

CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement

ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE VISIT

Students enjoyed learning about; how to recognise an emergency; what to do in an emergency; how to watch out for danger, execute resuscitation techniques and when to call 000. They also received participation certificates.



AUSTRALIAN FLAG PRESENTATION
Federal Member of Parliament, Mr Anthony Byrne presented us with a new Australian flag which will be flown from our flag pole in the junior playground.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ICAS - English and Spelling Competitions

Congratulations to the following students from Years 3 to 6 who participated in the ICAS English and Spelling Competitions. This year a new award, "Merit," has been awarded to students who have achieved slightly less than a credit but beyond participation, so well done to those students. The following students will receive their certificates during our next assembly on Tuesday 28th October.

English

Credit: Michael Morgan and Priyanka Suja Rani
Merit: Katelyn De Savery and Lucy Mayes
Participation: Zephania Liu, Luke Bird, Shabir Popalzai, Emily Van, Jaiké Weerasingha, Alex Starecki, Pooja Reddy, Olivia Phillips, Vishal Panditharatne, Dishan Nagahawatta, Leon Mamuhewa, Vladana Ignjic, Catharina Truong, Navkaran Sahni, Diyana Nagahawatta and Marko Kovak.

Spelling

Distinction: Priyanka Suja Rani
Credit: Vishal Panditharatne and Jake Weerasingha
Merit: Noor Al Musawi
Participation: Michael Morgan, Zephania Liu, Luke Bird, Olivia Phillips, Lucy Mayes, Leyon Mamuhewa and Campbell Newton.

We wish to extend a very big thank you to Mr Evans, for coordinating and conducting this year's English and Spelling competitions.

International Silent Film Festival 2014

During Term 3, under the guidance of Mrs Bearsley, Year 4 to 6 students had the opportunity to enter the 2014 International Youth Silent Film Festival. I am proud to announce that many of our students have made it to the Film Festival final which is being held by Kingston Arts Centre on Saturday 25th October, at the Moorabbin Town Hall.

This is the second time this event has been held in Victoria and has attracted many entries from around Australia. Mrs Bearsley, Mr Poliviou, myself and the filmmakers' families will be invited to attend the evening to watch the films and to cheer on and celebrate our students' outstanding achievements.

Congratulations to the finalist film titled: 'Never to Be'

Director: Priyanka Suja Rani
Actors: Trazia Abona, Maleisha Fernando, Logesh Naresh Kumar, Campbell Newton, Zac Tems and Ollie Mraz

MS Read a Thon

Congratulations to those students who have taken part in the MS READATHON this year! It is now time to make sure you have sent off your COMPLETION form. Students need to have their completion forms sent off before 31st October. A big thank you to Mrs Velasquez for organising this very important fundraising event and to all our students who have raised money for further research into MS.

PFA Shopping Tour

Last Sunday, 19 excited shoppers jumped on a bus at 7.00am to head off on the PFA Shopping Tour. We spent the day shopping for bargains and filling up the bus with goodies. We were all very tired at the end of the day, but very pleased with the items we had purchased. It was a great success with \$680 raised for our school. Thank you to Rhiannon Thomas for organising the event. It will definitely be on the calendar again for next year!!!!!!

Crazy Camel Student Artwork - PFA Fundraising Event

During Art lessons, students have been designing and creating some wonderful pieces of artwork which you now have the opportunity to purchase in a variety of formats including; calendars, cards, diaries, notebooks and iPhone covers.

If you would like to purchase any of the above items with your child's Artwork displayed, please complete and return the order form (which was sent home earlier this week), with your payment by Monday 27th October. If paying by QKR, please ensure that your order forms are still returned to the school.

Your child's Artwork will be on display for you to view in the school Library, on Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd October from 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

Items will be ready and distributed to families early December. Please check with your child that they have completed their artwork. There are a few children throughout the school that have been absent and have not completed the artwork necessary.

Monica Ghirxi

Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Cyber Space – How to Help Protect Your Children

By taking responsibility for your children's online computer use, parents can greatly minimise any potential risks of being online.

Make it a family rule to:

- If your child is young — say under 7 — consider being with your child when he or she is on the Internet. Children at this age can become confused or upset if they come across content that they don't understand or that might be inappropriate for their age.
- Warn your child not to give out identifying information. Kids should never give out home address or telephone number or when they are home alone in a public message such as chat or social networking sites, and be sure you're dealing with someone that both you and your child know and trust, before giving it out via E-mail. Teenagers often give out school information on social web sites, but kids under 13 should avoid doing so.
- Get to know the services your child uses. If you don't know how to log on, get your child to show you. Find out what types of information it offers and whether there are ways for parents to block out objectionable material.
- Never allow a child to arrange a face-to-face meeting with another computer user without parental permission. If a meeting is arranged, make the first one in a public spot, and be sure to accompany your child.
- Remind your children to never respond to messages that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, threatening, or make them feel uncomfortable. Encourage your children to tell you if they encounter such messages. If you or your child receives a message that is harassing, of a sexual nature, or threatening, forward a copy of the message to your service provider and ask for their assistance.
- Remember that everything you read online may not be true. Any offer that's "too good to be true" probably is. Be very careful about any offers that involve you coming to a meeting or having someone visit your house.
- Set reasonable rules and guidelines for computer use by your children (see "Kids Rules for Online Safety"). Discuss these rules and post them near the computer as a reminder. Remember to monitor their compliance with these rules, especially when it comes to the amount of time your children spend on the computer. A child or teenager's excessive use of online services or bulletin boards, especially late at night, may be a clue that there is something not quite right.

Chalcot Lodge Movie Night

Filming and planning has begun on most of our short films, which will be premiered during our Movie Night later this term. At this stage, the night will be moved to another venue, as we are unable to cater for the growing numbers in our multipurpose hall. Information regarding the venue and the night will be available over the next week. I have been lucky enough to get a sneak preview of a couple of the classes filming. I can't wait for the night to roll around. Thankyou to Mrs Bearsley who has been working tirelessly to make this upcoming event possible.

Have a GREAT weekend everyone!

Paul Poliviou

Assistant Principal

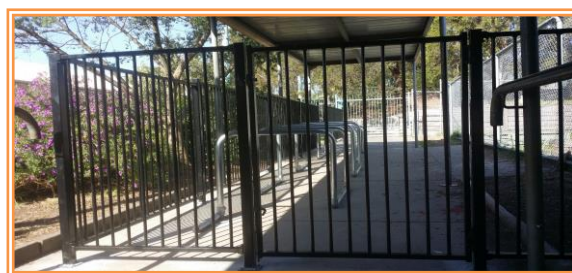
**CANTEEN IS OPEN FOR LUNCH ORDERS AND COUNTER SALES ON WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
CLOSED MONDAY, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**



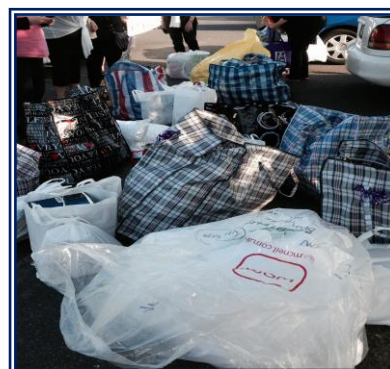
DIARY DATES

Wednesday	22 nd	October	School Council Meeting	6.30pm - Staff Room
Sunday	26 th	October	PFA - BBQ Bunnings Dandenong	Helpers needed
Monday	27 th	October	PFA Crazy Camel Artwork	Payment due today
Tuesday	28 th	October	Assembly – ICAS Certificates awarded	2.45pm – School Hall
Wednesday	29 th	October	Prep Transition	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Friday	31 st	October	PFA Chocolates/Money due	
Tuesday	4th	November	Melbourne Cup Day	
Wednesday	5 th	November	PFA Meeting	7.30pm – Staff Room
Tuesday	11 th	November	Remembrance Day	
Tuesday	11 th	November	Year 6 Mini Carnival	
Wednesday	12 th	November	Finance Committee Meeting	3.45pm – Conference Room
<u>UPCOMING INVISITS AND EXCURSIONS</u>				
Wednesday	22 nd	October	Chess Party	
Thursday	13 th	November	Movie Night	Maranatha Christian School Hall Doveton Campus

How exciting! Our bike storage area is taking shape with racks and fencing now installed. We are looking forward to it's completion later on in the term and then, the official opening.



Our devoted bargain hunters had a fabulous time shopping to their heart's content during the PFA Shopping Tour last Sunday. Luckily the bus driver managed to squeeze everything into the bus for the return trip home.



BOOK CLUB – FINAL ORDER FOR 2014

By now all students have received a copy of the current Book Club brochure. All orders and money are to be returned to school by **Monday, 27th October**. **Please note late orders may not be accepted.**

Cash orders must be in a clearly marked envelope **and must include correct money**. If paying by credit card or over the website, the credit card receipt coupon must be completed and the order must still be returned to school by the due date. This will be the final Book Club for 2014.

If you would like this to be a special order for Christmas, please attach a note with the order so that we can keep the order aside for you to collect, instead of being sent home with students.

Please note: Only the youngest in the family will receive Book Club Forms.

Happy Reading!
Miss Rowntree & Mrs Scandolera

LYNDEN PLACE PHARMACY – THANKYOU!

Thank you once again to Lynden Place Pharmacy for their generous Term 3 donation of supplies for our Kitchen Classroom. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PFA NEWS

Cadbury chocolate drive

We wish to remind parents/guardians that all unsold chocolates and money collected must be returned back to school no later than Friday 31st October. Money should be in the named envelope provided and unsold chocolates in the original box/bag. There is certainly no obligation for families to buy any chocolates that they are unable to sell.

PFA Committee

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.

This week's activities include:

- * Dream Catchers
- * Wind Chimers
- * Dramatic play
- * Free Play

Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate available for all families.

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

NATIONAL WATER WEEK – 19th -25th OCTOBER

Prep, Year 1 & 2 students - Design a poster, demonstrating the importance of clean water. How is it used and why do we need it?
Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 students - Create a poem about the importance of clean water in Australia.

All entries to be handed to Mr Cacavas or Miss Keay. Entries close Friday 24th of October.

First prize will be awarded at the next whole school assembly, to entrants from each class.

Allyson Keay

WONDERFUL MS READATHON PARTICIPANTS

Congratulations to the students who took part in the MS READATHON this year! It is now time to send off your COMPLETION, as it is due by the 31st October. You will receive confirmation of this.

It is important that this step is done as we are likely to be eligible for a Penguin author visit, to work with a group of students. So make sure you have sent off your COMPLETION for the MS READATHON and you should be receiving something special in the mail soon.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT. THE MONEY YOU HAVE RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS FURTHER REAEARCH INTO MS.

Jeanette Velasquez
MS Readathon Coordinator

SPRING PLANTING DAY - Weeding and garden bed preparation.

The call is out for happy garden helpers to assist with preparation for our whole school planting day on Tuesday, 28th October. Lunch recess times – Tuesday and Thursday 1.30 – 2.20pm, after school - Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October 3.35 – 4.14pm.

Just a reminder that a current 'Working with Children Check' is required when assisting with school activities.

Cathy Bracegirdle
Vegetable Garden Committee Leader

SCHOOL BANKING

Don't forget that FRIDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

REWARDS STOCK: The Whale Shark Pencil Case and Penguin Keyring are now out of stock, so children will need to choose from the other rewards available in Term 4. This Term you can submit tokens for reward redemptions any Friday up to and including 5th December.

TWO COMPETITIONS: 1: Keep an eye out for flyers about a new competition to support regular saving. The prizes up for grabs are one of 40 GoPros and 150 Slip and Slides. This competition starts next week, so don't forget to put your deposits in!

2: Expect to receive a flyer with info about the Bank's "Search for Australia's Smart School Savers". This competition is open till the end of October, and winners will receive an iPad (plus one for their school), with the top winner receiving \$1000. More info to come!

CERTIFICATES: Last week we handed out our first Gold certificates to 3 students, who have each made 30 deposits so far this year. Well done! So far this year, 30 Silver (for 20 deposits) and 69 Bronze (for 10 deposits) certificates have also been earned. Keep up the good work!

Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator