


CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement


**GREEK
YOGHURT
CAKES WITH
SYRUP**

Yum, yum!!
Things were definitely heating up in the kitchen this week as students carefully prepared and baked their delicious cakes, under the watchful eyes of our two Master Chefs, Mr Cacavas and Mr Mayes.




**CHALCOT
CHESS CLUB
AWARDS AND
CELEBRATION**

Chess Club members celebrated their achievements during a special lunchtime celebration at which their awards were presented.




FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Family Holidays

As the holiday season fast approaches, many families have begun organising extended family holidays. If you intend taking an extended holiday before the end of this year or early in 2015, could you please inform the office in writing as soon as possible. Teachers will soon be planning friendship groups and class placements for 2015 and will need this information to ensure your child is placed in the appropriate learning area.

PFA Bunnings Barbeque

The PFA and their team of helpers will be hard at work at the Bunnings Dandenong BBQ from 8.00am until 4.00pm on Sunday, 26th October. Please come and support us by popping in with your family and friends and enjoying a sizzled sausage and a refreshing cold drink.

Prep Transition Program - Wednesday 29th October

As part of our Prep Transition Program, children commencing Prep in 2015 will meet their 'Chalcot Buddies'. The children will work with their buddies to create a special surprise to take home. Meanwhile, parents will hear about ways to prepare the children for school. Each parent will receive a copy of the booklet called "Starting School at Chalcot Lodge PS". This meeting is also a good opportunity for parents to ask any questions they may have.

Chalcot Chess Club

Congratulations to the students who took part in the Chalcot Chess Club this year. These students have worked extremely well and have shown great improvement in their chess skills. Mrs Bearsley and Mrs Velasquez are very proud of you all.

During this week, the Chess Club had a lunch time celebration and a variety of awards were handed out.

Congratulations to:

Kaelen MacKinnon: 1st place for the In- School Competition
Dishan Nagahawatta: 2nd place for the In- School Competition
Vishal Panditharatne: 3rd place for the In- School Competition
Lucy Mayes: Endeavour Award
Joshua Simpson: Encouragement Award

Medals will be presented at our next assembly on Tuesday 28th October.

A very big thank you to Mrs Bearsley and Mrs Velasquez for running our Chess Club this year.

'World Teachers' Day- Friday 31st October

Australia celebrates World Teachers' Day on Friday 31 October. This is the day that the community can pay tribute to the state's 90,000 teachers who work in schools in metropolitan and regional Victoria.

Our teachers make a very significant contribution to the lives of their students and to the future of our society. Teachers do an extraordinary job each day in providing a well-rounded and high quality education for each student, nurturing all facets of each student and providing them with every opportunity to succeed in learning and in life.

Teaching is an extremely rewarding and demanding profession and it takes a very special and highly trained person to meet the challenges. I am extremely proud of each of our teachers; they work long and hard to do their best for their students and for the school. Our teachers not only perform the core role of teaching their classes or specialist programs, but they also successfully perform a myriad of additional tasks, ranging from leading major whole school projects, attending training programs which are often run after school hours, coordinating extra curriculum programs such as Choir, Cheer Squad, Chess Club, Swimming, Interschool Sport, Robotics and the list could go on and on.

Next Friday is the day we can show our appreciation and thanks to our very dedicated and hardworking teachers.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Bully Stoppers – New Resources for Parents

Bully Stoppers aims to provide practical advice, information and strategies to support everyone to 'make a stand, lend a hand' and stop bullying. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has created two new online learning modules for parents. Both modules were developed in partnership with experts, and are linked to fact sheets.

Andrew Fuller (clinical psychologist and student wellbeing specialist) has designed a module to help parents understand, recognise and manage bullying and cyberbullying behaviours.

The module by Susan McLean (cyber safety expert) has a focus on cyber safety, cyber bullying and includes information on sexting, gaming addiction and online grooming. It aims to help parents address standards of behaviour in the context of cyber safety and social media. We encourage you to follow the link below and complete the modules.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/parentmodules.aspx>

Balls on the roof

As part of the strategy to reduce the incidence of injuries associated with working at heights, the Victorian Work Cover Authority introduced the Occupational Health and Safety (Prevention of Falls) Regulations 2003 for working at heights where there is a risk of fall greater than 2 metres.

This regulation prohibits us to access heights of 2 metres high or greater. This includes the school roof and trees.

A common reason for climbing on the roof or reaching up tall trees at school is to collect balls, and believe it or not, to collect shoes. Unfortunately, no-one is able to retrieve balls or any other objects from the school roof unless they have completed the Work cover ladder training.

Mr Logan Brown, the school maintenance man, has completed the necessary ladder training and is permitted to use a ladder. Mr Logan Brown is with us every fortnight. If items go up onto the roof, unfortunately they can only be retrieved by Mr Logan Brown once a fortnight.

If you allow your children to bring balls to school, we would ask that they be clearly named. While we encourage responsible care of personal, school and other people's property, we are unable to ensure the safety of such sporting equipment.

Getting Ready for Secondary College

I'm sure we all remember those days when our children were at pre-school and the excitement of 'going to school after the holidays'.

Getting 'ready' for secondary school is just as important. Our children will be moving to a new environment, will be mixing with many new students, working with new teachers, possibly without knowing anything about them and, without the teachers knowing anything about them. No longer are the students the 'big fish in a little pond', in fact, they become the little fish again.

Fortunately, all our students are involved in secondary transition programs in Years 5 & 6 to help them prepare for the move into Year 7. For most of our students, the transition activities involve the school they will attend. For those moving to different schools, the transition program still provides opportunities to find out about what to expect in their new school.

If you need further assistance in getting ready for secondary school next year please feel free to contact the secondary college your child will be attending.

Chicken Pox

During this week, we have had one reported case of Chicken Pox, in the Year 3/4 area. Children are excluded from school until they are fully recovered or for at least five days after the eruptions appear.

Hope you have a great weekend!

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal

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



DIARY DATES

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 – Preps meet Buddies	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
Wednesday	19 th	November	Prep Transition – Fashion Parade	2.30pm
Wednesday	19 th	November	School Council Meeting	6.30pm – Staff Room
<u>UPCOMING INVISITS AND EXCURSIONS</u>				
Tuesday	28 th	October	Spring Planting Day	
Thursday	13 th	November	Chalcot Movie Night	7.00pm Maranatha Christian School Auditorium Doveton Campus



CHALCOT LEGEND AWARD – ALLEGRA MURPHY

Congratulations to Allegra for being selected to receive the Chalcot Legend Award. Allegra has been selected for being an enthusiastic learner and continually trying her best in all that she does. Her smiley face and cheerful manner are a joy to see. Well done Allegra! Allegra will receive her certificate and canteen voucher at assembly on Tuesday 28th October.

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 28th October.

0AC	Aletta Marton	1/2JV	Enrique Salinas
0CB	Aki Charlie	3/4AK	Mashood Ahmed
0SC	Zsolt Szabo	3/4RS	Nikola Pavlovic
1/2GC	Alejandro Salinas	4/5AT	Alexandra Starecki
1/2DE	Alysha Temple	5/6AA	Bailey Adams
1/2MK	Allegra Murphy	5/6DN	Phania Liu

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

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:

- * Children's choice of activities
- * Paper Plate – Egyptian Fan
- * 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

ICAS – MATHS COMPETITION

The results for the ICAS Mathematics Competition have arrived. Congratulations to all the students who participated! Certificates will be presented at the next assembly.

YEAR 3:

Participation: Deeya Reddy.

Merit: Jordan Leveque, Sameer Popalzai.

Credit: Jacob Pellowe.

YEAR 4:

Participation: Navkaran Sahni, Anderson Di Pascale, Marko Kovac, Diyana Nagahawatta, Jayce Ockenden, Priyanka Suja Rani, Catharina Truong.

Merit: Oliver Mraz, Campbell Newton.

YEAR 5:

Participation: Adam Johnson, Leyon Mamuhewa, Dishan Nagahawatta, Logesh Kumar Naresh Kumar, Bailey O'Callaghan, Pooja Reddy, Alexandra Starecki, Jaik Weerasingha.

Merit: Noor Al Musawi, Tome Correia, Lucy Mayes.

Credit: Ethan Pellowe.

Distinction: Kaelen Mackinnon, Vishal Panditharatne.

YEAR 6:

Participation: Jaysen Del Socorro, Zephania Liu, Michael Morgan, Emily Van.

Credit: Luke Bird, Katelyn De Savery, Shabir Popalzai

Anastasia Christopoulos
Mathematics co-ordinator

SCHOOL BANKING

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

COMPETITIONS:

1: A competition to support regular saving. Prizes up for grabs are one of 40 Go Pros and 150 Slip and Slides. This competition starts next week.

2: "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 information to come!

Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator

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World Education Program (WEP) is looking for caring families who wish to experience another culture in their own home by becoming a volunteer host family. Browse through student profiles, and select a student who you think will fit best into your family and lifestyle!

For further information, please contact Sylvia Kelly (WEP Inbound Manager) on 1300 884 733, by email on info@wep.org.au or by visiting our website www.wep.org.au.