Peer Mediators

This week, our 2013 Peer Mediators were presented with their leadership badges by the program’s co-ordinator, David Evans, and enjoyed their celebratory afternoon tea following the assembly.

The Chalcot family living in harmony.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Danger Zone
We have a problem occurring in the car park area at the rear of the school and adjacent to the preschool. Some parents are parking in the car park entry, parking behind other cars and double parking. The consequent congestion, blocking of access and potential danger to students walking between cars is rightfully resulting in other parents becoming agitated.

I strongly urge those parents causing this problem to park legally and with consideration to other drivers and pedestrians. The excuse of ‘I’m only here for a second’ just doesn’t wash. I would like the offenders to consider how they would feel if ‘the shoe was on the other foot’.

I have contacted authorities to assist by randomly monitoring the area and will arrange for staff to also monitor the problem.

School Council
This week the first meeting of the newly elected School Council was held and the new executive was elected. I am pleased to announce that Paul Newton continues to be our School Council President, our Vice President is Paul Coad, the Secretary is Paul Poliviou and the Treasurer is Amy Mraz.

The elected Council members agreed to co-opt Stacey Wilkins and Rebecca (Bec) Pellowe. The other members of Council include: Noeline Ryan; Gabby McIntyre; Erick Del Socorro; Monica Ghirxi; and Dean Napier.

These are very worthy representatives of the school community, who will always make decisions in the best interest of the students and school.

I thank all of the members who have belonged to School Council over the years for their dedicated support of the school, for the sound decisions they have made and for the wonderful support with which they have provided me in my role as Principal.

I wish School Council all the very best and thank them for their ongoing leadership of Chalcot Lodge Primary School.

Harmony Day
Our Chalcot Harmony Day celebration was fabulous, with everyone celebrating their families’ heritage and appreciating our similarities and differences. Centring around the theme of ‘Many Stories - One Australia’, each class had created a wonderful story board telling about their families and of their links across the world; these displays, together with flags from around the world, really provided a wonderful and fitting backdrop to our assembly, during which students and staff wore either national dress or colours to represent their heritage.

The colour orange featured highly, being the colour representing harmony. Knowing how to read, spell, do Maths, etc. are really important life skills; equally important are the understanding and appreciation that everyone is an individual, with different backgrounds, personalities and physical attributes, but that we each and every one of us contribute to the wonderful country in which we live and that we are all global citizens.

Many thanks to Paul Poliviou and our senior students for setting up the hall and to my Chalcot family for helping us to celebrate our many stories and humanity.

Annual Report
This week, Assistant Principal Monica Ghirxi presented the 2012 Annual General Report to the school community, during our Annual General Reporting meeting.

The document provides details about the profile of our school’s families & staff, and reports on achievements in relation to student learning, student engagement & wellbeing and student transition. Included also are strategies undertaken last year to drive these achievements and directions for 2013.

The document can be accessed through our school’s website at: www.chalcopts.vic.edu.au
Parents may also wish to visit the My School website: www.myschool.edu.au

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

First Aid
At Chalcot Lodge we take our duty of care to students very seriously, including assisting students in the First Aid room.

Congratulations to staff members Monica Ghirxi, Narelle Coyne, Sharayn Paulka, Nicole Felton and Paul Poliviou who updated their Level 2 First Aid training this week.

Casey Student Leaders’ Reception
Next Wednesday afternoon it will be my pleasure to accompany our School Captains, Angela Pavlovic & Christopher Hann and Vice Captains Hada Tauфик Saleh and Caleb Pellowe at the City of Casey Student Leaders’ Reception.

This year’s reception will include an inspirational young speaker with the message that regardless of the obstacles you face, by setting goals and having faith in yourself, almost anything is possible. Student leaders from schools across Casey will be receiving leadership lapel pins and enjoying refreshments following the formal parts of the forum.

Timetable Modifications for the End of Term 1
Just a quick ‘heads up’ about the modified timetable arrangements for next Thursday 28th March, the last day of term 1. The arrangements are as follows:

- 9am to 11am – Session 1, including the PFA disco from 9.30am to 10.30am
- 11.00am to 11.30am – Morning recess
- 11.30am to 12.30pm – Session 2
- 12.30pm to 12.40pm – Students eating their lunch in classrooms
- 12.40pm to 1.40pm – Lunch recess
- 1.40pm to 1.50pm – Rolls called
- 1.50pm to 2.30pm – Assembly

Looking forward to seeing you at my retirement BBQ next Tuesday from 4pm to 5.30pm!

Kay Davies
Principal

Get Ready to Put Your Dancing Shoes On!!
PFA will be holding a Term 1 Day Disco on Thursday 28th March. The disco ball will be flashing and the talented Ms Ablitt will be playing the hits from 9:30am -10:30am.

Students may come along to school in casual dress, however as the disco will be held during the school day, casual dress must consist of footwear which is appropriate and safe for school.

Last Day of Term 1, 2013
The last day of Term One is on Thursday 28th March. Students will be dismissed from school at 2.30pm.

Kay’s Farewell BBQ Next Tuesday 26th March
A reminder that Kay’s farewell BBQ will be held next Tuesday from 4pm – 5:30pm. Please come along and celebrate Kay’s outstanding dedication and achievements in a wonderful career that has spanned for nearly 40 years! We look forward to seeing you there!

Monica Ghirxi & Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principals
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their class teacher to receive a “Froggy” award. The “Froggy” awards are presented to students who have shown the most improvement during Term 1. Students will receive their “Froggy” award at assembly on Thursday 28th March.

0/1CB Amanda Fashcah
0AC Nyabana Gatkuoth
0SC Emily Phillips
1/2DE Mashood Ahmed
1/2JV Amy Williams
2/3AT Cherie Hann
3/4DN Marko Kovac
3/4RS Tyler Studd
5/6AA Isabelle Coad
5/6GP Sharlize Moorhouse
ICT Luke Bird
ART Natalie Nolder
PE Corey Gordon
Performing Arts Rowad El Rayes

UPCOMING VISITS AND EXCURSIONS

Wednesday 25th March Chess Demonstration
Tuesday 23rd April Years Prep – 2 Myuna Farm excursion $18.50 due by 19th April
Monday 29th April Year 5/6 Lyndale Transition Day
Wednesday 8th May Year 4 Production 9.30 – 11.30 Hall
11.30 – 1.30 Hall
Tuesday 21st May ICAS Computer Competition
Tuesday 21st May District Cross Country
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.

COMMUNITY NEWS
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AFGHAN MOTHERS’ SEWING PROJECT
Aim: to run a communal sewing project;
- to build friendships with other women;
- to learn and improve sewing skills;
- to improve English language skills; and
- to share refreshments together.
This project is for Afghan mothers with school aged children and runs Fridays from 10.00am – 12.30pm at St James’ Anglican Church, 7 Wilson St, Dandenong. For bookings and further information please contact Khatira Gudaz on 0408 591 457.

SEAL Opportunity for current Year 6 students - Gleneagles Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program for 2014
Gleneagles Secondary College is one of 35 schools accredited to offer Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEAL) in Victoria. One SEAL class of 25 students is offered at each year level from Year 7 to 10.
The SEAL program provides an opportunity for high potential students to undertake a challenging, concept-based curriculum in the company of like-minded peers. Instruction is designed to stimulate and inspire this highly motivated group, and emphasis is placed on developing creativity, independent inquiry and research skills.
SEAL students complete the same subjects as other students in the year level but curriculum delivery is differentiated to provide faster paced instruction and minimal repetition. The concepts explored in class are often more complex, abstract and challenging.
Entry into the SEAL program is via formal testing and interviews. To be eligible for the Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program, students need to apply and complete the selection process.
Prospective students and parents are encouraged to attend a SEAL 2014 Information Night on Thursday, 18th April 2013 at 7.00pm to hear more about the program and collect an application package.
For further details, please visit the Gleneagles website: http://www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au/enrolment/enrolment-process/ or contact the SEAL Manager, Julie Mullins on Tel 9708 1319 or email gleneagles.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au.

NAB AFL Auskick – Mossgiel Park 2013
Auskick is a great fun way to learn the basic skills of AFL Football and is open to all primary school aged children. Registration Day and the first clinic for Mossgiel Park Auskick 2013 will be on Saturday 27th April (the second Saturday in Term 2) from 9:15am until 11:00am at Barry Simon Reserve, Gleneagles Drive, Endeavour Hills (Mel 91 F2) and includes an introductory skills clinic from 9:45am and a free sausage sizzle. Clinics will then be held on Saturdays from 9:30am until 11:00am at the same venue until mid-August.
For more details and to register and pay on-line, go to www.aflauskick.com.au, enter the postcode 3802, scroll down to Mossgiel Park, click on ‘Register’ and follow the instructions. If you register and pay online by Monday 15th April 2013, you will receive a free family pass to an AFL game of your nominated club. Please contact Julie Webber, Centre Co-Ordinator, on 0439 839 351 if you have any queries.