

# CHALCOT WEEKLY

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**Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement**

## CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to our amazing choir on the wonderful performance which was presented to family and friends on Wednesday night.

The audience thoroughly enjoyed the repertoire of songs and cheered and applauded the efforts of our students.

## FATHERS' DAY STALL

There was great excitement in the Library this week as students happily selected a special gift to present to their dad/grandad on Fathers' Day. Thank you to our wonderful PFA helpers for assisting with this special event.



## *FROM THE PRINCIPAL*

### Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow

Today we are teaching differently to the way you were taught, in order to prepare students for tomorrow's world. Education needs to be different and dynamic to meet the new and exciting challenges of a fast-changing world. Many of the jobs our children will be doing in the future haven't even been invented yet.

As parents, I am sure you are interested in knowing even more about how we are preparing children for tomorrow. That is why I would like to draw your attention to a new government campaign – 'Preparing today's students for tomorrow'. The campaign features advertising and includes a link to updated content on the Department's website. While jobs featured in the campaign, such as underwater infrastructure planner, hover train designer and bio dome gardener may sound futuristic, there is a serious message behind them. Jobs are changing and many of our children will work in professions that don't exist today.

Chalcot Lodge is running a range of programs such as Inquiry Learning, Information and Communication Technology, Media Studies, Environmental Sustainability, Cooking, Robotics and a variety of Social Skills programs that all focus on developing the skills necessary in preparing our students for the future.

I encourage you to take a look at the new information designed with parents and students in mind.

Visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/futureready](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/futureready)

Over the next five years, Victoria will need about 70,000 employees in construction, 108,000 in healthcare and social services, 72,500 in education and training and 64,000 employees in accommodation and food services. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has also created a range of industry snapshots designed to help students and their families find out more about career prospects in a range of fields. There are 19 new career trends fact sheets that will give you an idea of future employment opportunities in Victoria. You can find the fact sheets at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/training/learners/courses/Pages/trends.aspx>

### Enrolments for 2015

Enrolments are now being taken for 2015. Preparations for next year's programs have already commenced and consequently, it would be appreciated if parents who have children commencing school next year would collect the enrolment packs from the office and have them completed and returned to us as soon as possible.

As part of the Preschool to Prep Transition Program, our next Kinder Club will be held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September from 2.30pm until 3.30pm. This program assists four year olds who are starting Prep next year to become familiar with other children, the teachers and classrooms.

### Our Amazing Choir

Congratulations to the students in our Chalcot Choir for their fantastic performance at the Homewood and St Jude's Aged Care Facilities. Choir Leaders Rohan Suttie, Margo Wakeman, Nicole Natoli and Jackie Warburton were full of praise about the students, reporting that the Choir performance was outstanding and that the residents really enjoyed and appreciated our Choir's visit.

The Choir also performed last Wednesday night to an audience of family and friends. The night was filled with cheers and applause as the Choir performed the repertoire of songs which they have been learning during the year. Congratulations to all our choir members and leaders for another wonderful family event.

### Bunnings BBQ

A very big thank you to our Environmental Team, led by the amazing Cathy Bracegirdle, for organising the Bunnings BBQ at the Dandenong store last Sunday. The Environmental Team (Cathy Bracegirdle, Ally Keay and Greg Cacavas) and the many parent and staff helpers raised \$580 selling yummy sausages and cold drinks. All money raised will go towards supporting our gardening program.

### Happy Fathers' Day

We had a terrific Fathers' Day breakfast this morning with lots of fun had by young and old! A huge thank you to all our Dads who made a special effort and took time off work to be with their children this morning. A special thanks to our Leading Teacher Dean Napier for organising this special event.

A very big thank you also to our wonderful PFA for ensuring that all our students had the opportunity to buy their Dads a special present during last Wednesday's Fathers' Day stall.

**The staff at Chalcot Lodge wishes all our Dads a very happy Fathers' Day this Sunday.**

Monica Ghirxi

**Principal**

## *FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL*

### It's Adult Learners Week: Parents can be amazing learners, too!

Are you interested in furthering your education? Would you like to learn something close to home that fits in with your family commitments?

If so, then you will join 110,000 other Victorians every year who are taking a course at one of 300 Learn Local organisations right across the state.

There are courses and programs that can help you change careers, gain a qualification, improve your IT, maths and literacy skills or just learn something fun and new.

A mum-of-three from Kaniva in the Wimmera recently won \$5000 as Outstanding Learner of the Year at the Victorian Learn Local Awards. Lisa Stimson attends LINK Neighbourhood House in Kaniva and takes a Women in Agriculture course to help run her family farm.

To find a Learn Local near our school see: [www.learnlocal.org.au](http://www.learnlocal.org.au)

### NAPLAN

During the week, NAPLAN results were sent home. The results include your child's achievement in the areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy.

It is very important to remember that there are many factors that may affect your child's performance on the day of the testing and the results need to be taken as only one small part of the overall evaluation of your child's progress. Throughout the year, teachers use a variety of ongoing assessment strategies that are all used to gather a total and informed picture of your child's progress.

If you have any queries or would like to discuss your child's results, please contact their class teacher and they will be more than happy to assist.

### ROBOCUP NEWS!

Congratulations to our wonderful Robotics team on their achievements at the ROBOCUP competition last Friday. Thank you to Mrs Bearsley for her hard work, dedication and guidance in preparing our students for the event. Thankyou to our wonderful parent helpers: Bianca McKinnon, Susan Welsford and Allan Adams. The day would not have been possible without your support.

The ROBOCUP team will be presenting their show to the whole school next Thursday at 9.15am in the hall.

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

During this week, we have had several reported case of head lice in the Prep 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.

Paul Poliviou

**Assistant Principal**

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



# DIARY DATES

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	Robotics Presentation	9.15am – School Hall
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	September	PFA - Footy Day	Dress in AFL, soccer or rugby colours
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	September	Assembly – Froggy Awards	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	9.30am – School Hall
<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	
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	October	Prep – Year 6 Swimming Program Commences	North Lodge Swimming Academy

## FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

Here is a sneak peak of the Fathers' Day Breakfast. What a fabulous morning!! Children had a wonderful time enjoying breakfast and games with dad.



### 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.**

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 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

### LIBRARY NEWS

We would like to extend a very special thank you to Mrs Scandolera, Sam & Jack for donating some fantastic story books to our Library. Students are thoroughly enjoying reading them.

Mrs Logan Brown - Library

### COMMUNITY NEWS

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### STUDENT

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

### **Find out more!**

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

Sylvia Kelly, Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs phone 1300 884 733, email: [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au) or online: at [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE BBQ – BUNNINGS DANDENONG



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