

Scones, Jam and Cream

There were smiles all around as children and their mums & grandmothers had a lovely time in the Cookery room whipping up scones, jam and cream to share together to celebrate Mothers' Day. A very big thank you to Mrs Felton (our chef extraordinaire) for organising this very special Mothers' Day activity.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Attitudes to School Survey

Next week, students from Years 5 and 6 will participate in the Department's Attitudes to School survey, which is completed by all senior students across Victoria within the current fortnight. The survey is completed anonymously and assists staff in finding out students' views on the school in general and their feelings and opinions about their experience in the classroom, with the teachers and with other students. The data is sent to the Department for collation and is used by the school to determine aspects which are functioning well and those which need improvement. The results of the survey will be reported in the 2014 Annual Report.

Supervision Times

It has come to my attention that many students are arriving to school very early in the morning. I wish to remind parents that supervision of students commences at 8.45am. There is no student supervision before this time. If you need your child supervised before 8.45am please contact our Before and After School Care service. I would suggest that if parents are having their children dropped off by carers, it is advisable to ensure that carers are informed of the times teacher supervision is available.

Mothers' Day Stall

A reminder, that Mothers' is on Sunday 11th May. Our Parents' and Friends' Association will be holding their annual Mothers' Day Stall on Wednesday 7th May with gifts ranging from \$1 to \$6. Children love to give something special to their Mum, so please support this activity. Many thanks to the PFA for organising the stall.

School Banking

Thanks to the hard work of our School Banking Coordinator, parent Ingrid Williams, our School Banking Program is very well supported at Chalcot Lodge Primary School and provides an excellent way to teach students about the importance in life of saving money.

School Fun Run

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the School Fun Run yesterday. You all put in a magnificent effort and we are very proud of you! A very big thank you to Ms Amanda Thomas and Mr Dean Napier for organising this event and to all the staff and parents who assisted on the day.

Year 6 Bunnings BBQ Fundraising Event

Parents and Teachers of our Year 6 students will be busy cooking sausages this Saturday at Bunnings Dandenong. All money raised on the day will go towards supporting the 2014 Year 6 Graduation and Big Day Out. If you have some free time on Saturday, please pop down and support our Year 6 by purchasing a snag and drink!!

Taking Enrolments Now

We are now taking enrolments for 2015. Those families with children who are commencing at our school next year are invited to complete and return the enrolment form as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are available at the office.

Your Opinion Please

Currently the School Based Consultation and Transition policies are under review. Your input is welcome using the reply slip available at the front office.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The National Assessment Program For Years 3 and 5

The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 students will be held on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May. The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority on behalf of the Ministerial Council of Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs. The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about their child's performance in English and Mathematics.

The NAPLAN results will help teachers to measure student achievement and develop support strategies to improve students' literacy and numeracy skills. It is designed to monitor students' progress and assist teachers to develop a more focussed teaching program.

Later in the year, parents with children in Years 3 and 5 will receive their child's personal report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. This report will also show how your child performed in relation to the national benchmark standards. These benchmark standards describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

It is important to remember that these tests are just one form of assessment that teachers use to gather information about student progress and are just a snapshot of each child's achievement.

If you have any queries regarding the NAPLAN testing please feel free to contact me. You may also visit the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAPLAN website at www.naplan.edu.au

Excursions and Invisits

To enrich class programs this year, teachers have planned excursions outside the school to provide all students with opportunities for first hand learning experiences, which will broaden their understanding and knowledge of units of work being taught.

Teachers will have also planned invisits to the school where visitors provide expertise and knowledge as part of the planned curriculum program.

It is vital that all students attend excursions and invisits as these activities relate to specific parts of the school's curriculum. It is vital that the permission slip and money be returned promptly to the school. Legally, without the return of a signed permission slip, a student CANNOT attend an excursion or invisit.

Students participating in excursions which require a meal, should clearly label their lunch and drink (no glass containers for drinks). School uniform must be worn at all times on excursions.

Canteen Closed on Mondays

Just a reminder that the canteen is now closed for both counter sales and lunch orders on Mondays. The canteen will open on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Website Temporarily Closed

The Chalcot Lodge website has been closed since Monday due to technical difficulties with our host, Sponsor-Ed. We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience, Sponsor-Ed are working non-stop to solve the issue and get our site live again in the shortest amount of time.

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal



DIARY DATES

Wednesday	7 th	May	PFA Mothers' Day Stall	
Tue – Thurs	13 th – 15 th	May	NAPLAN	Year 3 & 5 students
Tuesday	13 th	May	Assembly	2.45pm Hall
Wednesday	14 th	May	School Council meeting	7.30pm Staffroom
Mon – Fri	19th – 23rd	May	EDUCATION WEEK	
Wednesday	21 st	May	Chalcot Talent Quest	11.30am – 1.30pm Hall
Wednesday	21 st	May	Kinder Club	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Thursday	22 nd	May	Open Day	
Thursday	22 nd	May	Family Night	5.30pm – 6.00pm BBQ 6.00pm – 7.30pm Family Activities
Friday	23 rd	May	National Walk to School Day	
Monday	26 th	May	PFA meeting	7.30pm Staffroom
Tuesday	27 th	May	Assembly	2.45pm Hall
<u>UPCOMING INVISITS AND EXCURSIONS</u>				
Saturday	3 rd	May	Year 6 Graduation Bunnings BBQ – Dandenong	8.00am – 4.00pm
Tuesday	20 th	May	ICAS Computer Competition	
Tuesday	20 th	May	Yr 1/2 CERES Excursion	Permission form & \$32.00 due by 16 th May
Wednesday	28 th	May	Yr Prep – 2 Bunnings Autumn Planting Day	



YEAR 3 – 6 INQUIRY WALK

As part of our new inquiry topic, 'Human and Natural Processes Impact our Earth,' students in Years 3 – 6 are walking around our local community, taking photos, writing notes and drawing pictures of things they see along the way. Students in 3/4 AK, 3/4 RS & 4 AT enjoyed their walk on Wednesday. Due to inclement weather, 5 AT, 5/6 AA & 5/6 DN have rescheduled their walk for Monday. Fingers crossed the sun will shine!



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.

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:

* Mothers' Day Craft Activities

* Multimedia

* Nature hunt

* 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.

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

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NAB AFL AUSKICK

Registration Day is being held on Saturday 3rd May from 9.15am – 11.00am at Barry Simaon Reserve, Gleneagles Drive, Endeavour Hills. Clinics will then be held on Saturdays from 9.30am – 11.00am. For further information and to register online, go to www.aflauskick.com.au enter the postcode 3802, scroll down to Mossgiel Park and click on 'Register'.

CHALCOT FUN RUN

Students enjoyed the Fun Run yesterday as well as the icy poles kindly supplied by the PFA. Don't forget to return sponsor forms & money by Wednesday 7th May so that prizes can be ordered.



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