‘ALADDIN’

On 27th November, the Year 6’s performed their production to an audience of over 80 people. We performed the well-known story of Aladdin. We kicked the show off at 7:30pm and finished around 9:30pm. All the teachers were very supportive and came to watch our show. The crowd seemed mesmerised at our performance. The show was filled with laughter (the main contributor was Ms Ghirxi). We would like to thank Ms Ablitt and Mr Poliviou for guiding us throughout to make this production a success. The Year 6’s also would like to thank Mrs Wakeman, Mrs Clark and Mrs Rowntree who helped us with props, backdrops, costumes and much more. The Year 6’s also want to thank the audience for withstanding delays and coming to watch us.

Sincerely,
Marvan Jayawardena & Vivek Ravinthiran
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Magic of ‘Aladdin’
On Wednesday night, our Year 6 students shone on stage as they presented the production, ‘Aladdin’, at the Hallam Secondary College theatre. It was a full house, with families and friends enjoying the wonderful evening. The students did an outstanding job, singing, dancing and acting out their animated roles. The props, staging and lighting were excellent and everyone appreciated the refreshments made available by our PFA. Involvement in the production enabled the students to grow personally and to show yet another beautiful facet of themselves. It took many members of the Chalcot family to bring this production to life. Many thanks to the staff, parents and members of the wider Chalcot family for all that you did in the weeks prior to and on the day of the show. A very special thank you to Ms Abilit, Mrs Wakeman, Ms Rowntree, Mrs Clark and Mr Poliviou for your dedication to our Year 6 students and hard work in preparing for this very memorable night.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students on your spectacular performance, we are so proud of you all!!!!!!! I’m going to make sure that I get my three wishes from the Genie before the end of the day!!!!

Concert under the Oaks- Friday 6th December
Earlier this week, all families received an invitation to our end of year ‘Concert under the Oaks.’ The evening starts at 6.00pm with a Chalcot family picnic. Families can either purchase a sausage in bread and a soft drink from our PFA or bring along their own picnic. The concert will commence at 6.45pm. The Chalcot Choir and each class will be performing special items for you to enjoy. The staff also has a surprise for you!!! As the class teachers need to know how many of their students will be performing, please ensure that you fill out the reply slip on the invitation and return to school by Monday 2nd December, indicating whether your family will be attending our concert. If needed, a copy of the invitation is available on the Chalcot Website. Please provide your child with a towel or small cushion to sit upon and chairs or a rug for yourselves.

A jolly old man in a large red suit said he is coming too!!!!

2014 Student Leadership Program
The selection process for the 2014 student leaders is well under way. Aspiring School Captains have written applications and will be presenting their speeches to Paul and myself next Tuesday, 3rd December. We will then shortlist students in consultation with the class teachers. Shortlisted applicants will take part in group interviews next Wednesday, 4th December, from which girl and boy Captains and Vice Captains will be selected. The House Captains selection process will occur next Thursday, 5th December. This will involve Year 4 and 5 students presenting a speech to the other members of their House in Years 2 to 5. House members then vote to select boy and girl Captains and Vice Captains.

Thank you Morning Tea for Helpers
Just a reminder to all of the wonderful parents and grandparents who help us in so many ways to provide an excellent learning environment to the students, that you are warmly invited to the special morning tea which is being held in your honor next Wednesday 4th December from 11am to 11.45am in the staffroom. To assist us with catering could you please return the invitation slip by Monday 2nd December.

Term Dates Victorian Schools 2014

| TERM 1     | Tuesday 28th January – Friday 4th April |
| TERM 2     | Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 27th June   |
| TERM 3     | Monday 14th July – Friday 19th September |
| TERM 4     | Monday 6th October – Friday 19th December |

• Teachers will commence duty on Tuesday 28th January.
• The first three days of the school year, including Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th January will be Curriculum Days and consequently, pupils are not to attend on these three days.
• All students, including Year Prep students, will commence on Friday 31st January.
• Year Prep students do not attend on Wednesdays during February, unless by appointment for assessment.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Final Transition of 2013
Tuesday 10th December is the final transition day for 2013 for both our current Year 6 students transitioning to Secondary College and our new Prep for 2014. Please ensure you put this date in your calendar.

Prep Transition 2.00pm to 3.30pm
From 2.00pm – 3.30pm, parents are invited with their children to join their senior buddies for a Teddy Bear BBQ picnic. A free Sausage sizzle will be provided for the new prep students and their buddies. Payment of the 2014 Curriculum and Grounds Contributions will be accepted on this day.

Secondary College Transition
Year 6 students are not required to attend Chalcot Lodge PS on this day. Parents need to organise their child’s transportation to their new school. Our Year 6 students must wear their school uniform to their new Secondary College.

Student Reports
Student December reports and portfolios will be going home with your child on Wednesday 18th December. Included in the report envelope will be information regarding your child’s class placement for 2014. On this Wednesday 18th December, students will also have the opportunity to meet their 2014 teacher and classmaters.

Library Books
All library books borrowed by our students must be returned to school by Monday 9th December. Please have a good look over the weekend for any library books you may have at home.

Last School Day of the 2013 School Organisation
I can’t believe the end of year is fast approaching. The last day school day for 2013 is on Friday 20th December. A reminder to all parents that school will finish at 2.30pm. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up at 2.30pm or you can make arrangements with our After School Care program.

Last day of Term 4 Timetable
9.00 - 11.00 - class time
11.00 - 11.30 - recess
11.30 - 12.35 - class time
12.35 - 12.45 - eating time in the classroom
12.45 - 1.45 - lunch play
1.45 - 2.15 - assembly
2.15 - 2.30 - class time
Students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2.30pm

Advertising Space for Sale on our Website
If you have a business and would like to advertise it on our website, please come and see one of our lovely office staff to get more information. The cost of advertising on the website will be a $1 a day with a minimum of 30 days. All advertising must be in line with the Department and Early Childhood Development guidelines.

Paul Poliviou
Acting Assistant Principal
**DIARY DATES**

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**YEAR 5 MINI CARNIVAL**

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November the Year 5’s held a Mini Carnival in the 5/6 rooms. We held the Mini Carnival to raise money for the Environment Committee to buy Jackson Footswitches. In total we raised $530 and we thank everyone for coming.

by Peter M and Michael M
EMA Round 1 – 2014 Applications

We are currently taking applications for the first round of the Education Maintenance Allowance for 2014. 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 28th January 2014 (Instalment One), applications close on 28th February 2014. Please call at the office to if you need further information or assistance.

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 children. Sunscreen is provided at the service, let Alex know if your child has a sunscreen allergy.

Activities for this week include:
- Drawing and designing Christmas decorations
- Snow man mobiles
- Play dough
- Sponge/marble painting
- Board/card games

Please note that this program is extremely flexible and children have the choice of participation. We also include a variety of outdoor activities such as: ball games, groups sports games and 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.

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 Dollarmite token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items.

IT’S TIME TO TRADE IN YOUR DOLLARMITE TOKENS FOR A REWARD.

If you have collected 10 or more silver Dollarmite tokens you MUST redeem them for a reward before the end of Term 4 as no more than 9 tokens can be carried over into 2014. 10 tokens = 1 reward, 20 tokens = 2 rewards etc. Select the reward item(s) you want by completing the included Dollarmite notice and send it along with your next deposit. Extra notices are available from the school office.

Ruth Fullard
School Banking Coordinator

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.

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ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

Our Christmas Pageant featuring, soloist Margaret Orr will be held on Sunday 8th December from 4.00pm until 7.00pm. This will be followed by refreshments.

MEET KIM MCCOSKER – AUTHOR OF 4 INGREDIENTS

Don’t miss this opportunity to get up close and personal with the mum of three who has become a cooking phenomenon. The author of the 4 Ingredients Wellness Trilogy, will be at the Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate on Thursday 12th December, 11.00am until 12.00noon. Bookings essential. Book online at www.tinyurl.com/cclecevents or phone the library on 9704 7696. Book sales and signing available.

MOONLIT SANCTUARY SUMMER SCHOOL

Environmental activities, native animal care, fun and games during January 2014.
Monday 6th, Wednesday 8th, Friday 10th January
Monday 13th, Wednesday 15th, Friday 17th January
Monday 20th, Wednesday 22nd, Friday 24th January
Cost $45 per day or $120 for 3 days.
Bookings essential – suitable for 7 – 14 year olds. Hours 10.00am until 4.00pm.

BIG DAY OUT FOR DOGS & CANINE CHRISTMAS MARKET – Sunday 15th December 10.30am – 4.00pm

Come and join the fun and activities at The State Dog Centre – KCC Park, 655 Westernport Highway, Skye.

There will be dog showing; agility, obedience, lure coursing, retrieving and other demonstrations; breed displays with dogs and puppies to meet and greet; Christmas market with dog related products and services; fun activities; competitions; free face painting and jumping castles; visit the Canine Museum & Library.

Receive a free showbag at the DOGS Victoria marquee and enter our ‘doggy hamper’ prize. Entry is FREE. Dogs are very welcome (on lead). Kiosk open or bring a picnic. For more information phone 9788 2509 or visit our website: www.dogsvictoria.org.au

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