

CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement

CASEY STUDENT LEADERS' RECEPTION

Last Thursday afternoon it was my pleasure to accompany our School Captains, Kodie Myszka Peter Millaras, Emily Van and Jaysen Del Socorro to the City of Casey Student Leaders' Reception.

The reception included inspirational young speakers, Mayor Geoff Ablett and guest speaker Tiffany Hall, with the message that regardless of the obstacles you face, by setting goals and having faith in yourself, almost anything is possible. Student leaders from schools across Casey received leadership lapel pins and enjoyed refreshments following the formal parts of the forum.



Meet our fabulous Peer Mediators



Nathan Freeman, proudly displays his Mini Chef award. Congratulations Nathan!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2014 School Council

As a result of the election for members of School Council in the Parent category, the successful candidates were Paul Newton, Noelene Ryan and Rebecca Pellowe.

Many thanks to all candidates for showing interest in these positions and to the school community for participating in the voting process. It is wonderful to have so many interested and dedicated members of the school community.

The new School Council includes: Paul Newton, Noelene Ryan, Rebecca Pellowe, Paul Coad, Amy Mraz, Gabrielle McIntyre, Paul Poliviou, Dean Napier and myself.

Congratulations also to Rhiannon Thomas and Stacey Wilkins who have been co-opted as School Council community members for a 2 year term.

On behalf of School Council, I would like to sincerely thank our retiring School Council member Erick Del Socorro. Erick has been a valuable member of School Council for 4 years and his outstanding contribution and commitment to the school has been greatly appreciated.

Annual Report

This week, I presented the 2013 Annual General Report to the school community during our Annual General Reporting meeting. The document provides details about the profile of our school's families and staff and reports on achievements in relation to student learning, student engagement and student wellbeing. Included also are strategies undertaken last year to drive these achievements and directions for 2014.

The document will be available through our school's website at: www.chalcotps.vic.edu.au

Parents may also wish to visit the My School website: www.myschool.edu.au.

Kinder Club

Just a reminder, that our first Kinder Club for 2014 will be held next Wednesday 26th March at 2.30pm. During Kinder Club, children will be participating in fun activities in the Prep rooms and during the year, will 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 teachers and become familiar and comfortable about coming to school. Meanwhile, parents are welcome to relax in the staffroom and meet other Kinder Club parents.

ANZAC Appeal

Remembering and supporting those who have protected our country is an important part of our Chalcot Family culture. Once again, we are selling ANZAC badges, the proceeds from which are used in the welfare work carried out by the RSL for ex-service men, women and their families, who are in need of support. Badges cost 50 cents each and will be sold during eating time by 1/2JV students. Please show the Chalcot, Aussie spirit and support this worthy cause.

Our ANZAC Day assembly will be held on Thursday, April 24 at 9.15am in the hall.

Your Opinion Please

Currently the 'Professional Development/Parent Training' and 'Assessment & Reporting' policies are under review. Your input is welcome using the reply slip in this newsletter.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Excursions and Invisits

To enrich class programs this year, teachers will be planning 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 also plan 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.

Scratch, Scratch, Scratch.....HEAD LICE!

During this week we have had a couple of reported case of head lice in the junior area. We would urge all parents to check their children's and their own hair.

Lice do not just infect children's hair!

It is essential that hair is treated with an appropriate shampoo and that the hair is sectioned off for thorough combing with special fine toothed comb to remove eggs sticking to the hair. Simply washing with your normal shampoo will not help. Students with long hair should wear it tied back while at school.

Star Lab Invisit

Please note that the Year 3 to 6 Star Lab invisit has been changed from Monday 31st March to **Wednesday 2nd of April**.

School Photos

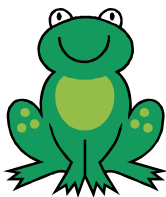
School photos will be taken next week on Friday 28th March. This year, all group photos including School Captains, House Captains, Peer Mediators and Junior School Councillors will also be taken on the day. Please complete your order form and return to school with the correct money or cheque on photograph day.

Term 1 Ends Friday 4th April at 2.30pm

Just a quick 'heads up' about the modified timetable arrangements for Friday 4th April, the last day of Term 1. The arrangements are as follows:

9.00am to 11.00am	Session 1, including the PFA disco from 9.30am to 10.45am
11.00am to 11.30am	Morning recess
11.30am to 12.30pm	Session 2
12.30pm to 12.40pm	Students eating their lunch in classrooms
12.40pm to 1.40pm	Lunch recess
1.00pm to 1.50pm	Rolls called in classrooms
1.50pm to 2.20pm	Assembly
2.20pm to 2.30pm	Children will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2.30pm.

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal



DIARY DATES

Tuesday	25 th	March	Harmony Day – Wear Orange or a cultural costume	2.40pm - Assembly
Wednesday	26 th	March	Kinder Club	2.30pm
Thursday	27 th	March	PFA Hot Cross Bun Orders Due	
Friday	28 th	March	School Photos	
Friday	28 th	March	School Banking Reward Redemptions	
Monday	31 st	March	International Competitions Entry Fees	Due today
Tuesday	1 st	April	Assembly	2.45pm
Thursday	3 rd	April	Parent Teacher Interviews	2.30pm – 8.00pm
Friday	4 th	April	PFA Day Disco	9.30am – 10.45am
Friday	4 th	April	School Banking Reward Redemptions	
Friday	4th	April	End Term 1	Students dismissed at 2.30pm
Tuesday	22nd	April	Commencement Term 2	9.00am start all students
Thursday	24 th	April	Anzac Day Assembly	9.15am - Hall
Friday	25th	April	ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	No school for students
Monday	28 th	April	School Banking Day	
<u>UPCOMING INVISITS AND EXCURSIONS</u>				
Monday	24 th	March	5/6AA & 5/6DN Visit Lyndale Secondary College	9.30am – 1.30pm
Wednesday	2 nd	April	<i>New Date:</i> Star Lab Invisit - Years 3 to 6	\$8 due 26 th March
Thursday	1 st	May	Adidas Fun Run	Junior School 9.20 – 10.00am Senior school 10.00 – 11.00am

Harmony Day Celebrations Tuesday 25th March *Everyone Belongs*

Australia is a culturally diverse country with people from more than 200 countries calling this nation their home. Each culture has brought with it a wonderful array of customs, food, art, music, dance and fashion.

The message of Harmony Day is that everyone belongs, which means all Australians are a welcome part of our country, regardless of their background. It's about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live.

The Chalcot family will be celebrating Harmony Day next Tuesday 25th March, outside on our new synthetic grass, adjacent to the junior playground, commencing at 2.40pm.

For our celebration, all students, teachers and parents, are asked to come to school:

1. dressed in clothing representing their family's country of origin or a country in which they have particular interest; or
2. dressed as something that represents their family's country of origin or a country in which they have particular interest, such as a food, animal, colours of the flag, etc; or
3. wearing the colour orange, as this is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day.

Looking forward to seeing you all next Tuesday to help us celebrate Harmony Day. Classes have been very busy practising their dances and are now eager to perform!!

ANZAC DAY BADGES

As ANZAC day is nearing, we are selling ANZAC badges for 50c each. We will be selling them each day during eating time. It would be nice if you would buy one to honour our ANZACS.

Jaysen, Peter, Kodie & Emily – Year 6 students

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:

- Loom Band Bracelets
- Harmony Day _ Craft Activities
- Foosball, Tennis & Soccer Games
- 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.

Reward Redemptions

Anyone who has 10 tokens can submit them over the next 3 Fridays, (21st & 28th March and 4th April), along with the card showing which Term 1 reward item (handball or scented pencils) they would like to order.

There will be school banking on the last day of Term 1 Friday 4th April as per usual.

The first Friday in Term 2 is Anzac Day. So that you don't miss a week of school banking (and a token), I will do that week's banking on the following Monday (28th April).

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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GLENEAGLES SECONDARY COLLEGE

SEAL OPPORTUNITY FOR CURRENT YEAR 6

Gleneagles Secondary College is one of 36 schools accredited to offer Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEAL) in Victoria. One SEAL class of 25 students is offered at each Year level from Year 7 to 10. The SEAL program provides an opportunity for high potential students to undertake a challenging, concept-based curriculum in the company of like-minded peers. Instruction is designed to stimulate and inspire this highly motivated group and emphasis is placed on developing creativity, independent inquiry and research skills.

SEAL information night (for year 7 2015 students)

Tuesday, 1st April 2014 at 7.00pm

Gleneagles Secondary College, The Shed

Come along and hear more about the program and collect an application package. No booking required, all family members welcome. For further details, please visit the Gleneagles website:

<http://www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au/enrolment/enrolment-process/> or contact the SEAL Manager, Julie Mullins on Tel 9708 1319 or email gleneagles.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Applications close for Year 7, 2015 SEAL program at midday on Tuesday, 29th April 2014.

www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au / Reema Boulevard, Endeavour Hills VIC 3802. Phone 9708 1319, Fax 9708 1324.

MOONLIT SANCTUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Ranger Program – for children 7-14 years.

Environmental activities, native animal care, fun and games during April 2014.

Monday 7th, Wednesday 9th, Friday 11th April. Also Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th April. Cost \$45 per day or \$120 for 3 days. Bookings essential by calling 5978 7935. Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants and remember your hat. Lunches: BYO or available for \$7.50. Hours 10.00am until 4.00pm. Visit www.moonlit-sanctuary.com for more information.

EASTERN LADIES BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Invitation to ladies midweek badminton, Wednesday mornings at Springers Leisure Centre, 400 Cheltenham Road, Keysborough - 9.30am – 12.30pm. All ages and abilities welcome. For information, call Amanda on 0410 685 224 or Val on 0409 410 738. Competition players \$12 per week, social players \$5 per week. Creche included (pre-schoolers).

Primrose Hill Close, Endeavour Hills 3802. Telephone 9700 4455

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