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GREEN TEAM SEAL ROCK BOAT TRIP

Last Tuesday, 25th November the Green Team leaders and Mr Cacavas took part in the first of four workshops with the Dolphin Research Institute 'i sea i care' program.

Chalcot Lodge has been given a wonderful opportunity to be involved in this program by the City of Casey.

We met with several other schools and their ambassadors at the pier in Stony Point. The students were all very excited about our first workshop! We went on a boat trip to Philip Island and learnt about the delicate marine life in Western Port Bay. We were fortunate enough to see a seal playing in the wild and the Pacific Gulls in full flight! At Cape Woolamai we went out in 2 metre swells and I'm sure this was the highlight for everybody on board as our boat went up and down in the enormous waves!

It was a classic Victorian day and we were exposed to all the elements: rain, wind, sun, more rain, more wind and more sun! The students learnt a lot of valuable information and we thoroughly enjoyed our first workshop and eagerly look forward to the next three!

Mr. Greg Cacavas



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tonight's Concert under the Oaks

I'm hoping that the weather holds out for us!!! If the weather is inclement, the concert will be cancelled and rescheduled for next Friday. ***A notice would have gone home tonight to all families if the concert has been cancelled!***

If all is well, the evening will start at 6.00pm with a Chalcot family picnic. Families can either purchase a sausage in bread and a soft drink from our PFA or bring along their own picnic.

Weather permitting, the concert will commence at 6.45pm. The Chalcot Choir and each class will be performing special items for you to enjoy. The staff also have a surprise for you!!! Please ensure you bring along a towel or small cushion for your child to sit on and chairs or a rug for yourselves.



See you tonight!!!!!!
Santa Clause is coming to Chalcot!

2015 School Captains

I am pleased to announce that the selection process for the 2015 School Captains has been completed. Mr Poliviou and I feel extremely proud of each and every one of the applicants and we found making a final selection very difficult, as all of the applicants are very fine young members of the Chalcot family.

It is with great pleasure that I announce the 2015 School Captains: Nyarath Gatkuoth and Vishal Panditharatne. The 2015 School Vice Captains are Dyanmond Cummings and Kaelen MacKinnon.

Mr Poliviou and I look forward to working with these students as part of our Student Leadership Team in 2015.

I also wish to thank and acknowledge the 2014 School Captains, Kodie Myszka & Peter Millaras and School Vice Captains, Emily Van & Jaysen Del Socorro.

They have fulfilled all aspects of their leadership roles with pride and to a very high standard. I greatly appreciate their support and know that their experiences will put them in good stead for the future.

2015 ICT Leaders

After much deliberation by Mrs Bearsley and Mr Suttie, we are very pleased to announce the ICT Leaders for 2015.

Congratulations to: Noor Al Musawi, Ilona Lamb, Claire Goodall, Georgia Allsopp, Priyanka Suja Rani, Alexandra Starecki, Nyarath Gatkuoth, Kaelen MacKinnon, Vishal Panditharatne, Dishan Nagahawatta, Tyrone Huon, Ollie Mraz and Campbell Newton.

2014 Community Spirit and Leadership Awards

The Community and Leadership Spirit awards acknowledge students who contribute actively to their school community. This year's Community Spirit Award is presented to Keenan Ferguson.

Keenan is a highly valued member of the Chalcot Lodge school community who personifies the Chalcot Spirit. During this year Keenan has displayed excellent leadership qualities such as persistence, dedication, showing initiative and commitment to getting the job done. Keenan has shown a keen interest in the school's Garden and Cooking programs. He has worked tirelessly to help maintain these programs as demonstrated through his commitment to assist with before, during and after school duties that need to be completed. His responsible attitude and reliability have been admirable.

Congratulations Keenan, your Chalcot Family is very proud of you!!!!

Keenan will be presented with his award at the Cranbourne Community Theatre on Monday 15th December.

Parent Payments and Voluntary Financial Contributions for 2015

Parent Payments for 2015 are now being taken. For your convenience, the Qkr App is now open for payments and will remain open right through the school holidays.

Payments are also accepted at the office until Thursday 18th December, 2014 and again on Thursday 29th January, 2015 between 10.30am and 3.00pm.

Boxes of requisites will be delivered to each student's classroom ready for the first day of school (Friday 30th January for Years 1 – 6 and Monday 2nd February for Year Prep).



Thankyou Helpers Morning Tea

This week, the staff was able to thank members of the Chalcot family who have helped our students in so many different ways throughout the year. Staff put on a lovely morning tea and it was a great opportunity to sit and relax together.

I know that many of our helpers were unable to attend and I just want to say a very special thank you to everyone who has donated their time and effort; we really do rely on your support which comes in many shapes and forms.

Basically, it's all about the children, and we are so grateful for the significant contributions that you make, whether it be folding newsletters, teaching Religious Education, helping out with programs, gardening, doing school banking, fundraising or in whatever way you help! On behalf of the staff and students, THANK YOU!!!!!!

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Prep and Year 6 Transition Day - Tuesday 9th December

Just a reminder that Tuesday 9th December will be our final transition day for 2014 for both our current Year 6 students transitioning to Secondary College and our new Preps for 2015. Our Year 6 students must wear their school uniform to their new Secondary College. Year 6 students are not required to attend Chalcot Lodge PS on this day and need to ensure their own transportation to their new school. 2015 Prep students will enjoy a wonderful afternoon with us participating in Teddy Bears' Picnic sausage sizzle starting at 2.00pm.

Library Books

All library books borrowed by our students must be returned to school by next Monday 9th December. Please have a good look over the weekend for any library books you may have at home.

Lost Property! Lost Property! Lost Property!

If your children are missing any items of clothing, please come and have a look in our lost property box in the hall. All lost property items will be **cleared out before the end of the year.**

Sharing Hats

To help control the spread of head lice, we do not encourage students who forget their hats to borrow a spare hat from a friend. We would appreciate it if you could reinforce this with your children at home.

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal

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



DIARY DATES

Friday	5 th	December	Concert Under the Oaks	6.00pm – Picnic 6.45pm – Concert begins
Tuesday	9 th	December	Prep Transition – Teddy Bear BBQ Picnic	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Tuesday	9 th	December	Year 6 Transition to Secondary Schools	
Wednesday	10 th	December	End of Year - School Council Meeting	6.30pm – Positano Restaurant - Hallam
Thursday	11 th	December	Year 3/4 Bali Buffet	
Monday	15 th	December	Class Party Day	
Tuesday	16 th	December	2015 Year 5/6 Sports Top order due	Payment of \$48.40 due today
Tuesday	16 th	December	Walk Up	
Tuesday	16 th	December	Reports sent home	
Tuesday	16 th	December	Year 6 Graduation Evening	
Wednesday	17 th	December	Year 6 Big Day Out Gumbuya Park	\$10 due Friday 12 th December
Thursday	18 th	December	Assembly – Froggy Awards	2.45pm – School Hall
Thursday	18th	December	End of Term 4 for students	
Friday	19th	December	Curriculum Day	No school for students
Friday	30 th	January	Commencement Term 1 Year 1 – Year 6 Students	9.00am Start
Monday	2 nd	February	Preps start today	9.15am – 12.30pm

Congratulations to our 2015 School Captains:
Nyarath Gatkuoth and Vishal Panditharatne and
School Vice Captains Dyamond Cummings and Kaelen MacKinnon.



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:

- * Christmas Craft
- * Puppet Show
- * Dress Ups
- * Free Play

Holiday program held at St. Mary's, Dandenong

December: 19th, 22nd & 23rd

January: 12th - 29th

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

Please feel free to speak to Iris if you have any concerns. Call 0400 194 859 during session times or come in and have a chat!

Y.L.V Team

SUMMER GARDENING

Our vegetable garden will need some love and attention over the summer break. In particular, I need one or two people to take responsibility over the time period from December 27th up until January 4th.

If you are able to assist with weeding and watering, please complete the return slip sent home earlier this week.

Cathy Bracegirdle
Garden Coordinator



SCHOOL BANKING

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

IMPORTANT: Last day for deposits for 2014 is Friday, 12th December. First day for deposits in 2015 will be Friday 6th February.

REMEMBER: If you make an over-the-counter deposit at a CBA branch during January, and make no withdrawals during the year, your child's account earns a huge 3.64% bonus interest.

A BIG "THANK YOU"... to all of the families who have supported School Banking this year, and our fantastic helpers Jill Robertson and Jenna Perry! It has been a wonderful year and I wish you all a safe and happy school holidays.

Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator

CONCERT UNDER THE OAKS

Join the fun and festivities

Friday 5th December (weather permitting)

6:00pm Picnic

6.45pm Concert

Sausage in bread \$2

Drinks \$1.50

The Chalcot Choir and each class will be performing special items.

Staff have a special surprise for you.

Our special guest Santa will also be coming.

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