

CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement

INTRODUCING OUR 3/4 & 5/6 LEARNING CENTRES

This year we have purchased new furniture for the Year 5/6 Unit. The furniture looks amazing, with multi coloured tables and chairs, couches and new technology including an interactive touch screen TV.

The new Year 3/4 portable also looks terrific. The portable has had a fresh coat of paint with new joinery installed. Students are also enjoying an interactive touch screen TV.

Chalcot Lodge is certainly moving into the 21st Century!!!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Leaders Badge Ceremony

School Captains & Vice Captains, House Captains & Vice Captains, ICT Leaders and Junior School Councillors will be presented with their badges next Tuesday 18th February at 2.35pm in the hall.

The student leaders and their parents are invited to celebrate with afternoon tea in the Library following the assembly.

Class Information Sessions and Family Fun Night

Our Class Information and Family Fun Night will be held on Thursday 20th February. The evening begins with a BBQ commencing from 5.15pm until 6.00pm. Following the BBQ, parents/guardians are welcome to attend class information sessions, where teachers will explain class routines, expectations and teaching methods. You will also have the opportunity to visit your children's individual classrooms.

Between 6.00pm and 7.30pm, while the Class Information sessions are in progress, there will be lots of fun activities happening on the senior side for all our students and their families to enjoy.

To assist with preparations, please return both the Class Information Session and Family Fun Night BBQ slips, no later than Monday, 17th February.

Parent Cookery Helpers Information Session

On Monday 11th February, Mrs Nicole Felton and I will be holding an information session for parents who will be kindly volunteering to help with our Cookery Program. The session will be held in the Cookery & Etiquette Room from 9.00am until 10.00am.

School Council Membership

In next week's newsletter, I will be calling for nominations for membership of the Chalcot Lodge School Council. I have included some information about the composition and role of School Council and of the election process.

What is a School Council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a School Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the School Council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child's school, as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DEECD employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of School Council. The Principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the Council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual School Council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on School Councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a School Council find their involvement satisfying in itself.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the School Council or encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on School Council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

As Principal, I am responsible to issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of term 1 each year. All School Council elections must be completed by the 17th March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the School Council where their child is enrolled. Nomination forms will be available from the office. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the Principal within the time stated on the notice of election.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on Council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Please consider joining our School Council. I am happy to answer any questions.

Student Accident Insurance Arrangements

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

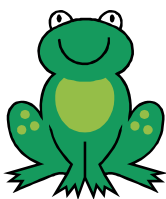
Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that parents / guardians seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

Your Opinion Please

We are currently reviewing our policies on Investment, School Electronic Banking and First Aid. School community input is welcome. A reply slip is included in this newsletter.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

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



DIARY DATES

Monday	17 th	February	Kitchen Helper Information Session	9.00am – 10.00am
Tuesday	18 th	February	Assembly – Badge Presentation School Captains, House Captains, Junior School Council & ICT Leaders	2.30pm
Wednesday	19 th	February	School Council Meeting	Staffroom – 7.30pm
Thursday	20 th	February	Family Fun Night Activities & BBQ Classroom Information Session	5.15pm – 6.00pm 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Monday	24 th	February	Cookery & Etiquette Program commences	Payment due 20 th February
Monday	3 rd	March	PFA Meeting	7.30pm – Staffroom
Tuesday	4 th	March	Assembly	2.45pm
Monday	10th	March	Labour Day Public Holiday	No School for students
Wednesday	12 th	March	Finance Committee Meeting	3.45pm – Conference Room
Tuesday	18 th	March	Assembly – Peer Mediation Badge Presentation	2.35pm
Wednesday	19 th	March	Co-op AGM	7.00pm – Staffroom
Wednesday	19 th	March	School Council AGM	Staffroom – 7.30pm
<u>UPCOMING INVISITS AND EXCURSIONS</u>				
Tuesday	18 th	February	School Swimming Trials – North Lodge Swimming Centre	9.30am – 11.00am
Thursday	27 th	February	District Swimming	

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Road Safety Issues

Parents are requested to be mindful of student safety before and after school in relation to traffic:

- The Staff Car Park is not to be used for drop off and pick up purposes.
- Please do not double park in Primrose Hill Close or Haverstock Hill Drive when dropping off or picking up your child.
- Do not park in the No Standing Zones in Primrose Hill Close.
- As Primrose Hill Close is narrow and easily congested before and after school, enter it from the north (senior playground end) to avoid impasses.
- U Turns in Primrose Hill Close and Haverstock Hill Drive should be avoided.
- Discuss with your child the need to alight from your car from the curb side only, never the road side.
- If your child walks to school, discuss with them the importance of being alert to traffic, listening and looking both ways before crossing.
- If your child crosses Heatherton or Power Roads, discuss with them the correct way to use the crossings.
- Please obey all traffic and parking signs outside the school.
- The speed limit is 40kph adjacent to our school, however, drivers may need to drive even slower depending on the circumstances.
- Drives and pedestrians both need to be alert during drop off and pick up times to ensure the safety of our children.

Parking inspectors patrol school zones and will issue fines for non-compliance of road rules and parking signs.

For the sake of our children's safety, your co-operation in these areas will be greatly appreciated.

Coping with Hot Days

Just a reminder that, as part of our Sun Smart Policy, students must wear their Chalcot school hat during terms 1 and 4. Parents may also choose to apply sunscreen to their children prior to coming to school. All students need to have a water bottle (no glass please) and are allowed to have these easily accessible for use throughout the day.

Instrumental Music Program

One of our many extra curriculum programs is Instrumental Music. Students have the wonderful opportunity to be taught how to play a tuned musical instrument by Roy Condeza from Grace Notes Music School. Students may learn piano, keyboard, guitar or voice and lessons are held during the school day each Friday. Please feel free to contact myself or Monica for further information.

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal

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: \$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 include:

- Play dough experiences
- Dress ups
- Movie and treat day
- Card making
- Sports
- Choice of own activities

A variety of outdoor activities such as: ball games, group sports games, 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 please call

Alex on 0400 194 859 during session times.

Y.L.V Team

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

Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

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ENDEAVOUR UNITED SOCCER

Junior registration day, Sunday 16th February 2014 from 11.00am until 4.00pm at Reema Reserve, Reema Blvd, Endeavour Hills. Junior boys & girls under 7's to under 18's. Email; endeavourunitedsc@gmail.com
Cash or eftpos on the day.

CASEY TIGERSHARKS SWIMMING CLUB

Now Recruiting!!

Have you ever wanted to join a swimming club, but didn't know how?

Are you looking for a way to improve your overall fitness?

Can you swim 50mts Freestyle, 25mts Backstroke & Breaststroke?

From 8 year olds to Olympians, we cater for them all!

Come and join our Try Out Day's at Casey RACE (Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne East).

Saturday 22nd February at 11.00am or Saturday 8th March at 11.00am.

Please RSVP to tigersharksrecruitment@hotmail.com.au to gain FREE entry for 1 swimmer and a parent on the day. Every child gets a showbag!

Bring your swim suit and goggles.

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