CONCERT UNDER THE OAKS

A fabulous time was had by young and old at our annual Concert Under the Oaks. Sausages were sizzling, picnic dinners enjoyed and everyone had a wonderful time listening to students and staff performing.
**CONCERT UNDER THE OAKS**

We were very lucky that the weather improved and we were able to hold our concert under the oaks last Friday evening!!!!!!

What a great time the Chalcot family had munching on their picnic dinners and then enjoying the students and staff performing a range of songs and dances. The students looked terrific in their Christmas gear and did a great job with their items.

Many thanks to families for coming along and helping to make the evening such a success and also to the PFA for cooking and serving ALL THOSE SAUSAGES! Thanks also to the staff who, as usual, made sure that everything was perfectly organised.

At the end of the evening, the children were very excited, as Santa arrived with a ring of his bell and a cheery “Ho, ho, ho”. Sweets and candy canes were shared and, all in all, a jolly time was had by all!

A special thank you to Mr Napier for coordinating this year’s concert.

**2014 HOUSE CAPTAINS**

It is with great pleasure that I announce the House Captains for 2014. A special badge presentation assembly will be held during Term 1, 2014.

- **Bluegum Captains:** Bailey O’Callaghan and Kaylee McPheal
- **Eucalypt Captains:** Vishal Panditharatne and Alexandra Starecki
- **Eucalypt Vice Captains:** Michael Morgan and Olivia Phillips
- **Banksia Captains:** Bailey Adams and Brianna Ryan
- **Banksia Vice Captains:** Peter Millaras and Pooja Reddy
- **Acacia Captains:** Kaelen MacKinnon and Lucy Mayes
- **Acacia Vice Captains:** Tome Correia and Nyarathe Gatkoth

Applicants for the positions prepared and presented speeches to their Houses and a ballot was held with House members. Well done to all students who stepped up to be considered and congratulations to the successful applicants. A special badge presentation assembly will be held during Term 1, 2014.

**2014 ICT LEADERS**

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as ICT leaders for 2014:

- Katelyn De Savery, Sebastian Stanciu, Brianna Ryan, Vishal Panditharatne, Jaikie Weerasingha, Kaelen MacKinnon, Tyrone Samson-Kite, Isabelle Coad, Claire Goodall and Joshua Featherston.

They will be helping Mrs Bearsley in the ICT and Media Lab. ICT leaders will be receiving their badges during a special assembly during Term 1.

**Farewell**

We would like to farewell Melissa Skewes, our very talented Physical Education teacher. Next year, Ms Skewes will be following her dream and training elite gymnasts at the Victorian Women’s High Performing Centre. On behalf of the Chalcot Family, we thank you very much for all your hard work, commitment to the school and for delivering a very exciting and comprehensive Physical Education program to our students. Good luck Melissa, may all your dreams come true. We will miss you!!

**Teddy Bear Friends**

Last Tuesday saw the final Pre-school to Prep Transition session; and what a great time everybody had! Each preschool child once again teamed with their senior Chalcot Buddy to enjoy a very special Teddy Bear BBQ Picnic. It was lovely to see our students looking after their little buddies, taking them by the hand to collect their BBQ lunch and getting to know each other as they ate.

**Chalcot Lodge Cook Book**

The time has flown so quickly this term and unfortunately the PFA, has not been able to finalise the Chalcot Lodge Cook book. PFA is endeavouring to complete the book early next term.

If you are a Chalcot Family member who will not be with us next year, please feel free to pop in and purchase a cook book late next term.
**PREP - YEAR 2 TOY SALE**

Congratulations to students in Years Prep to two. Today we raised almost $200 at our fabulous Toy Sale.

**TERM 4 FROGGY AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their class teacher to receive a “Froggy” award. The “Froggy” awards are presented to students who have shown the most improvement during Term 4. Students will receive their “Froggy” awards at assembly on Friday 20th December.

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**UPCOMING VISITS AND EXCURSIONS**

- **Thursday 19th December**
  - Year 6 Big Day Out – Gumbuya Park

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**CANTEEN IS OPEN FOR LUNCH ORDERS AND COUNTER SALES MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS CLOSED TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**
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 child/ren. Sunscreen is provided at the service, let Alex know if your child has a sunscreen allergy.

Activities for this week:
• Painting experiences
• Bead creations
• Group games

Friday 20th will be the group Christmas party for all children that attend the program. Party games such as, pass the parcel, musical chairs and lots of party food will be provided. Please let me know if your children will attend on this day.

Alex - YLV team

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

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD SCHOOL ART COMPETITION

Chalcot Lodge Primary School is a proud participant in Dandenong Plaza’s Christmas Around The World art competition which is now on display in the Centre outside Zamels. We have chosen to celebrate Christmas in Italy. A total of 10 local schools are participating in the competition. All pieces can be viewed online at the Dandenong Plaza Facebook page, and the three schools that receive the most votes win a $500 Dandenong Plaza Gift Card. Help our school to win by voting at: www.facebook.com/dandenongplazashopping

SUMMER GARDENING

Our vegetable garden will need some love and attention over the summer break. If you would like to help with weeding and watering please complete the reply slip attached to this newsletter.

Cathy Bracegirdle

SCHOOL BANKING

Don’t forget that FRIDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposits.

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.

BOOK DISTRIBUTION - RETURN SLIP

Please complete and return to the school office by Thursday 19th December 2013

I will be able to assist with book distribution at the following times. (Please tick the box).

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NAME: __________________________ PHONE: __________________________

Child’s Name: __________________________ Grade: __________________________