

CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement

BUDDING ARTISTS

Students in 45AT, 56AA and 56DN have been working on Cartoon in the art room this semester. After drawing several of their own cartoon characters they selected one to paint using watercolour paint.

Connie Liapis
Art Teacher



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Road Safety Issues

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

- Please obey all traffic and parking signs outside the school.
- Discuss with your child the need to use the school crossing at all times.
- Please do not double park in the streets outside the school when dropping off or picking up your child.
- Do not use the staff car park as a drop off or pick up point.

Parking inspectors patrol school zones and will issue fines for non-compliance of road rules and parking signs. Keeping our children safe is of the utmost importance and your co-operation in these areas will be greatly appreciated.

Student Mid-Year Reports

Student reports provide you with a clear picture of your child's progress. They are used in all Victorian Government schools to report student achievement in Prep to Year 10.

The reports will show a five point A to E rating in a graphical representation that shows achievement against the expected AUSVELs for the reporting period from February to June. If your child receives a "C" rating, then your child is progressing normally and is on track with their learning. If your child receives a "B" rating they are 6 months above the expected level for this time of year or an "A" rating means they are 12 months or more above the expected level for this time of the year. Student effort, behaviour and attendance are also included in the report.

Not all areas of achievement are reported at each level of the school and parents will find that more complex curriculum will be reported from Years 3 to 6, such as Civics and Citizenship and Science.

The specialist reports include a rating and a written description of the skills being taught in Visual Art, Physical Education and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).

Reports and Student Portfolios will be distributed to parents on Thursday 26th June.

Choir Uniforms

If you have a choir uniform at home which is not currently being used by your child as part of the 2014 Choir team, please return the uniform back to school as soon as possible.

Term Two Ends Friday 27th June at 2.30pm

Please ensure that you have made arrangements for your children to be picked up at 2.30pm.

If you are unable to make arrangements for a 2.30pm pick up and supervision is required, please contact Before and After School Care on 0400 194 859.

The arrangements for the day 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 eat 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.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

It's not OK to be away

Absenteeism has an effect on your child's academic performance and social development. What can your child learn if they are not at school?

Some absences are entirely valid, sickness being the most obvious reason, but to give your child the best chance of success and to give them more choices in life, they must attend as regularly as possible. One absent day a fortnight equates to 20 days a school year, which equates to one whole year of schooling by the time your child reaches Year 10.

As the mornings become darker and colder, please ensure that your alarm clocks are operating effectively. This will ensure that your child starts the day on time and on task.

Problem Solving

Occasionally, situations arise at school that you, as parents, feel you need to follow up on behalf of your children. Sometimes it may be a concern with another child or with how a teacher has handled a situation involving your own child. In following up these matters, we would suggest that you contact:

- the teacher concerned;
- your child's class teacher;
- the year level coordinator; or if necessary
- Monica or myself

It is usually best to make an appointment to talk to the teacher concerned, to check the circumstances, so that you can get a full picture of what has occurred. An appointment will also allow the teacher time to collect any additional information necessary to make the best of the appointment time.

We would very strongly advise parents not to approach students to sort out problems themselves.

I know when I follow up incidents, it can sometimes require speaking to a number of people to get the full story. One of the first things I ask students to tell me is if they may have done anything to contribute to the problem. You'd be surprised the number of times that I'm told quite definitely NO. However, that is rarely the case.

Occasionally, students tell us that "My Mum and Dad just said to hit anyone who gives me a hard time" or "My Mum and Dad said I could hit back". The trouble is that this doesn't solve a problem - instead it can make it much worse.

School Safety Procedures-Visitors at School

All volunteers at the school, including parent helpers, are required to have a current "Working With Children Check". Details about this can be gained at the school office.

All volunteers, visitors and workmen to the school, (including parents who are just popping for 5 minutes) must call at the office to sign the Parent Helpers' Register or the Visitors Register and to collect a school security badge before commencing their activity each visit. The visitors badge must be worn at all times and clearly displayed.

These procedures ensure the safety of our students and all visitors within the school grounds.

Mr P's Footy Predictions

HAWKS by 20 points	EAGLES by 1 point
CATS by 55 points	FREO by 23 points
LIONS by 24 points	COLL by 34 points
SYD by 12 points	ADEL by 12 points
MEL by 10 points	

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal

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



DIARY DATES

Monday	16 th - 25 th	June	Meat Pie Cooking Sessions commence	
Monday	16 th	June	PFA Meeting	7.30pm – Staff room
Wednesday	18 th	June	Kinder Club	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Thursday	19 th	June	Brighten Up Your Day – Sidhi Astu Orphanage in Bali - Fundraiser	Wear something bright & bring a gold coin donation
Friday	27 th	June	PFA Disco	9.30am – 10.45am
Friday	27th	June	Assembly	1.50pm – 2.20pm
Friday	27th	June	END OF TERM 2	Early dismissal 2.30pm
Monday	14th	July	COMMENCEMENT TERM 3	9.00am start all students
Tuesday	22 nd	July	Assembly	2.45pm - Hall
Wednesday	23 rd	July	Finance Committee Meeting	3.45pm – Conference Room
Wednesday	30 th	July	School Council Meeting	7.30pm – Staff room
Friday	8 th	August	Chalcot Trivia Night	Doors open 7.00pm
<u>UPCOMING INVISITS AND EXCURSIONS</u>				
Monday	16 th	June	ICAS Writing Competition	
Tuesday	17 th	June	Chess Tournament	Participating Students
Wednesday	18 th	June	ICAS Spelling Competition	
Monday	23 rd	June	Year 4 Production	
Tuesday	29 th	July	ICAS English Competition	
Tuesday	12 th	August	ICAS Mathematics Competition	

Students in 34RS and 34AK have been working on several collages this term. These flower vase collages were made by using torn cartridge and tissue paper. Students made several flowers by tearing and twisting the paper in different ways.



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.

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:

- * Focus on Birds
- * Paper craft
- * Dramatic play
- * Free 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.

Term 2 Competition: Keep making those deposits! ONLY 2 WEEKS LEFT – 20th and 27th JUNE. **Some students only need to make 1 or 2 more deposits within the next 2 weeks to be in the running!**

REWARD REDEMPTIONS During Term 2 students can submit tokens for reward redemptions at any time. According to the bank's records, there are more than 20 students who are eligible to claim rewards. If you have lost your rewards card, just let us know as we have plenty of spares.

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR DEPOSIT BOOK OR WALLET? Don't let that stop you from saving money and earning tokens! We have spares of both deposit books and wallets, and will still be able to process your deposit even if you don't have your account number.

DON'T FORGET THAT STUDENTS IN GRADES 5 & 6 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A BLACK WALLET. LIMITED NUMBERS AVAILABLE!

The bank has asked if I could check the quantities of tokens of each banker during the last few weeks of this term. I am sending home a tiny pink slip, provided by the bank, on which you can write how many tokens each child has at home and that day's date. We are very grateful for your help in this.

Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator

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CITY OF CASEY - Winter Arts Festival Open Day

To be held on Saturday 14th June, 10.30am until 4.30pm, at the John Twist Hall, Haileybury, 138 High Street Berwick.

Workshops and arts fun for the whole family! Circus, dance, drama workshops, Cup Cake decorating, art classes, art exhibition, BBQ.

Book your workshops now by visiting www.casey.vic.gov.au/winterartsfestival