



CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement

District Athletics Carnival

Chalcot Lodge was well represented at the District Athletics Carnival on Monday 24th August, placing 1st -3rd in many events. Our students displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day and were determined to run, jump and throw to the best of their ability. The persistence and determination of our students paid off as our school came 2nd overall.

There are 15 students from Chalcot progressing to the Division Athletics Carnival to be held on Tuesday 15th September, at Cranbourne Athletics Track. Congratulations!
Amanda Thomas



Educational Assessment Australia

Congratulations to the following students from Years 3 to 6 who participated in the International Competitions & Assessments for School (ICAS) Spelling Competition.

The results were as follows:

Distinction – Priyanka Suja-Rani (Year 5)

Credit – Andrea Kovac (Year 3)

Merit – Marko Kovac (Year 5), Ethan Landman (Year 3)

Participation – Vishal Panditharatne, Lucy Mayes, Leyon Mamuhewa, Ilona Lamb, (Year 6), Ella Ryan (Year 5), Amy Williams, Josh Kurz (Year 4), Harley Kerr (Year 3).

The students will receive their certificates at the next assembly on Tuesday 1st September.

David Evans

English Coordinator

Enviro Week

Chalcot Lodge is celebrating all things green, with an Enviro Week celebration! Our aim is to spread awareness of environmental issues through the Chalcot Community. Students will have the chance to discuss and learn new ways they can be environmentally sustainable, both at school and at home. Each day there will be a different focus and task for the students to complete.

Monday- Going green video & discussion

Tuesday- Water

Wednesday- compost and recycle

Students will aim to place all food scraps into compost and remember to recycle their plastics.

Thursday- Electricity

Students will turn off all lights and switches when not in use.

Friday- Our environment

Students will be taken outside to learn for 10-15minutes in our school environment.

Grade 5 Graffiti Awareness Program!



Robotics

Gee, what a day! I just got back from Robotics and we came 6th out of 49; it was the time of my life. Our team was Ethan, Liam, James, Ollie and I.

The interview gained us 21 points and the actual performance got us 28. We restarted once and went on the map twice. It was nerve racking. We started off 10/10 but on the last hour we were 3/10. It was a good but hard experience. We had 4 weeks to prepare and personally I found it a hard task. Robotics is something I have wanted to do since prep or before, so it was a great day. We had to program 4 NXTS and 1 EV3; my program was time consuming. It was the best day of my life.

Ethan Adams Yr. 4 AK



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Enrolments for 2016

We are currently firming up projected enrolment numbers to facilitate planning and preparations for 2016. Consequently, parents who have children who will be starting school at Chalcot next year are requested to submit completed enrolment forms to the office as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are available at the office.

Also, please advise the office if your family will not be attending Chalcot Lodge next year.

Kinder Club

The next Chalcot Kinder Club will be on Wednesday 2nd September from 2.30 to 3.30. This is an important part of our Transition Program, which facilitates a smooth and confident entry for children into primary school life. During Kinder Club, parents are welcome to have a chat over a cupper in the staffroom.

Fathers' Day Stall

Just a reminder that Parent Club will be holding their Fathers' Day stall on Thursday 3rd September. Gifts range from 0.50 cents to 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 - Friday 4th September

Our Fathers' Day Brekkie is fast approaching. Thank you to all our dads/special males who have ordered their breakfast via Qkr. Please ensure you bring along your tickets in order to collect your brekkie burger.

Hall Window Tinting

Our blue velvet drapes in the hall have served their purpose well over the last 10 years. However, it is now time to pull down our old faithfuls and replace them with modern window tinting. The tinting is a 90% UV sunblock which will keep the hall cooler in the summer, block out the sun's glare and is more practical for a functional hall. The Parent Club has been planning to replace the drapes with something more practical for the last 18 months. A big thank you to the Parent Club for all their fundraising efforts and for paying for the installation of our new window tinting, which will be completed by the end of this term.

Student Absences

It is a requirement of the Department of Education that when a student is absent, a letter explaining the absence be sent when the student returns to school. When a letter is received, it is noted on the department's computerised attendance record and the letter is retained in school records. On occasions, parents phone the school to advise us that their child will not be attending school. While the phone call informs us, a letter when the child returns is still required to explain the absence.

When teachers mark the roll each day, they are required to indicate late arrivals as well as absences. This information must also be recorded on the department's computer system. Students must be at school for two hours of a morning or an afternoon session to be marked present for that half day. For the purposes of attendance, the morning session is 9.00 am - 12.15 pm and the afternoon session is from 12.15 pm - 3.30 pm.

Qkr & CSEF (Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund) or Bulk Funds

The CSEF, provided by the Victorian Government, is to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. **Unfortunately, neither CSEF nor Bulk Funds can be used for Parent Club activities or Movie Night tickets.**

Through Qkr, we have set up an allocation option called 'Permission / Bulk or CSEF payment'. This payment option can be selected when you have previously made a bulk prepayment to the school or have received the CSEF payment. A permission form is generated with details of the activity and admin staff will allocate your funds. A credit card/debit card still needs to be registered to complete the Qkr transaction, but no monetary value is processed. Please note that the receipt that is recorded on your front page of Qkr for this transaction will be for a zero amount as no funds have been processed through your credit / debit card. Please contact the office for further information.

Daffodil Day



A big thank you to all the students, staff and parents who supported the Cancer Council's Daffodil Day. Everyone looked fantastic in their bright yellow outfits!!! Thank you also to Miss Kodogiorgos and Mrs Velasquez for organising the school's participation in Daffodil Day.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



OUR FIRST EVER RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY and official bicycle shelter opening Wednesday 2nd September

We are pleased to announce that **Wednesday 2nd September** is the official opening date of our bicycle shelter and the first day students in Years 4 – 6 will be allowed to ride to school. The official opening will be at 9.30am in front of the bicycle shelter, just in front of the red bricked area near the courtyard.

A note has gone home during the week, along with an agreement that parents/guardians are required to sign before students are allowed to ride to school. As our community is not used to students being on bikes, I would ask that we take extra care on the roads and look out for students on scooters and bicycles. For the safety of students and to relieve traffic congestion students riding to school are only allowed to enter with their bikes via the back oval gate. All other entrances are **not to** be used. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the school.

Happy riding ☺

Building Resilience

What is resilience and why build it?

The word 'resilience' is used to describe the capacity people have to cope, learn and thrive in the face of change, challenge or adversity. Some children and young people find it harder than others to cope with the challenges they face in life. However, all children and young people develop coping strategies to help them deal with stress and challenge.

There are things that families and schools can do to help build the resilience of children and young people, and to help them to develop positive coping strategies.

What are the key skills for resilience?

- Self-awareness– understanding emotions and needs and being able to communicate them to others
- Self-control– managing anger and anxiety and the expression of emotions
- Social awareness– being aware of the needs and feelings of others and building the capacity to respect those with different views or beliefs
- Social management– developing the skills and confidence to talk to and mix with other children and adults and to work and play well with others
- Responsibility– taking responsibility for a range of tasks, such as tidying up, doing their homework and helping others
- Effort and persistence– understanding the importance of hard work and persistence
- Hope– believing in the possibility of a good future and in the value of education
- Self-esteem– feeling proud of the effort they make at school and their efforts to get along with others and to be part of the family
- Problem-solving skills – building the capacity to think about how to deal with a range of challenges
- Positive coping strategies – developing the capacity to cheer themselves up, calm themselves down, ask for help when needed and to work out ways to solve a problem

What can parents and carers do to support resilience building?

- Establish a safe and supportive environment
- Set clear rules and boundaries requiring respect and cooperation
- Teach social and emotional skills
- Role-model strong social and emotional skills
- Set strong expectations about effort, attitudes and behaviour
- Encourage children to work hard at school
- Create opportunities to help children learn to mix well with other children and adults
- Encourage children to show respect and consideration for others
- Give responsibilities so children learn how to help out and to contribute to others
- Teach children important social skills and values
- Give attention to positive behaviours in order to reward and reinforce them

Mr P's Footy Predictions

Cats by 45 points	North by 1 point
Giants by 23 points	Hawks by 100 points
Dockers by 75 points	Swans by 24 points
Tigers by 55 points	Power by 20 points
Crows by 1 point	



Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal

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



DIARY DATES

Tuesday	1 st	September	Year 6 Personal Development	
Tuesday	1 st	September	Assembly – Student Awards	2.45 – Hall
Wednesday	2 nd	September	Kinder Club	2.30 – 3.30pm
Thursday	3 rd	September	Father’s Day Stall	
Friday	4 th	September	Father’s Day Breakfast	8.00am onwards
Saturday	5 th	September	Year 6 Bunnings BBQ	8.00am – 4.00pm
Tuesday	8 th	September	Year 6 Personal Development	
Wednesday	9 th	September	Movie Night	Maranatha Christian School
Thursday	10 th	September	Footy Day	
Thursday	10 th	September	Finance Committee Meeting	3.45pm- Conference Room
Thursday	10 th	September	School Council	7.30pm Staffroom
Tuesday	15 th	September	Assembly – Student Awards	2.45 – Hall
Tuesday	15 th	September	Division Athletics Carnival	Cranbourne Athletics Track
Thursday	17 th	September	Student Led Conferences	4.30pm – 8.00pm
Thursday	17 th	September	Green Team Workshop	
Friday	18 th	September	PFA Disco	
Friday	18 th	September	Term 3 Ends	2.30 Dismissal

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 18th August.

0CB	Alannah McInnes	2/3AC	Kate Svendsen
0SC	Natalie Gvozden	3/4AK	Asher Lowson
1/2GC	Daniel Williams	3/4RS	Joshua Simpson
1/2DE	Allegra Murphy	4/5AT	Izabella Hernandez
1/2MK	Nivedita Poudel	5/6AA	Rachel Makoni
1/2JV	Sophie Zhang	5/6DN	Cindy Huon

CHALCOT LEGEND AWARD – KIRSTEN WALKER

Congratulations to Kirsten Walker for being selected to receive the Chalcot Legend Award. Kirsten has been selected for always being kind to other students and for always having lovely manners. Well done Kirsten! Kirsten will receive her certificate at assembly on Tuesday 1st September.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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

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.

Welcome to another exciting week of Before and After School Care.

This week's activities:

- Mon & Tue: Recycled Craft activities to celebrate 24-30 August Keep Australia Beautiful Week
- Wed-Thu: "Healthy Eating" crafts to celebrate
- 24 August-18 September Fruit & Veg Month
- DIY Paper Daffodils

Please feel free to speak to Asanka Dissanayake who will be filling in for Alex until further notice. 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.

COMPETITION FOR TERM 3: Make 3 or more deposits this term to be in the draw to win some great prizes. Carry out the Money Mission for an extra entry into the draw.

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards, the Commonwealth Bank has made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any 'Cosmic Light Beam Torches' their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator

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.

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MOONLIGHT SANCTUARY JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

Sept/Oct School Holidays

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.

Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities, fun and games for ages 7-14 years.

Sept/Oct school holiday dates:

- Week 1: Monday 21st to Friday 25th September 10am – 4pm
- Week 2: Monday 28th September to Thursday 1st October 10am – 4pm

Cost: \$65.00 per day, or \$175 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).

Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited

Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

Moonlit Sanctuary

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale

Phone 5978 7935

Web: www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au/juniorrangers.aspx

Open daily between 10am and 5pm

Bumble Bee Baby and Children's Markets

Parents helping parents

Berwick Fields Primary School

35 Gwendoline Drive

Berwick

Sunday 30th August

9am to Noon

Endeavour Hills Cricket Club

Junior Registration Day

Saturday 29th August

10.00am to 12.30pm

Sydney Pargeter Reserve

Power Road, Endeavour Hills

Melway 91 B1

Enquiries: David Anning 9708 1232