

CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement

PREP GRANDPARENTS' DAY

This week, grandparents of our Prep students made a special visit to the classrooms to watch the classes 'in action'.

The children were beaming and the grandparents were so proud!!

Thank you to the families who were able to join us and who made the morning such a great success.

Congratulations and thank you to our fabulous teachers, Cathy Bracegirdle, Stephanie Caust and Anastasia Christopoulos for organising such a lovely event.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Senior Area Upgrade

The synthetic grass on the senior hard court area has finally been installed and looks amazing. Thank you to PFA for contributing a whopping \$10,000 to this great resource for our children. The PFA has been working really hard over the last 12 months organising fund fundraising events. A huge thank you must go to our wonderful school community! Without your support this would not have been possible!!

Chalcot Facebook is a hit!!!!

Our Chalcot Lodge Community Group Facebook page has been a real success with 32 families enjoying our updates. The aim of the page is to inform families of upcoming events, changes to programs or general information that we think will be useful.

In order for you to become a member of the page, you are required to complete the "Facebook Acceptable Use Agreement" available on the school website or from the front office. Once this has been completed and handed back to the office, you will need to request to join the group on our Facebook page.

A very big thankyou to Ms Coyne for regularly updating our page and keeping us all informed!!!

ANZAC Day

The Chalcot family will be commemorating ANZAC Day on Thursday 24th April, commencing at 9.15am in the hall. Sergeant Nicolle Morgan of the Monash University Regiment will be addressing the children 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.

ANZAC Day badges are available for purchase in the classrooms or at the front office for 50c. 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.

Helping Children Make Friends

Friendships are very important for a child's happiness and well-being. Below is a web address for a wonderful article on how we can help develop our children's social skills to enhance their ability of making friends.
<http://www.kidshelp.com.au/grownups/news-research/hot-topics/making-friends.php>

End of Term Already!

I can't believe it; it's the end of Term 1 already. On behalf of the staff, I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you bright eyed and bushy tailed on Tuesday 22nd April!

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

How you can help in the fight to prevent vandalism over the school holidays.

If you are concerned about people on our school property, particularly outside schools hours, I would urge you to phone Endeavour Hills Police on 9709 7666.

It is very important to make notes about any suspicious vehicles or people before contacting the police. The notes should include information such as vehicle type and registration numbers and the descriptions of any person/s acting suspiciously, causing wilful damage or behaving inappropriately on our school premises.

All matters of school security are controlled by the Emergency Management Department of The Department of Education and Training. Whilst members of the school community are welcome to use our junior and senior playground equipment, we are private **not** public property.

Scratch, Scratch, Scratch.....HEAD LICE!

During this week we have had one reported case of head lice in the 3/4 area. We would urge all parents to check their children's and their own hair.

Lice do not just infect children's hair!

It is essential that hair is treated with an appropriate shampoo and that the hair is sectioned off for thorough combing with a special fine toothed comb to remove eggs sticking to the hair. Simply washing your child's hair with your normal shampoo will not help. Students with long hair should wear it tied back while at school.

School Uniform

The absolutely great thing about school uniforms is that they make everyone feel like they belong; they're economical, easy to wash and wear, eliminate competition about who is the trendiest and nurture a sense of school pride. The annoying thing about school uniform is that it is difficult to discern the owner of items, unless they are clearly labelled with the name and class of the student. Whilst it is true that uniform is economical in terms of their cost and the amount of daily use they get, it becomes a very annoying, expensive and inconvenient matter when they are lost. Unfortunately, on some occasions, students inadvertently pick up someone else's jumper or hat and the owner's parents are faced with needing to buy another one. Please regularly check that your child does have their own uniform and please label all garments, particularly those which children take off during the school day, to prevent a muddle up!

Canteen News

As of the beginning of Term 2, the canteen will **NO LONGER** be open on Mondays.

Canteen will be open for lunch orders and over the counter sales on Wednesdays and Fridays **ONLY**.

HAPPY EASTER to you all, I know we are all hoping to receive lots of yummy Easter eggs from the Easter bunny.

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal

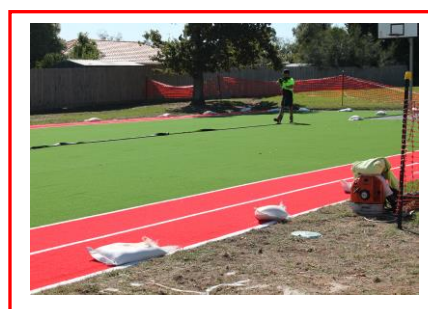
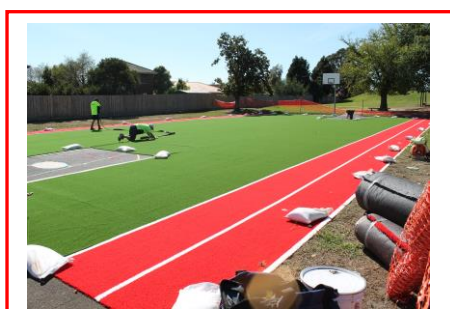
**CANTEEN IS OPEN FOR LUNCH ORDERS AND COUNTER SALES ON WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
CLOSED MONDAY, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**



DIARY DATES

Friday	4 th	April	End Term 1	Students dismissed at 2.30pm
Tuesday	22 nd	April	Commencement Term 2	9.00am start all students
Thursday	24 th	April	Anzac Day Assembly	9.15am - Hall
Friday	25 th	April	ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	No school for students
Monday	28 th	April	School Banking Day	Instead of Friday 25 th April
Monday	28 th	April	Devonshire Tea Commences during normal cooking classes	
<u>UPCOMING INVISITS AND EXCURSIONS</u>				
Thursday	1 st	May	Adidas Fun Run	Junior School 9.20 – 10.00am Senior school 10.00 – 11.00am
Saturday	3 rd	May	Bunnings BBQ – Dandenong	8.00am – 4.00pm

Synthetic Grass Courts being installed



Staff and Year 5/6 cricket challenge

It came down to the final over with students securing a win with several balls to go. During next term, staff will be doing training on their catching skills.



ANZAC DAY BADGES

As ANZAC day is nearing, we are selling ANZAC badges for 50c each. We will be selling them each day during eating time. It would be nice if you would buy one to honour our ANZACS.

Jaysen, Peter, Kodie & Emily – Year 6 students

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Morning: 7.00am – 8.45am Monday to Friday during school term, excluding all Victorian Public Holidays.
Permanent/casual: \$ 15.00.

Breakfast is provided until 8.30am.

Afternoon: 3.30pm – 6.00pm Monday to Friday during school term, excluding all Victorian Public Holidays.

Afternoon snack and drink provided.

Permanent/casual: \$ 19.00.

Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate available for all families.

Note: Parents please provide a hat for your child/ren. Sunscreen is provided at the service.

Activities this week include:

- Creating funky animals & creatures
- Painting
- Dress Ups
- Dramatic Play

Please feel free to speak to Iris or Alex if you have any concerns.

Call 0400 194 859 during session times or come in and have a chat!

Y.L.V Team

SCHOOL BANKING

*Don't forget that **FRIDAY** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.*

The first Friday in Term 2 is the Anzac Day public holiday. So that you don't miss a week of school banking (and a token!), we will do that week's banking on the following Monday (28th April). If you happen to bring your bank book on Thursday 24th April, we will hold onto it until it is process on the Monday.

Awesome competition in Term 2

Make a minimum of 3 deposits during Term 2, to be automatically entered into the draw for the major student prize of an underwater family adventure holiday on the Gold Coast!! There are also 130 runners-up prizes of \$250 Toys 'R' Us gift cards. Be in it to win it! There are also prizes which our school can win, so make sure you keep making those deposits!

Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator

SPECIAL EFFORT RESULTS

Congratulations to the winners of our Easter Special Effort prizes.

- 1st Jason Ockenden - 4/5AT
2nd Nathan Freeman - OSC
3rd Tijana Karac - OCB
4th Damon Reynolds – 5/6DN



Thank you to all our wonderful families for supporting this fundraiser.

PFA - Committee

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 and Visa are 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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CITY OF CASEY – BIG SING

You are invited to join Casey Big Sing on Saturday 10th May 2014.

Big Sing is a day of music and fun for 8 – 18 year olds who love to sing. Entry is FREE for all participants.

For more information and to apply online go to: berwickyouthchoir.com.au/bigsing.

9.00am – 2.30pm at the Performing Arts Theatre, Hallam Senior College, Frawley Road, Hallam. Proudly sponsored by the Berwick Youth Choir.