PJ Day

How cute we all looked in our pyjamas and slippers yesterday.

A big thank you to all our students, parents and staff for getting into the ‘Chalcot Spirit’ and joining in on our very first Pyjama Day.

The $249.60 raised will go towards the cost of installing synthetic grass on the senior side playground next year.

Great idea Junior School Council!!
FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

School Production – Term 4
Rehearsals are well underway for the 2013 production. From what I am seeing I think it will be an exciting and entertaining night!

2014 Prep Enrolments
We are now in the process of taking 2014 Prep enrolments. If you have a child ready to come to school next year (turning 5 years old by April 30th 2014), please pick up an enrolment pack from the front office. If you know of a family with a child beginning school in 2014 you might like to suggest our great school to them.

100 Days of School – The Countdown Has Begun
There is not long to go now and our prep students will celebrate 100 days of school. Some of our preps may have mentioned that next Thursday August 1st is the day and what better way to celebrate than to have a jump in a jumping castle. One hundred days of school is a significant milestone in the school life of our prep students and we want the other students to join in on the celebration. A permission notice, one per child, has been sent home for parents to sign, giving permission for their child/children to have a jump.

Parent Opinion Survey
Our parent opinion surveys will be going home soon. It is important to us that we receive your feedback to help us make Chalcot Lodge an even better school. If you receive a survey could you please complete it and return it to school by Friday 2nd August. Thank you.

Reading At Home
As a parent or carer, you can help your child learn to read. Research shows that children whose families read together at home are more likely to become successful, independent readers.
So please take the time to talk to your children about what they are reading and share some time together reading or even discussing a book.

Jeans for Genes Day is Coming Soon
Friday August 2nd is Jeans for Genes Day. Students and staff can wear their jeans to school on this day. A gold coin donation will be collected to raise funds for the Children’s Medical Research Institute to help them continue their work finding cures for childhood diseases and genetic disorders. This is a very worthy cause and I hope everyone can take part.

Program Management 2014 Survey
In line with our policy of consulting with our parent community, we invite your suggestions about resources you think the school will need in supporting our student learning in 2014.
Included in this week’s newsletter, is our Program Management 2014 Survey, please feel free to make suggestions and then return to the front office by Friday 2nd August.

Kind Regards,
Wayne Lovie
Acting Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Kinder Club
Our next Chalcot Kinder Club will be held on Thursday 8th August from 2.30pm until 3.30pm. This is a lovely opportunity for children who are commencing Prep in 2014 to get to know each other and the teachers and for them to grow to realise that school is a friendly, happy and fun place to be. During Kinder Club, the participants’ parents are welcome to get together in the staffroom and have a chat over a cuppa.
To facilitate organisation, please advise the office if you intend to bring your child to our next Kinder Club.

PFA Shopping Tour
Due to popular demand, the PFA are in the process of organising a Shopping Trip Fundraiser to take place around October/November, just in time for Christmas shopping. To secure a Shopping Tour, a minimum of 24 participants is required. PFA are seeking an expression of interest from the school community in order to proceed with this activity. Without the minimum participants, PFA will not be able to run this fundraising activity.
If you are interested in attending this fun day, please return the expression of interest form no later than Monday 29th July.
Remember: When the going gets tough, the tough go shopping!!!!

City of Casey Kids Fishing Day
Chalcot Lodge students have been invited to attend a fun fishing day at Casey Fields on Saturday, 21st September. Our students will have the opportunity to fish for rainbow trout in the Casey Fields Lake. To participate in this great day out, please complete the registration form in this week’s newsletter and return to the City of Casey. Registrations are limited, so get your forms in quickly.

EdAlive Software Packages
EdAlive software packages strives to give children a positive and engaging learning experience. The software provides the opportunity for children to learn the essential basics and develop an understanding of more complex concepts. All titles have been developed by experienced education professionals.
In this week’s newsletter we have included the EdAlive software collection for your perusal. If you are interested in purchasing any software, please return the order form to the office no later than Friday 2nd August.

Trivia Night
Thank you to all participants who have purchased tables for the Trivia Night. All tables are now sold out, and we look forward to a fun night, in order to raise money for our Arts programs.

Mr P’s Footy Tips
Hawks by 10 points Fremantle by 13 points
Blues by 10 points Port by 25 points
North by 40 points Eagles by 30 points
Swans by 16 points Cats by 50 points
Collingwood by 100 points

Assistant Principals
Monica Ghirxi Paul Poliviou
These past two weeks, all classes have attended their cooking and etiquette program. All students and their classmates have made apple, zucchini and carrot muffins with a citrus icing.

This week 5/6AA drew and decorated placemats. Once we have laminated them we can take them home.

Who thought cooking would be this much fun?
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 (Installment 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.

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 week ending Friday 2nd August, 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

Disability Respite & Recreation Expo
This expo is for parents and carers of people with a disability. It is an excellent opportunity for them to talk to a variety of service providers about their respite and recreation options. The Expo is FREE and provides a unique opportunity for parents and carers to meet face to face with over 70 service organisations to gather information and to network with each other.

When: Thursday 29th August
Time: 10am – 2pm
Where: Dandenong Market, Corner Clow & Clee Street, Dandenong.

Contact: The Expo Coordinator on 8552 2222 or respiteexpo@moira.org.au

Blue Light Disco’s
Dates for our next discos are as follows:
Friday 2nd August – 6.00pm to 9.00pm
Junior Disco – Narre Warren North Community Hall, A’Beckett Road, Narre Warren North.
Saturday 3rd August – 6.30pm – 10.00pm
Senior Disco – Berwick Leisure Centre – Manuka Road, Berwick.
Cost is $10 per student. For enquiries call Narre Warren Police Station on 9705 3111.

Anglicare Victoria – Caring Connections Information & Support for Kinship Carers
Are you a relative, grandparent or friend sharing your home with children who can’t live with their parents, for whatever reason? You are invited to a program for Kinship Carers.

Dates: Tuesdays for 5 weeks Commencing 20th August.
Time: 9.45am – 2.00pm
Venue: Cranbourne Park Primary School, Tucker Street, Cranbourne.

Caring Connections will link kinship families providing secure and safe experiences for children when they need them most. Those attending the group will:
- Meet with kinship carers in similar situations;
- Learn positive parenting approaches that really work with children and young people;
- Talk about and share your experiences.

For more information or to register email kinship.gorgram@anglicarevic.org.au or Freecall 1800 809 722.