CHALCOT LODGE STUDENT LEADERS

School Captains: Angela Pavlovic & Christopher Hann
School Vice Captains: Hada Taufik Saleh & Caleb Pellowe

Banksia Captains: Brianna Ryan & Timothy Kranjec (absent)
Banksia Vice Captains: Christina Dournova & Peter Millaras

Blue Gum Captains: Natalie Nolder & Joshua Featherston
Blue Gum Vice Captains: Ishara Jayawardena & Jacob Latrobe

Eucalypt Captains: Kodie Myszka & A.J. Samson-Kite
Eucalypt Vice Captains: Halema Ali & Michael Morgan

Acacia Captains: Natalie Fares & Jaysen Del Socorro
Acacia Vice Captains: Katelyn De Savery & Luke Bird

CONGRATULATIONS
Call for School Council Membership Nominations
Our School Council is constituted to have 12 members, including: six parent members, 4 Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DE&ECD) members and 2 co-opted community members.

The parent and DE&ECD memberships are for a two year period, unless a one year vacancy is being filled. The co-opted memberships are for a one year period. Eight meetings are held during the year, usually on a Wednesday evening, commencing at 7.30pm. In rare circumstances, extra ordinary meetings can be called.

Our retiring parent members include Barbara Leitch, Machala Livingston, Paul Coad and Stacey Wilkins and the retiring Department member is Monica Ghirxi. Our retiring Community Members are Amy Mraz and Noeline Ryan.

On behalf of our school community, I extend our sincere gratitude for the dedication demonstrated and for the significant contributions that our retiring members made to our school and students. I also wish to thank them for the wonderful support provided to me personally in my role as Principal.

The final meeting of the current Council will be Wednesday 20th March for the Annual General Meeting at 7.15pm.

Members of the school community are invited to nominate themselves or other persons for:
- the three, 2 year vacancies for Parent Members;
- the one, 1 year vacancy for a Parent Member; and
- the one, 2 year vacancy for DE&ECD Employee Members.

Prospective School Council members may either self-nominate or can arrange to be nominated by a person who is eligible in the same category for which you are standing. Nomination forms are available at the office.

Nominations close at 4pm, next Friday 1st March, 2013. All nomination slips must be placed in the box labelled “School Council Nominations”, which is at the office. A list of candidates, nominators and seconders will be displayed at the office on Monday 4th March.

If we receive the same number of nominations as there are vacancies, the new School Council will be announced. If there are more nominations than vacancies, a ballot will be held, closing on Friday 15th March 2013.

Once the new Council of Parent and DE&ECD category members is in place, consideration will be given to co-opting two community members. Community member positions are for one year tenure.

The new School Council will consider filling these two positions at their first meeting on 20th March at 7.30pm.

Retirement Announcement
After 39 years with the Department, including 24 years at Chalcot Lodge, I will be taking Long Service Leave for term 2 and retiring as of the commencement of term 3.

On one hand, I am looking forward to spending more time with my family and broadening my personal interests. However, on the other hand, I feel quite upset about the thought of not being with my Chalcot family every day. I know I will miss everyone dreadfully, especially those special hugs, waves and smiles from the students. It gives me a great feeling of happiness and pride when I see students loving their learning and when I see their look of pride as they show their work and talk about their achievements.

It has been a pleasure working with the wonderful staff at Chalcot over the years. I am so grateful to have worked with so many hardworking, dedicated, skilled and caring people. I will greatly miss the team spirit and the feeling of camaraderie.

I feel very proud of our school and the way it has developed over the years. Chalcot is an outstanding educational hub in Endeavour Hills and I know that it will continue with the highest of standards & expectations and will always focus on ongoing improvement, with the students at the centre of all we do.

I have recommended to the Department that Monica Ghirxi be appointed as Acting Principal during term 2, during my Long Service Leave and during term 3, when the Principal Selection Process will take place as organised by the Department. The Department has acknowledged my recommendation, but have indicated that if there is a Liaison Principal requiring to be allocated at the time, then they will be appointed to the acting role.

It has been a great pleasure and honour to be a Leading Teacher, Assistant Principal and Principal at Chalcot Lodge and to have been in a position to contribute to the education and lives of our students over the years. Chalcot will always be in my heart.

I am honoured that the school is arranging for a special farewell BBQ for me on Tuesday 26th March, from 4pm ’til 5.30pm. I would love to see members of my Chalcot family join me for this special occasion.

Kay Davies
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Family Fun Night – Thursday 28th February
Put on your dancing shoes and get ready for a lot of fun, as we have a band performing as part of our celebrations for the beginning of the new school year.

Families are invited to join us for a BBQ in the courtyard from 6.00pm – 7.00pm. Following the BBQ, families are welcome to join staff from 7.00pm – 8.00pm, enjoying some music & dancing and a variety of fun games and activities. Sounds like a great time for the Chalcot family.

Don’t Cope Alone - Parent line Victoria 13 22 89 - 8am to midnight 7 days a week
Parent line provides a state-wide telephone counselling service to parents and carers of children aged from birth to eighteen years. Professional counsellors are able to explore a variety of issues that impact on parenting and relationships. Parent line can provide contact details for community service and respects the confidentiality and right to privacy of callers.

Get your “Chalcot Weekly” electronically and be Friendly to our Environment
If you would rather receive your “Chalcot Weekly” electronically and no longer require a hard copy, please complete the reply slip included in this weekly and return it to the office. The weekly can also be viewed on our website: http://www.chalcotps.vic.edu.au/

PUNCTUALITY AND REGULAR ATTENDANCE
It is essential that students develop a positive attitude to coming to school. To assist this, it is necessary that students arrive at school before the music at 8.55am. Ideally, the students should arrive between 8.45 and 8.55 am. This will allow them time to meet their friends and line up ready for the 9.00am bell.

Students can feel embarrassed and miss important instructions if they have to come in late when their classmates are already settled. Coming in late may also cause unnecessary problems separating from parents resulting in an unsettled start to the day.

When children are unwell, they should be kept at home where they can rest and recover. Children who are feeling unwell are not able to learn and participate in the class programs effectively. The school contacts parents or emergency contacts to collect sick children. If your child is not well enough to be at school, they are probably not well enough to be “working” either. However, if the illness is prolonged, you may like to discuss this with the class teacher.

Valuables and Toys
Students must not bring valuable items such iPads, iPods, computer games, electronic games or sound equipment, etc. to school. Loved toys and sporting equipment are brought at the owner's own risk. The school will not accept any responsibility for the loss or damage to personal belongings.

Premier’s Active Family Challenge
The 2013 Premier’s Active Families Challenge provides a great opportunity for all Victorian families to get fit and enjoy the benefits of an active lifestyle. The challenge runs from 4th March – 14th April. Registration forms are available at the office.

Monica Ghirxi & Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principals
**DIARY DATES**

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UPCOMING VISITS AND EXCURSIONS

- Thursday | 7<sup>th</sup> March | Divisional Swimming | Selected students |
- Thursday | 28<sup>th</sup> March | PFA Day Disco       |                   |

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**Advice from Consumer Affairs Victoria on Purchasing External Education Software**

Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) has issued a warning to teachers and parents on being approached by high pressure salespeople selling educational software. CAV has identified parents of multicultural families as being at particular risk, as they comprised up to 40 per cent of people complaining about educational software sales last year.

Consumer Affairs Victoria recommends that anyone thinking of signing up for one of these programs should:

- shop around - similar programs may be available for much less and price is no guide to quality, whatever the salesperson might say
- be sure that they can afford it. If you sign a credit contract, it will cost you much more in interest
- be aware they can cancel contracts in certain circumstances under the Australian Consumer Law. You have ten days to reconsider an ‘unsolicited consumer contract’ made through door-to-door or telemarketing sales.

Teachers or parents concerned about education software sales and contracts can access information from Consumer Affairs Victoria on 1300 55 81 81 or through the National Translating Interpreter Service (TIS) on 131 450 or by visiting: [http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/](http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/)

Kay

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**CHALCOT LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL – 5231**

**KAY’S RETIREMENT BBQ – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2013**

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: _____________

The ___________________________ family will be attending Kay’s retirement BBQ

Number of people attending: ___________ Halal Sausages: Yes / No

Signed: ___________________________ Date: _______________
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!

COMMUNITY NEWS
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LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.
Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733 Online: http://www.wep.org.au

TRAINING FOR EARLY YEARS PROFESSIONALS
‘Making books with children and families’
Who is the training for?
People who work with children and families with young children in Cardinia that want to learn a great new activity to run with children and their families.
Workshop one
When: Thursday 7 March, 10.30am – 1.30pm
Where: Pakenham Library, corner John and Henry roads, Pakenham or
Workshop two
When: Tuesday 23 April, 6pm – 9pm
Where: Hollin’s Children Centre, 10 Atlantic Drive, Pakenham
Cost: Free and light refreshments are provided
Training provider: Kids Own Publishing
How to register
For more information contact Cardinia Shire Council’s Best Start Community Facilitator Nadine Ford on 1300 787 624 or n.ford@cardinia.vic.gov.au

IRABINA’S SIBLING SUPPORT PROGRAM
Is a play-based education and support group for primary aged children who have a brother or sister with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Its focus is on normalizing their experiences and feelings, developing supportive networks of other children who can understand what life can be like, and boosting their coping strategies for when things around them get tough.
When: Wednesday 27th February, 6.30pm—8.00pm
Where: Irabina, Officer (located in Mission Australia ELC) 454 Princes Highway Officer 3809
Please register by: Monday 25th February, by calling Irabina on: 9720 1118 or email autism@irabina.com
Cost: FREE

Junior School Councillors 3/4 RS
Jacinta Vassiliou & Tyler Studd

Junior School Councillors 2/3 AT
Cherie Hann & Connor Avery

Junior School Councillors ‘5/6 Launch Pad’
Stacey Chan, Skye Hargreaves, Serghey Mayrow & Zach Jouana-Helman (Timothy Kranjec, absent)