

# CHALCOT WEEKLY

**NEWSLETTER No 27 - 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

**Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement**

**DISTRICT ATHLETICS**

On Wednesday the Year 3 to 6 Students went to Knox Athletics Track to compete in the District Athletics. We versed five other schools from our area. All of the students tried really hard and showed great sportsmanship. Overall, Chalcot came 4<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all the students who are moving on to Divisional Athletics, which will be held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September. Thanks to Ms Thomas and Mr Napier, this day would not be successful without you. Go Chalcot!!

**CHOIR**

Another successful choir trip to the retirement homes! Our wonderful, little Chalcot Choir brought joy to the residents of Homewood nursing home & St Judes aged care on Wednesday. The students sang beautifully and had the residents smiling, clapping, singing and even dancing along to our songs. We received terrific feed-back from the residents and carers, alike, on how well mannered, polite, orderly and cheerful our students are. Congratulations Choir! Another triumph!



## *FROM THE PRINCIPAL*

### Student Led Conference – Thursday 18th September

Student Led Conferences will be held on Thursday 18th September. Student Led Conferences is a very important way for your child to discuss their learning, showcase their work and an opportunity to celebrate their achievements with their parents. Student Led Conferences will run for approximately 15 minutes and both parents and students will be given written prompts to help with the discussions.

It is important to remember that Student Led Conferences are between the individual child and their parents. Therefore, other siblings are not permitted to attend the designated session time. To assist families, specialist teachers will be available to supervise siblings in the hall from 4.00pm to 7.45pm while you attend your individual child's conference.

A notice with information and time allocations was distributed to families earlier this week. To help with the organisation of the night, please return your preferred appointment times by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

### Chicken Pox

During this week, we have had one reported case of Chicken Pox in the junior area of the school. Children are excluded from school until they are fully recovered or for at least five days after the eruptions appear.

In this week's newsletter I have also included information in relation to Measles which was forwarded to school by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

### Fathers' Day Stall

Just a reminder that the PFA will be holding their Fathers' Day stall on next Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Gifts range from 50 cents to a maximum of \$5.00 and students will be allowed to purchase a couple of items each. Please ensure your child brings a bag to hide their special gifts in!

### Fathers' Day Breakfast

We have had an amazing response to our special Fathers' Day Breakfast which will be held next Friday, 5th September from 8.00am. We have over 100 guests participating in a special breakfast and early morning activities just for dads and their children. A very big thank you to Mr Napier for organising this wonderful celebration!!!

### Footy Dress Up and Sausage Sizzle Day

PFA are organising a 'Footy Day' dress up fundraising event to be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September. All students are encouraged to come dressed in their favourite AFL, soccer or rugby colours and to bring along a **gold coin donation**. PFA are also organising a lunch time sausage sizzle. Sausages and drinks are to be pre-ordered on the order form which was sent home yesterday, please use separate order forms for each child. Parents (or guardians), grandparents or any other family members are welcome to join us for lunch.



This school event can be paid using the Qkr app.

### Your Opinion Please

Currently the Elimination of Sex-Based & Sexual Harassment policy and the English as an Additional Language policy are currently under review. Your input is welcome using the reply slip in this week's newsletter.

Monica Ghirxi  
**Principal**

## *FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL*



### QKR – Making School Payments Easier

Chalcot Lodge is introducing the Qkr (pronounced - Quicker) app to make school payments easier. Launched recently, this app enables mobile payment for school-based accounts. Qkr has been trialled in several schools in Victoria with feedback from both parents and administration staff being overwhelmingly positive. The app offers mobile payment technology and aims to save parents time.

The Qkr app lets parents use their smartphones or tablets to make payments for excursions, in-visits & camps without having to give their children cash to carry to school. In time we will be expanding the items available on Qkr for the convenience of parents. For those without access to a smart phone or tablet, a web-based version of Qkr will be available later in the year. Although the app is a MasterCard initiative, it enables payment from most financial institutions and major credit cards with safe and secure MasterCard technology.

Qkr is a free app. After registering your email address you will need to select our school and follow the prompts. For those living outside a 4km radius from Chalcot Lodge Primary School please go to the search bar and enter CHALCOTLODGEPS. Should you have any questions regarding the use of the Qkr app please contact our administration staff. We hope you enjoy this new flexibility in managing your school payments. Getting started sheets are available on the CLPS website and were also attached to the Footy Day notice.

### Parking Safety Issue

Once again we are reminding parents about the dangers of double and, sometimes, triple parking near the school. It is of great concern that the safety of children is being jeopardised by a most unsafe and illegal practice.

School Council has requested that City of Casey Law Enforcement Officers regularly patrol the school. **By law, offenders can be fined.** School Council has also been advised that registration numbers of offenders can be forwarded to the City of Casey Law Enforcement Officers and action will be taken.

It is suggested that if parents are having their children dropped off or collected by carers, that they be informed of this safety issue.

If you do live in close vicinity to the school, it may be a good idea to walk to school with your children. This not only alleviates the stress of trying to find a car park, but it also promotes a healthy lifestyle to your children.

### Mr P's Footy Predictions

Hawks by 50points	Tigers by 12 points
West Coast by 12 points	Bombers by 24 points
Kangas by 100 points	Crows by 40 points
Dockers by 10 points	Cats by 20 points
Dogs by 25 points	

Paul Poliviou  
**Assistant Principal**



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



# DIARY DATES

Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup>	August	BBQ Bunnings Dandenong	8.00am – 4.00pm
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	September	Book Club orders due today	
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	September	PFA Meeting	7.30pm – Staff room
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	September	Assembly	2.45pm – School Hall
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	September	Father's Day Stall	Library
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	September	Choir Night Concert	7.00pm until 8.00pm – School Hall
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	September	Father's Day BBQ - Breakfast	Commences 8.00am
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	September	Kinder Club	2.30pm
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	September	Finance Committee Meeting	3.45pm – Conference room
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	September	PFA - Footy Day	Dress in AFL, soccer or rugby colours
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	September	Assembly	2.45pm – School Hall
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	September	2015 Senior School Camp Deposit Due	\$50
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	September	Student Led Conferences	4.00pm – 7.30pm
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	September	PFA Disco	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>September</b>	<b>END OF TERM 3</b>	<b>2.30pm dismissal</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>October</b>	<b>COMMENCEMENT TERM 4</b>	<b>9.00am start all students</b>

### UPCOMING INVISITS AND EXCURSIONS

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September Divisional Athletics

## CHALCOT LEGEND AWARD – CHRISTY ALLSOPP

Congratulations to Christy Allsopp for being selected to receive the Chalcot Legend Award. Christy has been selected for consistent high quality work and outstanding behaviour. Well done Christy, you are a wonderful role model for all of your classmates. Christy will receive her certificate and canteen voucher at assembly on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

## CHALCOT ACHIEVER AWARD

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their teachers to receive Chalcot Achiever Awards. Chalcot Achievers will receive their certificates at assembly on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

0AC	Kiran Jayawardena	1/2JV	Joshua Leveque
0CB	Tijana Karac	3/4AK	Jemila Simpson
0SC	Kety Win	3/4RS	Sarah O'Callaghan
1/2GC	Jack Johnstone	4/5AT	Leyon Mamuhewa
1/2DE	Dejan Peric	5/6AA	Celina El Rayes
1/2MK	Jasrah Ahmed	5/6DN	Tyrone Samson-Kite

**BOOK CLUB**

One of the best ways to encourage lifelong reading is to have a home filled with books! Scholastic Book Club gives students the opportunity to order fantastic books while supporting our school.

For every book sold through Book Club our school earns points to choose free books for our classes!

By now all students should have received a copy of the current Book Club brochure. Please ensure that all orders are returned to school by **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September**.

*No late orders will 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 plus the completed order still need to be returned to school by the due date.

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

Happy Reading!

Miss Rowntree & Mrs Scandolera

**UNIFORM SALES**

School uniform items can be purchased directly from the Beza School Uniform Store at shop 7, 151 – 159 Princess Hwy, Hallam, phone 9702 3181. Mastercard and Visa are accepted.

Beza 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. Beza staff will then deliver your order to the school.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Don't forget to send deposit books to school on Fridays. Stocks of the penguin keyring reward are almost gone, so to avoid disappointment please ask your children to either choose a different reward, or provide us with a second choice in case we can't get the penguin.

Ingrid Williams - School Banking Coordinator

**ICAS WRITING COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the following students from Years 3 to 6 who participated in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools, Writing Competition. The results were as follows.

**High Distinction**

Year 4 - Priyanka Suja Rani

**Credit**

Year 6 - Michael Morgan

**Participation**

Year 6 - Zephania Liu

Year 5 - Olivia Phillips, Vishal Panditharatne, Lucy Mayes,

Leyon Mamuhewa, Bailey Adams

Year 4 - Marco Kovac

Year 3 - Charlie Ockenden, Noah Mraz

These students will receive their certificates at the next assembly on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

David Evans - English Coordinator

**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.***

This week's activities include:

- Creating posters on animals, birds, insects, flowers, etc.
- Reading & Story telling
- Painting
- 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**

**Chalcot Lodge Primary School - 'Elimination of Sexual and Sex-Based Harassment' Policy – Comment Slip**

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**Chalcot Lodge Primary School - 'English as an Additional Language' Policy – Comment Slip**

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