MYUANA FARM

On Tuesday 23rd April, 0SC, 0AC, 0/1CB, 1/2DE, 1/2JV and 2AT went to Myuna Farm. We got to feed and pat animals, milk the goats, talk with Joey the cockatoo, ride the train to feed the ducks in the wetlands, plant seeds and learned all sorts of information about farm animals.

“I liked patting the guinea pigs and rabbits and I liked going on the train.”
By Tahlia Soliman

“I went to the farm and I loved the animals.”
By Sam Hinton

“I went on the train and I saw the rabbits and the guinea pigs.”
By Nikayla Huon

“I liked holding the rabbits and guinea pigs and patting all the other animals.”
By Cooper Latrobe

“I liked patting the rabbits at the farm.”
By Ruth Robertson (Prep AC students)

A big thank you to all the parents who assisted on our excursion. It was a fantastic excursion enjoyed by all. We realised the life of a farmer is a very busy life indeed!
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ANZAC Day Assembly
A big thank to all our parents and students for supporting our ANZAC Day commemoration last Wednesday. So many students respectfully placed their very beautiful posies at the base of our Australian flag and I was so pleased that many family members joined us for the assembly.

Our School Captains and Vice Captains, Angela Pavlovic, Christopher Hann and Caleb Pellowe performed their roles during the assembly perfectly, and the poems written and read by our Year 6 students: Robyn Grimmer, Vivek Ravinthiran, Chotdier Gatkuoth and Caleb Pellowe were inspiring.

Thank you to Mr Sutte, Ms Natoli and our magnificent Chalcot Choir. Your performance made our ANZAC Ceremony extra special. Thank you to Stephanie Fares, Natalie Fares, Halem Ali and Christina Dournova for organising the audio equipment, and thank you to Cristian Lara Nooroa and Christopher Hann for managing the Australian flag during the assembly.

Sincere thanks to Sergeant Nicolle Morgan for once again being a guest speaker and making our commemoration extra special.

All funds raised through the sale of ANZAC badges will be forwarded to the RSL to support the welfare work carried out by the RSL for ex-servicemen, women and their families, who are in necessitous situations.

LEST WE FORGET.

Attitude to School Survey
This week, students from Years 5 and 6 responded to the Department’s Attitude to School survey, which is completed by all senior students across Victoria within the current fortnight. The survey is completed anonymously and assists staff in finding out students’ views on the school in general and their feelings and opinions about their experience in the classroom, with the teachers and with other students. The data is sent to the Department for collation and is used by the school to determine aspects which are functioning well and those which need improvement. The results of the survey will be reported in the 2013 Annual Report.

Kinder Club Invitation
All 4 & 5 year olds are invited to participate in our Prep Transition Program, which begins with our free “Chalcot Kinder Club”. During Kinder Club, children do fun activities in the Prep rooms and experience activities such as Art, Music, Dance and Literature. This is a great opportunity for them to get to make friends with the other children, meet the teachers and become familiar and comfortable about coming to school. Meanwhile, parents are welcome to relax with a cuppa and bickie in the staffroom.

Kinder Club is held on Thursdays from 2.30pm to 3.30pm during Terms 2 and Term 3. The dates are Thursday 9th May, 6th June, 8th August and 5th September. In order to facilitate organisation, parents are asked to book their child in for Kinder Club by contacting the office staff.

Our formal Transition Program commences in Term 4 for children who have enrolled for Prep in 2014. The program involves children continuing to enjoy fun activities in the Prep rooms and each child will receive a welcome letter from their own special Chalcot Buddy, who is a senior student. In the staffroom, parents will be provided with information about our curriculum, uniform, school procedures and how they can support their children to make a smooth entry into primary schooling. Our formal Transition Program is held on Thursdays 24th October, 14th November and Tuesday 10th December from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Thank You
A big thank you to Anne Liston, grandmother of Noah and Ollie Mraz, for her very generous donation of story books, note pads and stickers. We really appreciate you thinking of us!!

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Upgrade of the Junior Playground
During this week, work has commenced on the installation of synthetic grass in the junior playground on the asphalt area behind the Cookery and Etiquette centre. The installation should be completed by the end of next week.

This synthetic grass will be an exciting addition to our school grounds and will be used by all students from Prep to 6 during Physical Education sessions. The junior students will have a new area to play on during recess and lunch, as they have not in the past had a designated grassed area to play ball games on. In 2014, we will be investigating the installation of synthetic grass on the senior side of the school in the hard court area.

The PFA have contributed $8000 towards the cost of the synthetic grass and we sincerely thank the school community for supporting all our PFA fundraising events including the School discos, Bunnings’ Barbecues, Chocolate Drives and Special Efforts. Due to this wonderful community support, PFA has been able to make a substantial contribution to this wonderful new facility for our children.

Earn and Learn
The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This community program enables schools throughout Australia to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths.

From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent. Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and our school will be able to redeem these for educational resources.

Last year, our school community made a magnificent effort in this competition. The school received a large range of mathematical equipment including; calculators, measuring tools, mathematical games and fraction kits. All these items are currently being used by our students from Prep to 6.

Our Earn and Learn collection box is in the front office, so start collecting your Woolworths dockets!

Mr P’ s Footy Predictions
PIES by 2 pts          SUNS by 10 pts          EAGLES by 35 pts
SWANS by 15 pts        BLUES by 14 pts       LIONS by 35 pts
FREO by 23 pts         CATS by 45 pts         HAWKS by 40 pts

Paul Polivio
Assistant Principal
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY THEIR TEACHERS TO RECEIVE CHALCOT ACHIEVER AWARDS.

CHALCOT ACHIEVER AWARD

Chalcot Achievers will receive their certificates at assembly on Tuesday 30th April.

CHALCOT LEGEND AWARD - JEREMY HARGREAVES

For displaying outstanding Social and Personal Values Skills

Congratulations to Jeremy for being selected to receive the Chalcot Legend Award. Jeremy has been selected for always being willing to give a hand with classroom tasks and he is quick to encourage others who are working well. Jeremy will receive his certificate and canteen voucher at assembly on Tuesday 30th April.

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 30th April.

0/1 CB Alnaz Hekmati 2/3 AT Leah Starecki
0 AC Tahlia Soliman 3/4DN Alexandra Starecki
0 SC David Eastaugh 3/4 RS Pooja Reddy
1/2 DE Andrea Kovac 5/6 AA Skye Hargreaves
1/2 JV Ethan Landman 5/6 GP Kodie Myszka
GARDEN UPDATE
Thank you to the following families who kindly watered our newly planted garden at the front of the school over the holidays: Marlon, Angie, Ashleigh & Bella Boustead, Michelle, Olivia & Emily Phillips, Sherryn Jarrett & Ashleigh Barnes. THANK YOU 🌸 We currently have plentiful crops of cucumber, eggplant & silver beet to share for a gold coin donation. Please see Mrs Bracegirdle if you are interested.

CHALCOT FUN RUN
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

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
Activities for Week Ending Friday 3rd May include:
Tribal Masks, Elephant Puppets, African Drums, Sand Art & Tribal tattoos
For enquiries or further information please call: Cherie (morning), George (afternoon) please contact during sessions times on 0400 194 859.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS
A great competition has been announced by the Commonwealth Bank for those participants of the School Banking Program. To be in the running, all you need to do is deposit three or more times in Term 2. That’s it! There are some wonderful prizes on offer, which are:
• First prize: $5000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia with $500 spending money as well as $5000 for the winning students school
• 25 x Runner Up prizes: An awesome kid’s adventure pack worth over $700 each that includes a Wii U, walkie talkies, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera and a Razor eSpark electric scooter!
So get depositing this term and good luck!
Ruth Fullard
School Banking Specialist

BOOK CLUB
One of the best ways to encourage lifelong reading is to have a home filled with books! Scholastic Book Club gives students the opportunity to order fantastic books while supporting our school.
For every book sold through Book Club our school earns points to choose free books for our classes!
By now all students should have received a copy of the current Book Club brochure. Please ensure that all orders are returned to school by 2nd May.
(please note late orders may not be accepted.)
Cash orders must be in a clearly marked envelope and must include correct money. If paying by credit card or over the website, the credit card receipt coupon plus the completed order still need to be returned to school by the due date.
Please note: Only the youngest in the family will now receive Book Club Forms.
Happy Reading!

COMMUNITY NEWS
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NAB AFL Auskick – Mossgiel Park 2013
Auskick is a great fun way to learn the basic skills of Australian Rules Football (AFL) and is open to all primary school aged children. Join us on our fun filled REGISTRATION Day with Introductory Clinic (including free sausage sizzle) on Saturday 27th April from 9:15 until 11:00am. Then Saturdays from 9:30am to 11:00am until mid-August at Barry Simon Reserve, Glenelg Drive, Endeavour Hills (Melways Ref 91 F2). For more details and to register on-line, please go to www.aflauskick.com.au, enter the postcode 3802, scroll down to Mossgiel Park and click on ‘Register’. For enquiries please contact our Centre Co-Ordinator, Julie, on 0439 839 351.
Come along and bring a friend!

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.sccedu.com.au, email sccaustr@sccedu.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!