On Thursday 28th March our wonderful PFA held a disco. It wouldn’t have happened without Ms Ablitt and her wonderful 5 DJ’s, (Kodie, Brianna, Natalie, Halema & Hada). There was a dance-off, which made everyone show off their best dance moves! All the students and staff were up on the dance floor. Ms Christopoulos provided prizes to give out to the best dancers. We all had a great day and we can’t wait for the next one!

By Kodie Myszka, Brianna Ryan & Natalie Fares
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back
Hi everyone and welcome back. We have a very exciting term coming up with many wonderful activities planned. I am really looking forward to the Fun Run, Talent Quest, Year 4 Production, Education Week and the Year 5/6 camp, all coming up this term.

Cookery and Etiquette Program
In this week’s newsletter I have included the Term 2 Cookery and Etiquette timetable. We really rely on parent helpers to make this program successful and I sincerely thank all our parents who have committed to helping with this excellent program.

Getting Ready for Secondary College
I’m sure we all remember those days when our children were at pre-school and the excitement of ‘going to school after the holidays’.
Getting ‘ready’ for secondary school is just as important. Our children will be moving to a new environment, will be mixing with many new students, working with new teachers, possibly without knowing anything about them and, without the teachers knowing anything about them. No longer are the students the ‘big fish in a little pond’, in fact, they become the little fish again.
Fortunately all Year 5/6 students are involved in a Secondary Transition Program to help them prepare for the move into Year 7. If you need further assistance in getting ready for secondary school next year please feel free to contact the secondary college your child will be attending.

ANZAC Appeal
Remembering and supporting those who have protected our country is an important part of our Chalcot family culture. Once again we are selling ANZAC badges, the proceeds from which are used in the welfare work carried out by the RSL for ex-service men, women and their families, who are in need of support. Badges cost $1.00 each and are available in the classrooms and at the office. Please show that Chalcot, Aussie spirit and support this worthy cause.

ANZAC Assembly
Parents and other family members are welcome to attend the ANZAC assembly to be held in the school hall next Wednesday, 24th April at 9.15am, during which we will preserve the memory of those who lost their lives for the freedom of our nation and recognise the sacrifices made for the benefit of future generations.
ANZAC Day is a day of remembrance, a day of recognition and respect for those who fought and returned, and for those who lost their lives. It would be appreciated if students could bring a small posy of flowers to the assembly and, if possible, medals to wear that your family may possess. Hope to see you at the ANZAC Day assembly; Lest we Forget.

Relay For Life - Cancer Research Fundraising Event
The Chalcot Family wishes Stephanie Ladlow the best of luck with her participation in the ‘Relay for Life’ fundraising event being held on Saturday 27th April. If any of our Chalcot family would like to support Stephanie and donate to this worthy cause please go to Stephanie’s fundraising page on the Relay for Life website.

Your Opinion Please
Currently the Mathematics, English and Teaching & Learning Policies are under review. Your input is welcome using the reply slip in this newsletter.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back!
Welcome back everybody, what a wonderful term we have coming up, jam packed with great experiences for our students. Hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and are looking forward in anticipation to a GREAT term.

Laptops & iPads
This term every unit has been equipped with laptops and iPads for our students to use. This technology will not only assist our students with their learning but is also a wonderful way to engage and further enhance the great class programs we have in place.

School Nurse Visit
The school nurse will be conducting health assessments on designated prep students during this term.

Year 5 & 6 Lyndale Secondary College Transition Day
On Monday 29th April, Year 5 & 6 students will be visiting Lyndale Secondary College as part of the Secondary Transition Program. This visit will assist students in their preparation for entry into secondary education next year. Students will be involved in a variety of lessons, which in the past have proved most enjoyable and have also enabled students to feel more confident about the change from primary to secondary school. From previous experiences the day is a very enjoyable one for the students.

The National Assessment Program For Years 3 and 5
The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Year 3 and 5 students will be held on Tuesday 14th May, Wednesday 15th May and Thursday 16th May. The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about their child’s performance in English and Mathematics.

The NAPLAN results will help teachers to measure student achievement and develop support strategies to improve students’ literacy and numeracy skills. It is designed to monitor students’ progress and assist teachers to develop a more focussed teaching program.

Later in the year, parents with children in Years 3 and 5 will receive their child’s personal report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. This report will also show how your child performed in relation to the national benchmark standards. These benchmark standards describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

It is important to remember that these tests are just one form of assessment that teachers use to gather information about student progress and are just a snapshot of each child’s achievement.

If you have any queries regarding the NAPLAN testing please feel free to contact me. You may also visit the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAPLAN website at www.naplan.edu.au

Mr P’s Footy Predictions
SWANS by 23 pts DONS by 20 pts DEES by 1 pt
HAWKS by 45 pts PORT by 30 pts CROWS by 20 pts
PIES by 2 pts WCE by 32 pts NORTH by 15 pts

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal
Upcoming Visits and Excursions

- **Tuesday 23**th April **Years Prep – 2 Myuna Farm excursion**
  - $18.50 due by 19th April
- **Monday 29**th April **Year 5/6 Lyndale Transition Day**
- **Tuesday 21**st May **ICAS Computer Competition**
- **Tuesday 21**st May **District Cross Country**
- **Wednesday 29**th May **Year 4 Production**
  - 9.30 – 11.00 Hall
  - 11.30 – 1.00 Hall

‘Chalcot’s Got Talent!’

As part of our Education Week celebrations, parents, extended family members & friends are invited to attend our ‘Chalcot’s Got Talent’ quest. Come along on Wednesday 22nd May and enjoy a morning of entertainment; ranging from song, dance, comedy and even magic! The cost of entry into our Talent Quest is $2.00 per student, with all funds supporting our Performing Arts Program. Please make sure any music needed for your act is on a CD, with a print out of the lyrics and returned with payment by Wednesday 8th May.
CHALCOT FUN RUN UPDATE
Don’t forget the Chalcot Fun Run is on Wednesday 1st May, there are many wonderful prizes on offer. So keep collecting sponsorships, and practise your running!
Mr Napier
Sports Co-ordinator

CHALCOT WORKING BEE – 22nd MARCH
A big thank you to the families and staff that gave up their time and rolled up their sleeves at our recent working bee. Everyone chipped in and in no time the garden bed under our mosaic was looking fabulous with lovely new plants. Special thanks to Mr Poliviu and his green thumbs, for organising the plant selection and design. Thanks to the following students and parents for your hard work: Bec, Caleb, Ethan, Jake & Abby Pellowe, Josh & Stephen Featherston, Amy, Daniel & Ingrid Williams, Ethan, Isaac & Remy Landman, Ashleigh Barnes, Sherryn Jarrett, Makayla Robertson, Ashleigh & Angie Boustead, Chantel, Casey & Ruth Fullard, Maddison, Montanna, Mason & Luke Darmanin and Natasha Hicks.

THANK YOU LINDEN PLACE PHARMACY
A huge thank you again, to our friends at Linden Place Pharmacy for their continued support and donation of cleaning products for our Cookery & Etiquette Centre. Linden Place Pharmacy – 6 Linden Place, Doveton. 😊

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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CHIPS- Changing Little Worlds in Big Ways
Life Gets Better Adventure Camp is for children aged 6 – 12 who have gone through:
- Death in the family;
- Divorce;
- Major grief
The camp will be held from 19th – 19th May at Phillip Island Adventure Resort at a cost of $50. For enquiries or bookings phone: 9702 5528, email: enquiries@chips.org.au

GLENEAGLES SECONDARY COLLEGE – Years 7 - 12
Gleneagles Secondary College is holding a ‘Meet the Principal’ evening on Tuesday 23rd April.
School Tour: 6.15pm
Principals Address: 7.00pm
School Tour: 6.45pm
For more information please call 9708 1319

SAVER PLUS
You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including text books, computers, excursions & swimming lessons. Saver Plus is delivered by the Brotherhood of St Laurence in your local area and is looking for new participants.
You may be eligible if you or your partner:
- Have a Health Care or Pension Concession Card;
- Are a least 18 years old;
- Have some regular income from work;
- Have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself.

To find out more contact Karmen Dayal, Saver Plus Worker at the Brotherhood of St Laurence on 5941 9155, 1300 610 355 or kdayal@bsl.org.au

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, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Brazil and Chile are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.
For more information phone: 1300884733 or email: info@wep.org.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. Please contact Julie Webber, Centre Co-Ordinator, on 0439 839 351 if you have any queries.