CHALCOT BUDDIES 2014

What an amazing afternoon we had last Thursday. Our Chalcot Buddies were very excited to welcome their little buddies – our new Preps for 2014! A great time was had by all as we read stories, sang and talked about our wonderful vegie garden at Chalcot Lodge.

Our buddies then enjoyed each other’s company as they planted a tomato seedling as a gift to take home for our new Chalcot members.
**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**School Uniform is Compulsory**
Unfortunately there are many students who are coming to school not correctly dressed in their school uniform and who are wearing different coloured polo shirts under their school jumpers. Polo shirts must be either bottle green or white with the school logo. Socks must be bottle green, grey or white and shoes must be either black school shoes or runners which are largely white or black without brands or decoration. The school hat is a bottle green broad brimmed style which bears our school’s logo on the front. Some students are wearing hats without the logo and consequently are out of uniform. School uniform hats must be worn during Terms 1 and 4 as part of our Sun Smart policy.

Our school’s policy in relation to hair wear is that hair ties, e.g. elastic bands can be any colour, however, larger hair accessories, such as scrunchies, headbands etc, must be green or white.

The school’s Dress Code Policy has been included in this week’s newsletter and your support of the Student Dress Code Policy is greatly appreciated.

Our full school uniform range can be purchased from our uniform supplier, Belize School Uniforms, shop 7, 151 – 159 Princes Highway, Hallam.

**2014 Curriculum Days**
School Council has approved the four allocated Curriculum Days for 2014.

- **Tuesday 28th January** – Management
- **Wednesday 29th January** – Whole School & Cohort Data Analysis and Collaborative Planning.
- **Thursday 30th January** – Staff professional development on planning units of work using the Inquiry Learning approach, presented by Jenin Wilson.
- **Term 2** (date to be finalised) – Mid Year Report Writing

Teachers will commence duty on Tuesday 28th January. The first three days of the school year will be curriculum days and consequently, pupils are not to attend on these days. All students, including preps, will begin school on Friday 31st January 2014. Years 1 to 6 will begin at the usual time at 9.00am and will be dismissed as usual at 3.30pm. To facilitate a smooth transition, Preps will begin their first day at school at 9.30am and will be dismissed at 12.30pm. Commencing Monday 3rd February, Preps will begin school at 9.00am and finish at 3.30pm.

**35 Years of Teaching Service**
Congratulations to Mrs Tynan for being acknowledged by the Department of Education for this tremendous milestone in her professional life. Anne was presented with an award at a special function held last Monday evening at the Dingley International Hotel for her 35 years of dedicated service to the teaching profession. Congratulations Anne!!!

**Your Opinion Please**
Currently our Homework Policy is under review. Your input into this policy is invited by using the reply slip included in this newsletter.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**Religious Education Concert - Tuesday 19th November**
Mrs Lynda Baker, our Religious Education Coordinator, has organised our annual end of year Religious Education concert on Tuesday, 19th November commencing at 2.30pm until approximately 3.15pm. The concert will be held in the hall for all students and their parents who have participated in the Religious Education program this year. This is a great opportunity for students and their families to enjoy a fun and entertaining Religious concert.

**Remembrance Day**
The Chalcot family will be commemorating Remembrance Day on Monday 11th November, commencing at 9.15am in the hall. Sergeant Nicolle Morgan of the Monash University Regiment will be addressing the assembly and our Chalcot Choir will be performing as part of the ceremony.

It would be much appreciated if parents would send along a few flowers or small posy for their children to place under the Australian flag during the assembly.

Poppies are available for purchase in the classrooms for $1.00 and poppies costing $2 are available at the office. All proceeds are used in the welfare work carried out by the RSL for ex-servicemen, women and their families who are in necessitous situations.

Parents and extended family members are most welcome to join us for this very special assembly. **LEST WE FORGET!**

**Student Safety**
Unless arrangements have been made with our Before School Care service, it is expected that students will arrive at school at approximately 8.45am, as there are teachers on yard duty from this time until 9am.

It is particularly important, for safety reasons, that children are not walking to school alone after 9.00am. Students who arrive after the 9.00am bell, must be brought to the office by a parent or guardian to be signed in, so that we know that the parent or guardian IS aware that their child is late; otherwise it could be the case that a parent THINKS their child is at school, but they are not.

Also, arriving late is disruptive to the child, as well as to other students, and negatively effects the organisation of the class and the ability of the child to quickly settle to set tasks for the day.

**Kelly Sports**
Congratulations to the team at Kelly Sports who have received a winning prize at the Casey Business Awards. This year, they were crowned Home Business of the Year. We are very proud to be associated with the Kelly Sports team, who provide a fabulous service to our students.

**Public Holiday**
Just a reminder that Tuesday 5th November is the Melbourne Cup Day public holiday for all Victorian schools.

**Help Needed**
Helpers are needed on Friday mornings to collate our ‘Weekly’. If you are able to assist please contact the office. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and would be much appreciated.

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal
**DIARY DATES**

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**Chalcot Lodge Primary School**

**‘Homework’ Policy – Comment Slip**

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SIGNED: _______________________________ Date: ____________

Name: _______________________________ Phone Number: ____________
**CANTEEN NEWS**
Please be advised that the canteen will be closed on Monday 4th November. Normal trading hours will resume on Wednesday 6th November.

**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.

**BELEZA STORE WIDE SALE** *
**THREE DAYS ONLY!!**
**20% OFF ALL BLAZERS & NON-BELEZA BRANDED ITEMS**

- Friday 1st November 9am – 7pm
- Saturday 2nd November 9am – 2pm

*Some conditions apply. Please see in store for more details.*
*20% off Non-Beleza branded items only
*No further discounts apply.
Membership discount inclusive

**THANK YOU**
We wish to extend a very big thank you to Bunnings Dandenong for their continued support. Anne as always put her expertise to good use instructing our future Preps and their buddies with their tomato seedling planting.

**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 Dollarnites 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 provide a hat for your child/ren. Sunscreen is provided at the service, please let Alex know if your child has a sunscreen allergy.

**Activities for this week include:**
- Creative artwork
- Flower making
- Book making
- Treasure hunt
- Smartie bingo

A variety of outdoor activities such as: ball games, groups sports games, free play to explore. Books and various other educational materials are also offered in the program. Please do not hesitate to drop in and have a chat if you need more information.

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

Y.L.V Team

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**YEAR 6 PRODUCTION**

**ALADDIN**

**WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 7.30PM**

_Hallam Theatrette_  
_Hallam Secondary College_  
_Frawley Road_  
_Hallam_

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