Chalcot Lodge Somkele Community Project

During the school holidays, Ms Christopoulos, Ms Ablitt, Mrs Clark and I visited Somekele Village in South Africa and its local primary school.

Our mission was to supply the school with the basic necessary items such as student stationary material with the $290 raised from our Crazy Hat Day.

Additional money donated by our own family and friends also allowed us to purchase 720kg of maize to feed the many struggling families.

Miss Ghirxi
FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who have made me feel very welcome and part of the Chalcot Lodge family. I will be here during term 3 as the acting principal and I look forward to getting to know everyone and working alongside teachers, parents and students to bring about the best possible outcomes for our wonderful students.

Schools are such great places to work in because you get the opportunity to have a positive influence on students and communities-and to work with talented people. There are certainly lots of talented people here and there are many great things happening here as well.

I am very impressed so far with the great learning and teaching that is taking place here. The staff are very dedicated and caring and the students are very effective learners and have excellent manners and social skills. The school also has excellent facilities and exciting plans for the future.

I am looking forward to getting into to the lovely learning spaces as often as I can and seeing all the great work that is happening.

An Exciting Term Ahead

We have had an excellent start to the term and students have settled in well to what will be a very busy term. Friday August 2nd is Jeans for Genes Day. Students can wear their jeans to school and contribute a gold coin donation to raise funds for scientists at the Children’s Medical Research Institute to continue finding cures for childhood diseases and genetic disorders. This is a wonderful cause and we are very proud to be supporting it. Students who take part will receive a small stationery set.

Parent Opinion Survey

Each year schools look forward to receiving feedback from parents via the Parent Opinion Survey. The feedback that we get is used to further improve our school and we welcome your constructive input. A random selection of forty parents is created by computer and sent out to families. Survey packs will be sent out on Monday 29th July and need to be returned to school as soon as possible but no later than Friday 2nd August. Thank you in anticipation to families completing and returning the surveys to the front office by Friday 2nd August.

Multicultural Festival in Casey

The City of Casey will be presenting a Multicultural Festival on Saturday 31st August at the John Pandazopoulos Hall, Power Road in Doveton from 11:00am to 3:00pm. This is a free event and promises activities for kids, free entertainment and food tasting for the whole family. If you are interested in attending this event you can get more information from the City of Casey on 9705 5200.

Pyjama Day

Chalcot Lodge Junior School Council and PFA are holding our very first Pyjama Day on Thursday 25th July. Students can join the fun dressed in their favourite pyjamas and cosy dressing gowns. Students can bring along their fluffy slippers for the classroom, but make sure they wear school shoes for outside! All money raised by Junior School Council and PFA will go towards the cost of installing synthetic grass on the senior side playground next year.

Your Opinion Please

Currently our policy for Special Religious Instruction is being developed. Included in this newsletter is a copy for your perusal. Your input is invited by using the reply slip.

Kind Regards,
Wayne Lovie
Acting Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Student Safety- Staff Car Park

I would like to remind parents that the staff car park is not to be used for parking, picking up or dropping off their children. Parents using Primrose Hill Close are also asked to remind their children of our Think Safe rule and that the safest entry to the school is via the pedestrian gate in front of the school. Students are not permitted to enter or exit the school grounds via the staff car park gate.

Anaphylaxis

We have three 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 peanuts.

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

Chalcot Lodge Somkele Community Project

Two years ago, our generous school community helped raise $230 to go towards the construction of a well in Somkele. Before the well was contracted, the 1000 people living in Somkele did not have fresh running water.

It was an amazing and very humbling experience to meet the villagers, visit Somkele Primary School, see the well and fresh water running and to provide these beautiful children with food and basic educational equipment they need.

The families of Somkele have really touched our hearts and we have promised them that our school community will continue to support them in the future. Each year we will have a Crazy Hat Day to support the Somkele Primary School and Kindergarten. Ms Christopoulos, Ms Abell, Mrs Clark and my family and friends will continue to support the struggling families by purchasing food on a yearly basis. We aim to raise enough money before the end of the year to ensure the children of Somkele have full bellies on Christmas Day.

Scratch, Scratch, Scratch………..HEAD LICE!

During this week we have had a couple of reported case of head lice in the 2/3 area. We would urge all parents to check their children’s and their own hair. It is essential that hair is treated with appropriate shampoo and that the hair is sectioned off for thorough combing with a special fine toothed comb to remove eggs sticking to the hair. Simply washing with your normal shampoo will not help. Students with long hair should wear it tied back while at school.

Thank You

Once again, we wish to thank the very generous staff of the Linden Pharmacy for their continuing support to our needs in the kitchen.

Trivia Night

There are only four tables left for our annual Trivia Night. Tables are selling fast, so to secure your table, payment and entry form must be received at the office as soon as possible.

Assistant Principals

Monica Ghirxi
Paul Poliviou
**Chalcot Lodge Primary School**

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Name: ______________________________ Phone Number: ____________

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**CHALCOT LEGEND AWARD - BAILEY O’CALLAGHAN**

For displaying outstanding Social and Personal Values Skills

Congratulations to Bailey for being selected to receive the Chalcot Legend Award. Bailey has been selected for his wonderful ability to get along with others. He is a very caring and friendly person who is always willing to lend a helping hand. Bailey will receive his certificate and canteen voucher at assembly on Tuesday 23rd July.

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**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 23rd July.

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**Chalcot Lodge Primary School**

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EMA ROUND 2 APPLICATIONS
We are taking applications for the second round of the 2013 Education Maintenance Allowance. To be eligible you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary school or secondary school student;
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or
- be a Veterans Affairs (TPi) pensioner or
- be a temporary foster parent; a parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as of 15th July 2013 (Instalment Two) and applications close on 2nd August 2013.

Please call at the office if you need further information or assistance.

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.

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 the 26th July 2013 include:
Making dragon fly and butterfly, woven hearts and stars, textured houses, tissue paper sunlight catcher, folded dyed paper and colouring sheets are optional for those who have interest in colouring. In addition, there will be indoor/outdoor games throughout the week.

For enquiries or further information please call Vim on 0400 194 859 during session times.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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IRABINA – Childhood Autism Services
Guest speaker Linda Dodimead – Paediatric Dietician from Specialist Children's Services, will be facilitating a workshop on ‘Nutrition and Diet’ for your child with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This informative session will be held on Tuesday 23rd July from 6.30pm and will cover topics such as: What are the nutritional/diet/eating issues? Why do children with ASD develop eating problems? What can be changed? Discuss strategies which may help.

Please contact Irabina on 9720 1118 to place your booking.

ANGLICARE VICTORIA

Wondering how to get your kids to listen? What parenting ideas work? Want to make parenting easier and more fun? Come to one of our free information sessions (sessions listed below) to discuss experiences, ideas and learn strategies.

To make your booking, call Bree Greene at Parentzone on 1300 984 011 / 0488 550 490.

Lets talk Parenting
When: Wednesday mornings for 5 weeks, 7th August to 4th September from 9.30am.
Where: Outlook Community Centre, 24 Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham. Bookings essential.

Raising Happy Kids
When: Monday 19th August from 7.00pm
Where: Pakenham Consolidated Primary School, 2 Rundell Way, Pakenham.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST LAURENCE

SAVER PLUS
You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs. 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 Pensioner Concession Card,
* are at 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 on 5941 9155 or 1300610355.