CHALCOT LODGE

STUDENT LEADERS

School Captains
Kodie Myszka
Peter Millaras.

School Vice Captains
Emily Van
Jaysean Del Socorro

Banksia Captains
Brianna Ryan
Bailey Adams

Banksia Vice Captains
Pooja Reddy
Peter Millaras

Eucalypt Captains
Alexandra Starecki
Vishal Panditharatne

Eucalypt Vice Captain
Olivia Phillips
Michael Morgan

Bluegum Captains
Georgia Allsopp
Stanley Ross

Bluegum Vice Captains
Kaylee McPhail
Bailey O’Callaghan

Acacia Captains
Lucy Mayes
Kaelen MacKinnon

Acacia Vice Captains
Absent: Nyarath Gatkuoth
Thomas Correa

CONGRATULATIONS!
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Call for School Council Membership Nominations
Our School Council is constituted to have 12 members, including: six parent members, four Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) members and co-opted community members. The parent and DEECD memberships are for a two year period, unless a one year vacancy is being filled. The co-opted memberships are also for a two year period. Eight meetings are held during the year, usually on a Wednesday evening, commencing at 7.30pm. In rare circumstances, extraordinary meetings can be called.

Our retiring parent members are Erick Del Socorro, Noeline Ryan and Paul Newton. The retiring Department members are Kay Davies, Paul Poliivious and Dean Napier. Our retiring community members are Stacey Wilkins and Rebecca Pellowe.

On behalf of our school community, I extend our sincere gratitude for the dedication demonstrated and for the significant contributions that our retiring members made to our school and students. I also wish to thank them for the wonderful support provided to me personally in my new role as Principal.

The final meeting of the current Council will be Wednesday 19th March for the Annual General Meeting at 7.15pm.

Members of the school community are invited to nominate themselves or other persons for:
- the three, 2 year vacancies for Parent Members; and
- the three, 3 year vacancies for DEECD Employee Members.

Prospective School Council members may either self-nominate or can arrange to be nominated by a person who is eligible in the same category for which you are standing. Nomination forms are available at the office.

Nominations close at 4pm, next Friday 28th February, 2014. All nomination slips must be placed in the box labelled “School Council Nominations”, which is at the office. A list of candidates, nominators and seconders will be displayed at the office on Tuesday 4th March.

If we receive the same number of nominations as there are vacancies, the new School Council will be announced. If there are more nominations than vacancies, a ballot will be held, closing on Wednesday 12th March 2014.

Once the new Council of Parent and DEECD category members is in place, consideration will be given to co-opting two community members. Community membership positions are for two years tenure.

The new School Council will consider filling these two positions at their first meeting on 19th March at 7.30pm.

Parent Helpers’ Obligation Agreement
Thank you to all our wonderful parents who have begun assisting with classroom and school programs. At Chalcot Lodge we are so fortunate that the partnership between parents, guardians and the school is so strong. The learning environment and opportunities for students at Chalcot Lodge are very much enhanced because of this partnership. The staff and I are very grateful for all of the support provided, be it in the form of working on committees, helping with class programs, excursions, productions, fundraising activities, working bees, collating newsletters, assisting on sport days and the list could go on and on!

As part of the Department of Education requirements, all volunteers at the school, including parent helpers, are required to have a current “Working with Children Check”, and details about this can be gained at the school office. All parent helpers must call at the office to sign the Parent Helpers’ Register and to collect a school security badge before commencing their activity each visit. Parent helpers are also required to sign and agree to the school’s Parent Helpers’ Obligation Agreement prior to assisting with classroom or school programs.

In this week’s newsletter, I have included a copy of the school’s Parent Helpers’ Obligation Agreement. If you are, or are interested in becoming a parent helper, please ensure you read, sign and return the Parent Helpers’ Obligation Agreement to the office by the end of next week.
Monday 24th February  Cookery & Etiquette Program commences  Payment due 20th February
Thursday 27th February  Family Fun Night Activities & BBQ  5.15pm – 6.00pm
Classroom Information Session  6.00pm – 7.30pm
Monday 3rd March  PFA Meeting  7.30pm – Staffroom
Tuesday 4th March  Assembly  2.45pm
Monday 10th March  Labour Day Public Holiday  No School for students
Wednesday 12th March  Finance Committee Meeting  3.45pm – Conference Room
Tuesday 18th March  Assembly – Peer Mediation Badge Presentation  2.35pm
Wednesday 19th March  Co-op AGM  7.00pm – Staffroom
Wednesday 19th March  School Council AGM  7.15pm - Staffroom
Tuesday 25th March  Harmony Day

UPCOMING INVISITS AND EXCURSIONS

Tuesday 18th February  School Swimming Trials – North Lodge Swimming Centre  9.30am – 11.00am
Thursday 27th February  District Swimming

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

TECHNOLOGY GALORE!!!
As our school continues to evolve into a 21st century learning environment, accessibility for our students to technology is becoming more and more important. I am happy to announce that, throughout the school, we currently have over 240 mobile devices operating, including: Ipads; laptops; netbooks; and XO technology. Along with this we have 8 mini computer labs throughout the school as well as the ICT lab in the Media Centre. I am very glad we have our wonderful ICT teacher Mrs Tamsin Bearsley, along with our fantastic ICT leaders, to help organise and assist students and teachers with questions and queries.

On behalf of the school, I would like to give a massive thankyou to Allan Adams for organising the donation of 60 netbooks and 45 desktop computers from Dandenong High School. I know the students are really enjoying the new technology that is available to them.

THANKYOU
I would like to thank Remy Landman, another parent who kindly donated some time on Wednesday morning to cut down a dead tree. If you would like to give a little of your time to some gardening around the school we would GREATLY appreciate it! It is helpers such as Remy that assist in making sure our magnificent school grounds are maintained and remain up kept and beautiful.

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 at 8.55am. Ideally, the 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 miss important instructions if they have to come in late when 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.

Don’t Cope Alone- Parent line Victoria 13 22 89 - 8am to midnight 7 days a week
Parent line provides a state-wide telephone counselling service to parents and carers of children aged from birth to eighteen years. Professional counsellors are able to explore a variety of issues that impact on parenting and relationships. Parent line can provide contact details for community service and respects the confidentiality and right to privacy of callers.

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal
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:
- Continued dress up activities
- Tennis tournaments
- Movie day
- Painting/drawing experiences

For enquiries please call Alex on 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.

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.

THE FIRST TOKEN REDEMPTION DAY IS NEXT FRIDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

Also remember you can enrol for school banking at any time!

Ingrid Williams
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 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.

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

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

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