Sizzling Hot!

Thank you to all those wonderful people who helped raise money for our School Vegetable Garden at the Bunnings sausage sizzle on Saturday, 9th March. Despite the very hot conditions our volunteers worked tirelessly and the company was great. We look forward to buying more equipment and garden supplies for our budding gardeners.

Many thanks to the following people: Rhiannon Thomas, Paul Welsford, Paul Newton, Gabby McIntyre, Rob Ashby, Angie Boustead, Jill Robertson, Rachel Temple, Inger de Zylva, Sherryn & Dawn Jarrett, Mary Del Socorro, Paul Coad and Nicole Svendsen.

With thanks,

Cathy Bracegirdle
Vegetable Garden Co ordinator

A huge thank you to our Vegetable Garden Program Co ordinator, Cathy Bracegirdle for organising this fundraiser!

Kay ☺️
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Acting Principal
I have received confirmation from the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development that Monica Ghirxi will fulfil the role of Acting Principal during term 2. Greg Cacavas will take charge of 5/6 GP whilst Paul Poliviu fulfils the full time role as Acting Assistant Principal. I offer Monica and Paul my best wishes. The Department will notify the school during term 2 in relation to the Acting Principal role for term 3. The selection process for the substantive Principal position will take place during term 3, with the position commencing as of the commencement of term 4. Just a reminder that if you would like to attend my farewell BBQ on Tuesday 26th March from 4pm to 5.30pm, please return the reply slip in this newsletter; I’d love to see you there!

Check Out the ‘My School’ Website
The ‘My School’ website is now live and provides parents with information about each school’s NAPLAN data, comparison of student achievement levels with other schools, student learning gain, finances and profiles. I must say, I am very proud of our school’s achievements! The website can be accessed by visiting http://www.myschool.edu.au

Peer Mediator’s Ceremony
Next Tuesday 19th March at 2.45pm, the 2013 Peer Mediators will be presented with their badges. The Peer Mediators include: Kodie Myszka, Brianna Ryan, Kaylee McPhail, Sharlize Moorhouse, Celina El Rayes, Elisha De Beyer, Emily Van, Katelyn De Savery, Kaitlyn Moore, Ishara Jayawardena, Jaysen Del Socorro and Luke Bird. The ceremony will be followed by afternoon tea in the Cookery & Etiquette Centre for these students and their families. The Peer Mediators will be rostered during terms 2 and 3 to be available to junior school students, with the role of listening carefully to other students’ issues and assisting them with problem solving. Our Peer Mediators are to be commended for their commitment to and care & compassion for their fellow Chalcot Family members.

State School Relief
Best wishes to parent Stephen Featherston who will be representing Chalcot Lodge at the annual State School’s Relief Golf Tournament next Monday. This event raises money to support State School’s Relief work in providing much needed school uniforms, shoes etc. to needy families.

Your Opinion Please
Currently the Emergency Management Policy and PFA Constitution are under review. Your input is welcome using the reply slip in this newsletter.

Student Voice @ Work!
Junior School Council (JSC) provides students with the opportunity to present ideas and suggestions for the school. Class meetings are held in Years 3 to 6 prior to JSC meetings and ideas from these are taken by the JS Councillors to their meetings, which are held twice a term. Thank you to the Junior School Council, which has made numerous suggestions of school activities for consideration. Some of the suggestions which will be going ahead include: holding a Science Fair, including a paper plane race; a multicultural dress up day (which is coming up soon!); a ‘Clean the School Day’; and the list could go on. The JSC also made suggestions for jobs to be done around the school, such as re-painting the WALK signs and fixing the scarecrow in the vegetable garden, to name but a few of their terrific ideas! Congratulations to the members of the 2013 JSC and many thanks to teacher Rohan Suttie for convening the meetings.

Kay Davies
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Harmony Day Special Assembly Wednesday 20th March 2:30pm -3:30pm
On Wednesday 20th March we will have a special assembly in the hall to celebrate Harmony Day. Our celebrations will go from 2:30pm-3:30pm and the theme this year is “Many Stories – One Australia”. Students are welcome to come to school wearing clothes or ribbons or similar, that are either of cultural significance, represent a country of their choice or in national flag colours. Parents are also invited to come along dressed in their cultural colours or clothes that represent their heritage. Student will have on display their family stories. Look forward to seeing you there!

Working Bee Friday 22nd March
We are holding a working bee on Friday 22nd March from 3.30pm – 5.00pm. The main aim of this working bee is to replant the garden bed under the mosaic. We do have some gardening tools, but it may be advisable for you to bring along your own, such as gloves, small shovel & forks, spade and secateurs etc. Look forward to seeing you there!

Get your “Chalcot Weekly” electronically
It is now possible to receive the Chalcot Weekly via email. If you would rather receive your Chalcot Weekly electronically and no longer require a hard copy email the office at chalcot.lodge.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au The Chalcot Weekly is also available on our website; the address is as follows www.chalcotps.vic.edu.au (click on the image under school newsletter).

Monica Ghirxi & Paul Poliviu
Assistant Principals
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 March.

0/1 CB  Christy Allsopp
0 AC  Christos Stylianou
0 SC  Olivia Vargas
1/2 DE  Ashleigh Boustead
1/2 JV  Tameka Roberts
2/3 AT  Justyna Komar
3/4DN  Nyarath Gatkuoth
3/4 RS  Dishan Nagahawatta
5/6 AA  Chotdier Gatkuoth
5/6 GP  Peter Millaras

CHALCOT LEGEND AWARD - NOOR AL MUSAWI
For displaying outstanding Social and Personal Values Skills

Congratulations to Noor for being selected to receive the Chalcot Legend Award. Noor has been selected for being an outstanding leader and role model for her peers in 3/4RS and showing excellent social skills and a high knowledge of her fellow classmates. Well Done! Noor will receive her certificate and canteen voucher at assembly on Tuesday 19th March.

UPCOMING INVISITS AND EXCURSIONS

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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.

CHALCOT FARMERS MARKET
We currently have zucchini & silver beet to share for a gold coin donation. Please see Mrs Bracegirdle after school on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday nights.

Cathy Bracegirdle
Vegetable Garden Co ordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS
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HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR NEW EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN 2013
There are girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 from exciting countries like Italy, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Brazil, Norway, Argentina, Finland and Austria hoping to come here to study for 5 or 10 months from July this year and stay with a volunteer family that is willing to host and welcome them. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03) 97584279 and let me know of your interest. Yours sincerely, Klaus Schumann, WEP Community Coordinator

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND
In June-July 2013 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Canada, the USA and Latin America. We are looking for volunteer host families to welcome these students into their homes for between 2-10 months. I would like to inform Chalcot Lodge Primary School students and their families about this exciting opportunity to experience a different culture without having to leave their homes. It’s a great way for them to learn about a new country and share an unforgettable experience with the entire family! For further enquiries about hosting an exchange student please call our office on 1300 135 331 or visit our website www.studentexchange.org.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: _______________

Chalcot Lodge Primary School
‘Emergency Management’ Policy – Comment Slip

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