

# CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement

## CHALCOT LODGE GREEN TEAM

Chalcot Lodge is proud to present our new 'Green Team'. The team consists of ten senior school students and is led by Mr Cacavas and Ms Key.

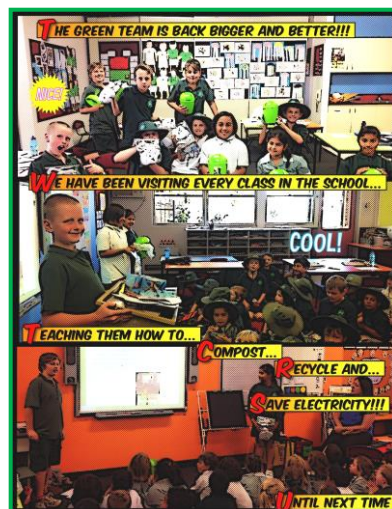
We have been working hard to save electricity and the environment at our school.

Every class has been collecting compost daily for the garden and soon we will introduce class recycling too. Special thanks to Ms Key and her mum for making the 'Green Team' (GT) vests.

Our comics are available on the school website.

Stay green!!

Greg Cacavas & Allyson Key  
Green Team Leaders



## ***FROM THE PRINCIPAL***

### **NAPLAN**

During this week, students in Years 3 and 5 have participated in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Later in the year, parents 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.

Well done to all the students and teachers who have worked extremely hard in preparation for NAPLAN.

### **Kinder Club Invitation**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Kinder Club for the year will be held next Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2.30pm. We are now in the process of taking 2015 Prep enrolments. If you have a child ready to come to school next year (turning five years old by April 30th 2015), please pick up an enrolment pack from the front office.

### **District Cross Country Competition**

Congratulations to all our students who will be participating in the District Cross Country Competition on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Our students and staff will be walking to Sydney Pargeter Reserve, leaving school at 9.15am and returning at around 2.00pm. Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately and have with them their snack, lunch and plenty to drink to take. Go Chalcot!!!

### **Education Week Celebration**

The Chalcot family will be celebrating Education Week next week. We will be starting off with our Chalcot Talent Quest being held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 11.30am on the junior grassed area (weather permitting). Our Education Week evening celebrations begin at 5.30pm. Please ensure you have your family entry forms in no later than next Monday!

### **Evening Schedule**

**5.30 to 6.00** Free Sausage Sizzle

**5.30 to 5.45** Recycle & Reuse Competition Registration

**6.00 to 6.30** Chalcot Earth Explorers activities

**6.30 to 7.00** Recycle & Reuse Competition

### **National Walk to School Day – Friday 23rd May**

Just a reminder that walk to school day is next Friday. Although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it would be great if children can walk some of the way to school. *Come on Chalcot, it's time that we seriously start talking about walking!!!!*

Monica Ghirxi  
**Principal**

## ***FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL***

### **Punctuality and Regular Attendance**

It is essential that students develop a positive attitude to coming to school. To assist this, it is necessary that students arrive at school before the music commences at 8.55am. Ideally, students should arrive between 8.45am and 8.55am. This will allow them time to meet their friends and line up ready for the 9.00am bell.

Students can feel embarrassed and can also miss important instructions if they arrive after their classmates are already settled. Coming in late may also cause unnecessary problems separating from parents resulting in an unsettled start to the day.

When children are unwell, they should be kept at home where they can rest and recover. Children who are feeling unwell are not able to learn and participate in the class programs effectively. The school contacts parents or emergency contacts to collect sick children. If your child is not well enough to be at school, they are probably not well enough to be "working" either. However, if the illness is prolonged, you may like to discuss this with the class teacher.

### **Education Week Celebrations**

Our Education Week Celebrations kick off next week with our Talent Quest on Thursday 11.30am – 1.30pm. Participants have been busy rehearsing and Mrs Wakeman, Ms Warburton & Mrs Profetta have been spending many hours organising this wonderful event.

Chalcot Earth Explorers Fun activity night will be held next Thursday evening. We will be starting off with a free sausage sizzle in the courtyard from 5.30pm to 6.00pm. Our exploration begins in the hall at 6.00pm. Join in the spirit by dressing in clothing to represent an explorer. Hope everyone has returned their entry form!!!!!!

### **Picking up your Children After School- A Student Safety Issue**

If for some reason you, or your child's carer, is delayed after school, please contact us so that your child can be brought into the office to wait. Children often become distressed if they are not collected at the usual time. By letting us know of your delayed arrival, we can avoid any unnecessary distress.

Students who have not been collected by 3.45pm are to come into the office to wait for their parents. Once students come into the office, they will not be allowed to leave unaccompanied. Parents or carers will have to come inside and sign a release form to collect the students from the office.



### **Mr P's Footy Predictions**

**PIES** by 14 points, **TIGERS** by 25 points,

**GOLD-COAST** by 32 points, **SWANS** by 21 points,

**NORTH** by 45 points

Paul Poliviou  
**Assistant Principal**





# DIARY DATES

**Mon – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	May
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	May
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Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	May
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	May
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	May
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	June
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>June</b>
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	June
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	June

**EDUCATION WEEK**

Kinder Club	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Open Day	
Chalcot Talent Quest	11.30am – 1.30pm Hall
Family Night	5.30pm – 6.00pm BBQ 6.00pm – 7.30pm Family Activities
National Walk to School Day	
PFA meeting	7.30pm – Staff room
Assembly	2.45pm - Hall
Finance Committee Meeting	3.45pm - Conference Room
<b>Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday</b>	<b>No school for students</b>
Assembly	2.45pm - Hall
School Council Meeting	7.30pm – Staff room

**UPCOMING INVISITS AND EXCURSIONS**

Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	May	ICAS Computer Competition	
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	May	Yr 1/2 CERES Excursion	Payment of \$32 due by 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	May	District Cross Country	Sydney Pargeter Reserve
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	May	Interschool Sport - St Paul Apostle North	Home
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	May	Yr Prep – 2 Bunnings Autumn Planting Day	
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	June	ICAS Science Competition	
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	June	Wild Action Zoo	Payment of \$12 due by 29 <sup>th</sup> May

## Chalcot Cheer Squad



### 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:**

- \* Felt Creations
- \* Boxed Castles
- \* Finger & Sponge Painting
- \* Free 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 this term 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! **IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP TO SCHOOL BANKING YET IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO TAKE PART.**

**Reward Redemptions** During Term 2 students can submit tokens for reward redemptions at any time. According to the bank's records, there are at least 15 students who are eligible to claim rewards.

Ingrid Williams  
School Banking Coordinator

### COMMUNITY NEWS

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### Casey-Cardinia Library

Presenting a new initiative for parents/carers and professionals about books, reading and preparing children for kinder and school. **“Read, Learn, Thrive”** is an expo featuring a range of service providers, displays, seminars, workshops and guest speakers for parents/carers and professionals with children aged 0-7 years, to help them to read, learn and thrive in a world of words.

Topics for small talks include • How to encourage a love of books • Why you should read to your child? • Raising bilingual children • Information and advice for parents of reluctant readers • Learning difficulties support • Preparing your child for school • Lucky door prizes • PD certificate of attendance • Showbags

Thursday 5 June 11am -8.30pm at Pakenham Library and Hall Complex

### **Key note sessions**

11am – 1pm

Barbie Bates, Paediatric Occupational Therapist and Managing Director of “Paint the Town Read” on “Bonding, Brains, Books and Behaviour” and Jeanette Rowe, popular children’s author and Literacy Ambassador for Playgroup Victoria and Literacy Champion for Let’s Read.

6.30-8.30pm (6-6.30 – light refreshments)

Barbie Bates, Paediatric Occupational Therapist and Managing Director of “Paint the Town Read” on “Bonding, Brains, Books and Behaviour” and John Marsden, bestselling author and Founder/Principal of Candlebark School on "Oh the Things We Can Think" .

Register here to receive full program.

<http://www.tinyurl.com/cclcevents>

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

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