Chalcot school hat during terms 1 and 4. Parents may also choose to apply sunscreen to their children prior to coming to school. All students need to have a water bottle (no glass please) and are allowed to have these easily accessible for use throughout the day. All of our classrooms are air conditioned and students have recess in classrooms on days of extreme heat.

UNIFORM SALES
School uniform items can be purchased directly from the Beleza School Uniform Store at shop 7, 151 – 159 Princess Hwy, Hallam, phone 9702 3181. Mastercard, Bankcard and Visa are all accepted. Beleza order forms are also available at the school office. When placing your order you will need to make payment to the school either by cash or by completing your credit card details on the order form. Beleza staff will then deliver your order to the school.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Morning: 7.30am – 8.45am Monday to Friday during school term, excluding all Victorian Public Holidays. Permanent: $15.00 Casual: $15.00. Breakfast is provided until 8.00am.

Afternoon: 3.30pm – 6.00pm Monday to Friday during school term, excluding all Victorian Public Holidays. Afternoon snack and drink provided. Permanent: $19.00 Casual: $19.00. Homework and outside play is part of the daily schedule. We provide cereal for breakfast and fresh fruit for afternoon tea. The program plan is flexible and weather dependant! We would welcome you to come in and join the fun! For enquiries or further information please call: Cherie (morning), George (afternoon) please contact during sessions times on 0400 194 859.

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PARENTZONE
Would you like to have a better relationship with your children? Would you like to learn how to make parenting fun? Would you like to learn some new tips and strategies? Then come along to one of our free information sessions and join other parents/carers/grandparents to discuss experiences, ideas and learn strategies from each other.

When: Monday 18th March, 7 – 9am (child care is available) or Monday 25th March, 9.45 – 11.45am (no child care)
Cost: Free – bookings are required
Where: Pakenham Consolidated Primary School, 2 Rundell Way, Pakenham. Open to all parents / step-parents / carers & grandparents. For bookings and enquiries please call Bree Greene on 5945 2011 / 0488 550 490 or breegreene@anglicare.org.au