DISTRICT SWIMMING

On Friday the 22nd February, several year 3-6 students went to Noble Park Aquatic Centre representing Chalcot Lodge at the District Swimming Competition. Students competed in several races and all students did a wonderful job. Chalcot Lodge did such a good job, they won their Division! Well done to all students for their amazing efforts and fantastic sportsmanship! Congratulations to Campbell Newton, Christina Dournova and Jaysen Del Socorro who qualified to compete for the District. We wish those students the best of luck at next week’s Divisional Swimming Meet on Thursday 7th Of March.

Ms Skewes

Congratulations to the ICT Leaders who proudly received their badges recently. Sebastian Stanciu, Tommy Zhang, Michael Morgan, Thomas Myszka, Stephanie Fares, Christina Dournova, Emily Van and Katelyn De Savery.

Chalcot District Swim Team

Back row: Campbell Newton, Ishara Jayawardena, Natalie Fares, Christina Dournova, Ms Skewes
Front row: Lucy Mayes, Diyana Nagahawatta, Marvan Jayawardena, Stephanie Fares & Jaysen Del Socorro
New Hard Court On Its Way!!

I am very excited to announce that the wheels are in motion to have the junior hard court area resurfaced with artificial grass. The work will include incorporation of hockey, handball, soccer and softsrocce markings and will be used during interschool sport, Physical Education classes by class teachers and by our PE teacher Miss Skewes. It will also be fantastic for our junior students to have some much needed additional grass area to play on during recesses!

Many thanks to the school community who has supported PFA’s fundraising efforts over the past couple of years. PFA are donating a magnificent $8000 to support costs, and this, put with money we have been saving in our Facilities budget, has enabled us to finally go ahead with the works which will take place early next term.

Our next project will be refurbishment of our senior hard court, which we will aim to have done next year.

Many thanks also to our Facilities Coordinator and Assistant Principal, Paul Poliviou, on the time and effort he has given in researching this project.

Join the ‘Chalcot Watch’

We are very proud of our school and of the wonderful facilities it provides for our students. As you can imagine, it takes considerable love, care, attention and money to maintain these facilities to the high standard that our students deserve.

Unfortunately, on occasion, our school is affected by vandalism; during the last school holidays we had twelve windows broken, which cost $2,825 to repair prior to the return of our students. As a preventative measure we have installed protective ‘Supa Screens’ on those windows which are frequently targeted.

We even had a section of our front fence removed and left at a nearby house; luckily it was the home of one of our parents and so we received it back.

The money spent on repairs is money that we could otherwise use for our students. Consequently, I would be very grateful if anyone who sees any person or people acting suspiciously on our grounds, up on our rooves or seen to be vandalising our school to phone Emergency & Security Management on 9589 6266. This unit will then immediately notify the police to attend. This is a 24 hour emergency telephone service. Whilst your support with this is needed at all times, clearly weekends and holiday periods are our times of biggest risk.

Victorian School of Languages

The Victorian School of Languages (VSL) is a specialist government school that provides programs in the following languages for students in Years 1 to 12 who do not have access to these languages in their mainstream schools:

- Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Bengali, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Chin (Falam), Chin-(Hakha), Chinese - Cantonese and Mandarin, Croatian, Dari, Dinka, Dutch, Filipino (Tagalog), French, German, Greek, Classical Greek, Gujarati, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Karen, Khmer, Korean, Latin, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Maltese, Pashto, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Sinhala, Spanish, Syriac, Tamil, Tigrinya, Turkish, Vietnamese and Zomi.

Face-to-face classes for students in Years 1 to 12 are conducted during out-of-school-hours, generally on Saturday mornings in centres located across Victoria.

For enrolment information and enquiries, contact the VSL head office on 9474 0500 or see: www.vsl.vic.edu.au.

Chalcot Lodge Primary School – 5231
Kay’s Retirement BBQ – Tuesday 26th 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: ______________

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Anaphylaxis

We have several students at our school who have Anaphylaxis. This means that these students suffer allergic reactions to certain foods and factors in the environment. Their allergic reactions range from mild to severe and can be life threatening. These students have an extreme allergic reaction particularly to different types of nuts.

It has come to my attention that some students throughout the school have been sharing or buying food for each other from the canteen. I would like to remind parents and students that, as part of the school’s Anaphylaxis Action Plan, under no circumstances should food be shared or swapped with any other children at school. It is also very important that children do not purchase food for each other from the canteen. This is a very serious student safety matter.

I am asking all parents to please reinforce this issue with their children at home.

Advertising Space for Sale on our Website

If you have a business and would like to advertise it on our website, please contact Paul Poliviou to get more information. The cost of advertising on the website will be a $1 a day with a minimum of 30 days. All advertising must be in line with the Department and Early Childhood Development guidelines.

Religious Education

Religious Instruction, known as RE (Religious Education), will be commencing for all students in the week beginning 11th March. These sessions will be conducted each week for a half hour lesson. Religious Instruction classes are not compulsory for students whose parents request that they be excused from attending.

If you do not want your child to participate in the program, it is essential that you complete and return the Religious Instruction notice slip advising us of your wishes. Unless or until parents request that their children do not receive Religious Instruction, students will receive Religious Instruction in accordance with the Agreed Syllabus.

Sun Smart

A reminder, that as part of the school’s Sun Smart policy, all students must wear a broad brimmed school uniform hat during this term, for all outdoor activities. This includes recess and lunch play, during sporting and physical activities lessons outside and during excursions.

School broad brimmed hats can be purchased for $11.00 from Beleza.

Monica Ghirxi & Paul Poliviou

Assistant Principals
Congratulation 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 5th March.

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### CHALCOT LEGEND AWARD - SERENITY SUMONDIS

For displaying outstanding Social and Personal Values Skills

Congratulations to Serenity for being selected to receive the Chalcot Legend Award. Serenity has been selected for being a fabulous role model in the way she focuses on her work and for always being willing to help others during group work. Serenity will receive her certificate and canteen voucher at assembly on Tuesday 5th March.

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### HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July. The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.
**ASTHMA**

The Department of Education requires that we have full written details of a student's condition and to have spare medication kept with the child at school. The medication needs to be labelled with your child's name, the name of the medication and instructions for administration of the medication. If your child has asthma, even if your child has not recently had an episode of asthma, the school requires an individual student asthma action plan. If you have not recently filled in or updated an asthma action plan could you please contact the office for a form to be sent home with your child. If students do suffer an attack of Asthma at school the following procedure is adhered to:

- medication (Ventolin) administered;
- supervision maintained;
- if there is no improvement after 10 minutes, we seek medical advice and if possible, parents/guardians are contacted immediately or otherwise advised by note.

Is it asthma?

Does your child have a wheeze, shortness of breath, cough or a tight chest:

- With a cold or chest infection?
- Early in the morning or late at night?
- During or after exercise?
- During the winter season when it is cold?
- If the temperature suddenly changes?
- Near cats or other animals?
- Around cigarette smoke?
- Around pollens or moulds?
- During the burn-off season?

If your answer is “yes” to any one of these questions it could be a sign that your child may have asthma. For more information please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or visit your GP.

**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.

**BOOK CLUB**

All students should have received a copy of the current Book Club brochure. Please ensure that all orders are returned to school by **Friday 8th March**. Late orders will not be accepted. Happy Reading!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**ENDEAVOUR NORTH HAWKS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

RECRUITING NOW FOR 2013 SEASON (April – August 2013) Boys and Girls Aged between 7yrs and 17yrs welcome. Training is held at Barry Simon Res, Glenelg Drive, Endeavour Hills (next to Mossgiel Park Primary School) and the games are on Sundays mornings. **Want to know more?** Please contact our Secretary: Dianne 0422 888 190 or email mossgielpark@gmail.com for more information.

**ST MARY’S NETBALL CLUB**

At St Mary’s Netball Club, we offer an all-inclusive place to have fun, learn new skills, meet new people, all while playing the awesome game of netball. Our fees are low and payment plans are available. Come along to the Greaves Reserve Netball Complex Dandenong on Tuesdays between 4.30 – 6pm and meet with our friendly coaches at our training session. Contact Penny on 0449663258 or email stmarysnetworkclub@hotmail.com

**SAVER PLUS**

Join Saver Plus and match your savings dollar for dollar, up to $500, for education costs including school uniforms and text books, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition! To be eligible you must:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example, you or your partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment

Call or SMS Karmen Dayal, your local Saver Plus Worker at the Brotherhood of St Laurence on 59419155 or 0459190144.

**NARRE WARREN BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

New disco for primary school patrons only. The Narre Warren Blue Light Disco will be held on Friday 1st March at the Narre Warren North Community Centre, A’Beckett Road, Narre Warren North. This disco is for students in years 3, 4, 5, & 6 ONLY. Time: 6.00pm – 9.00pm

Cost: $10.00  Any enquiries to the Narre Warren Police Station on 9705 3111.