A fabulous time was had by students and staff at the Chalcot Disco, which was held on the last day of Term 3.

Thank you to Miss Ablitt and her junior DJ’s for putting together a great variety of songs for everyone to dance along to.

Money raised will support State Schools’ Relief, a charity providing disadvantaged Victorian students with quality new schoolwear.
Welcome Back Everyone
Monday 7th October was my first official day as Principal of Chalcot Lodge Primary School. I am looking forward to working with the dedicated staff, School Council & PFA members, parents and students, in leading our school forward into the future, ensuring our students have the best possible opportunities and a high quality education.

It is wonderful to see students, staff and parents happy to be back at school and ready for an exciting term ahead. We have many activities planned for this term, so please keep your eye on the Diary Dates section of the Chalcot Weekly.

Some upcoming events for this term include:
Swimming Program;
PFA Shopping Tour;
Prep Transition Program;
St John’s Children’s First Aid In-visit;
3/4 Camp;
Chalcot Film Night;
Year 6 Production and Graduation;
PFA Christmas Stall;
Parent Helpers Thank You Morning Tea; and
End of Year Concert - Under the Oaks

Vegetable Garden Helpers
We wish to extend a very big thank you to Mrs Bracegirdle, the Darmanin, Mayes, Svendsen, Sumondis and Lubeck families for giving up their time over the school holidays to weed and tidy up our vegetable garden beds ready for our Spring planting. Next Tuesday 15th October, our friendly team from Bunnings Dandenong will be helping each class to plant a variety of seedlings. Thank you to Green Thumb Mrs Bracegirdle for taking such good care of our Gardening Program!

Taking Enrolments Now
We are now taking enrolments for 2014. Families with children who are commencing at our school next year are asked to complete and return the enrolment form as soon as possible. Enrolment numbers are essential in planning the school structure, staffing and ordering of supplies. Enrolment packs are available at the office. We would also appreciate any families who will not be attending Chalcot Lodge next year to please advise the school office now.

Prep Transition Program
Our formal Transition Program commences Term 4, in place of our Kinder Club. This program is only for children who have been enrolled in Prep for 2014 and their parents. During this Transition Program, whilst the children are in the Prep rooms becoming more familiar with their primary school environment, parents will be provided with information in relation to the running of the school, the Prep Program and how they can assist their child to have a smooth start to their primary school life.

Dates of the Prep Transition sessions are:
Thursday 24th October, 2.30pm – 3.30pm, Thursday 14th November, 2.30 – 3.30pm and Tuesday 10th December, 2.00pm until 3.30pm.

Regional Athletics
A big congratulations to Christina Dournova for qualifying in the Regional Athletics Competitions, which is being held next Thursday. Christina will be participating in the Girls 11 Year Old High Jump event. Congratulations Christina on reaching regional level, your Chalcot family is very proud of you and we wish you all the best.

Monica Ghirozi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Welcome Back
Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a very relaxing and enjoyable term break.

Sun Smart Policy
As part of our Sun Smart Policy, students must wear a uniform hat during Terms 1 and 4 for all outdoor activities. During Physical Education and sporting activities students are required, where possible, to wear a hat or remain in the shade. In this week’s newsletter, I have included a copy of the School’s Dress Code policy which includes the sanctions which will be followed if students consistently do not follow the school’s Dress Code policy, including the wearing of school hats.

Many students are still not bringing their hats to school. All students must wear their school uniform broad brimmed hat when outside. Students who do not have their hats during recess times will be asked to stay under the covered way adjacent to the office.

National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
During this week, parents with children in Years 3 and 5 received their individual NAPLAN results. Results include student achievement in the areas of Reading, Persuasive Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy.

It is very important to remember that there are many factors that may affect a child’s performance on the day of the testing and the results need to be taken as only one small part of the overall evaluation of a child’s progress. Throughout the year, teachers use a variety of ongoing assessment strategies that are all used to gather a total and informed picture of a child’s progress.

Think and Act Safely – Come into the Office
Occasionally problems occur at home time – parents or child carers might be delayed or children may misunderstand where they have to meet parents or carers. When this occurs, we request students to come into the office to get help from a teacher. This applies to all students. It is thinking and acting safely to come into the office where we can call for parents over the public address system or if necessary, phone home. We would appreciate your support in discussing this with your children.

Absence Letters
It is a requirement of the Department of Education that when a student is absent, a letter explaining the absence is to be sent when the student returns to school. When a letter is received, it is noted on the department’s computerised attendance record and the letter is retained in school records. On occasions, parents phone the school to advise us that their child will not be attending school. While the phone call informs us, a letter when the child returns is still required to explain the absence.

Gleneagles Cup Monday 14th October
Good luck to our Year 4 students who are competing for the Gleneagles Cup on Monday. Just remember to have fun and try your best!

Grace Notes Music Classes
We wish to advise that as Roy is currently overseas taking part in charity work, instrumental music lessons have been suspended until the week commencing, Monday 11th November.

Paul Poliviou
Acting Assistant Principal
UNIVERSITY OF NSW AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the University of NSW Mathematics and English Competitions earlier this year. I am proud and pleased to announce that they have achieved the following awards:

**Mathematics**

**Year 3**
- Participation: Marko Kovac, Diyana Nagahawatta & Ella Ryan

**Year 4**
- Participation: Tome Correia, Nyarath Gatkuoth, Leyon Mamuhewa, Lucy Mayes, Zaine O’Rourke, James Ryan & Jaike Weerasingha
- Credit: Dishan Nagahawatta & Pooja Reddy
- Distinction: Kaelen Mackinnon & Vishal Panditharatne

**Year 5**
- Participation: Jaques Del Socorro & Zephania Liu
- Credit: Luke Bird & Katelyn De Savery

**Year 6**
- Credit: Caleb Pellowe

**English**

**Year 3**
- Distinction: Priyanka Suja Rani

**Year 4**
- Participation: Jaike Weerasingha, Pooja Reddy, Vishal Panditharatne, Leyon Mamuhewa & Nyarath Gatkuoth

**Year 5**
- Participation: Katelyn De Savery

The certificates will be presented during assembly on Tuesday 22nd October, which commences at 2.45pm.

Monica Ghirxi - Principal
**LINDEN PLACE PHARMACY**
Thank you once again to the wonderful staff at Linden Place Pharmacy in Doveton for their continued support in supplying cleaning products for our kitchen classroom. Your generous donations are much appreciated.

**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.

**SCHOOL BANKING**
_Don’t forget that FRIDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit._

For every deposit made, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items.

Ruth Fullard
School Banking Co ordinator

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE**
_Morning:_ 7.00am – 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
_Note: Parents please see that your child has sunscreen and hat in their bag. Also let Vim know if your child has sunscreen allergy._

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

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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 January 2014. Students from Switzerland, Finland, the Netherlands, Brazil, Italy, Japan and Thailand are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family.
For more information, contact Sylvia Kelly, on 1300 884 733, or email wep@wep.org.au.

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