

CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement

**1/2MK
ENJOY
COOKERY
CLASS**

On Monday 3rd March, Year 1/2MK students had their first cookery lesson.

They made Savoury Breakfast Muffins which included fresh ingredients picked from our school garden (zucchinis and corn).

Everyone had a very exciting time and enjoyed eating their yummy muffins.

Yummy, yummy muffins!!!



We love Cookery



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Council Elections

All families have received information regarding the Chalcot Lodge School Council process. The school community is invited to vote for the three, 2 year vacancies for parent members.

Each voter must complete a ballot paper by placing a tick next to the name of each candidate standing for election for whom they wish to vote. Remember, you must only tick three names for the 3 positions.

To cast a vote, you must:

- place the completed ballot paper in a blank envelope and place the blank envelope in a second envelope with the your name and address printed on the back of this envelope and post the envelope to the Principal so as to reach the Principal by 4.00 pm on Thursday 13th March, or
- deliver, or arrange delivery of, the completed ballot paper to the school between the hours of 8.15am and 4.00 pm on any school day up to and including Thursday 13th March, and give the completed ballot paper in a blank envelope provided to Narelle Coyne or Monica Ghirxi. They will instruct you to print your name and address in the 'register of voters'.

If you require a ballot paper please feel free to see me next week.

Peer Mediators' Badge Presentation

Peer Mediation is a social skills program which requires the training of selected senior students for the role which involves listening carefully to other students' issues and assisting them with problem solving.

Congratulations to the following students who have trained as Peer Mediators for 2014.

Cindy Huon, Dyanmond Cummings, Nyarath Gatkuoth, Alexandra Starecki, Tyson McMurray, Taniela Tualau, Zac Tems, Bailey O'Callaghan, Claire Goodall, Georgia Allsopp, Olivia Phillips, Leyon Mamuhewa, Vladana Ignjic, Noor Al Musawi and Logesh Kumar.

Badges will be presented to these students at our school assembly on Tuesday 18th March at 2.40 in the hall, followed by a special afternoon tea with their families in the library.

The Peer Mediators will be rostered during Terms 2 and 3 to be available to junior school students. They will wear a fluoro coloured top so that they are highly visible within the school grounds. Our Peer Mediators are to be commended for their commitment, care and compassion for their fellow Chalcot Family members.

Teacher David Evans has been co-ordinating this important program for many years and I sincerely thank him for the many lunch times during which he has worked with the peer mediators to ensure that the program runs smoothly.

Kinder Club Invitation

All 4 and 5 year olds are invited to participate in our Prep Transition Program, which begins with our free "Chalcot Kinder Club". During Kinder Club, children do fun activities in the Prep rooms and experience activities such as Art, Music, Dance, Literature and Physical Education.

This is a great opportunity for them to make friends with the other children, meet the teachers and become familiar and comfortable about coming to school. Meanwhile, parents are welcome to relax with a cuppa and bickie in the staffroom.

Kinder Club is held on Wednesdays from 2.30pm to 3.30pm during Terms 1, 2 and 3. The dates are Wednesday 24th March, 21st May, 18th June, 6th August and 10th September. In order to facilitate organisation, parents are asked to book their child in for Kinder Club by contacting the office staff.

Our formal Transition Program commences in Term 4 for children who have enrolled for Prep in 2015. The program involves children continuing to enjoy fun activities in the Prep rooms and each child will receive welcome letters from their own special Chalcot Buddy, who is a senior student.

In the staff room, parents are provided with information about our curriculum, uniform, school procedures and how they can support their children to make a smooth entry into primary schooling. Our formal Transition Program is held on Wednesday 29th October and 19th November and Tuesday 9th December.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Supervision Times

During the last couple of weeks, we have noticed quite a number of students arriving at school quite early. I wish to remind parents that supervision of students commences at 8.45am and concludes at 3.45pm. Between these times, when students are in the playground, they are supervised by teaching staff. 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. If you need your child supervised before 8.45am or after 3.45pm please contact our Before and After School Care program on 0400 194 859.

Request to Administer Medication at School

We are being requested by an increasing number of parents to supervise their children taking medication at school. This may be following a short illness and may involve medications such as antibiotics for a few days. In some cases, the medication is to treat a chronic or long term medical condition and may require daily medication for extended periods of time.

School Council has an approved policy regarding the taking of medication at school. Under this policy, the only medication that a child may keep with them is an asthma puffer. Under no circumstances may a child keep any other form of medication in their possession while at school.

To ensure the safety of all students, requests to administer medication at school must be completed on a school proforma, a copy of which is included in this newsletter. Medication must also be sent in a clearly labelled container and delivered to the office at the start of the day.

Facebook

We have recently set up a Chalcot Lodge Community Group Facebook page. The purpose of this group is to provide a communication tool between the school and our school community.

We are requesting that, at this stage, the communication will be only one way. The page will inform you 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 we require you to visit the Chalcot Lodge PS Official Page on Facebook and request to join. We will only accept your request to join once you have signed and returned the "Acceptable use Agreement" sent out earlier this week.

If you were part of our trial group, we will require you to sign the Acceptable use Agreement form before we officially launch the page. ***Any members that have not signed and returned the agreement by 17th March will be removed from the page until documentation is received.***

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal

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



DIARY DATES

Monday	10th	March	Labour Day Public Holiday	No School for students
Wednesday	12 th	March	Finance Committee Meeting	3.45pm – Conference Room
Thursday	13 th	March	Casey Students Leaders Reception for School Captains	4.15pm – 6.00pm - Berwick Church of Christ Auditorium
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	7.15pm - Staffroom
Wednesday	19 th	March	School Council Meeting	7.30pm - Staffroom
Tuesday	25 th	March	Harmony Day – Wear Orange or a cultural costume	2.40pm - Assembly
Wednesday	26 th	March	Kinder Club	2.30pm
Friday	28 th	March	School Photos	
Tuesday	1 st	April	Assembly	2.45pm
Thursday	3 rd	April	Parent Teacher Interviews	2.30pm – 8.00pm
Friday	4th	April	End Term 1	Students dismissed at 2.30pm
Tuesday	22nd	April	Commencement Term 2	9.00am start all students
<u>UPCOMING INVISITS AND EXCURSIONS</u>				
Wednesday	12 th	March	Divisional Swimming – Selected Students	Noble Park Aquatic Centre
Monday	24 th	March	5/6AA & 5/6DN Visit Lyndale Secondary College	9.30am – 1.30pm

HARMONY DAY - TUESDAY 25TH MARCH

EVERYONE BELONGS

The aim of Harmony Day is to encourage everyone, regardless of background, to participate in a sporting activity, increase understanding and to be inspired or inspire others. It's a day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The day is also the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Harmony Day is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and share what we have in common.

The continuing message for Harmony Day in 2014 is that **Everyone Belongs**, which means all Australians are a welcome part of our country, regardless of their background. It's a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognising the traditional owners of this land. It's also about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live.

Harmony Day began in 1999 and since then, a wide variety of groups including sports organisations, community groups, local, state and federal government agencies, schools and businesses have staged more than 25 000 Harmony Day events. Over the years, Harmony Day has grown in popularity as Australians have made the day their own.

On Tuesday 25th March, Chalcot Lodge Primary School will be celebrating Harmony Day by encouraging students and staff to dress in orange or in a cultural costume, reflecting their origin or a chosen country. During the day, students will have the opportunity to play a variety of different cultural games and participate in a special assembly where classes will showcase dances from around the world. During cooking sessions, students will prepare cuisines from around the world!!

The assembly will be held on Tuesday, starting at 2.40pm, outside on the junior side of the school (weather permitting). Students are also invited to submit a picture depicting what Harmony Days means to them. The winning entries will be displayed in the office foyer of the school. Prizes will be presented to students who come 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their classroom.

Jeanette Velasquez
Coordinator

THANK YOU

We wish to extend a very big thank you to the staff at Linden Place Pharmacy. This is the third year that the Linden Place Pharmacy has generously supported our Cookery & Etiquette Centre by supplying cleaning products.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

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:

- * Knitting
- * Origami
- * Tennis & Cricket
- * Arts & Crafts

I would like to welcome Iris to the Chalcot Lodge outside school hours care program. Alex will be running the Monday and Friday afternoon sessions while Iris will be co-ordinating all other sessions. 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.*

For every deposit made, students will receive a cool Dollarmite token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items.

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

Special note for year 5 and 6 students

We are able to get hold of some really cool BLACK deposit wallets. If you would like one in preference to your yellow one, just include a note with your next deposit.

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.

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ENDEAVOUR HILLS UNITING CARE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Zumba

Do you have concerns about your fitness or your child's fitness? Would you like a fun way to exercise with your child?

These classes are for parents and school age kids to exercise in a fun and friendly way.

Parents love the Zumba program because of the effects it has on kids – increasing their focus and self-confidence, boosting metabolism and enhancing coordination. Limited places are available and parents must stay with children.

Class every Tuesday at 4.30pm – 5.30pm. Cost \$10 (enrolment fee). Venue: Lower level of the Leisure Centre building. Bookings essential.

Cooking for Kids & Parents

We are also providing 'Healthy Cooking' classes.

These classes are a fun and informative way for parents and school aged kids to learn about healthy eating and cooking. You will have a better understanding of nutrition and the effects that consuming fast food has on your body. You will learn new ways to cook food that lowers the kilojoule count without compromising taste. Limited places so book early. Parents must stay with children.

Classes commence Thursday 6th March at 4.30pm until 6.00pm. This is a 5 weeks course. Cost \$10 (enrolment fee).

Bookings are essential for both courses.

*Please call 9700 3789
or visit www.ehunc.org.au*