



CHALCOT WEEKLY

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Year 6 Graduation

On Tuesday evening our Year 6 students, their families and teachers celebrated 7 years of schooling for the graduating class of 2015.

The graduates did an outstanding job of preparing and presenting their individual graduation speeches and sharing their thoughts about their primary school experiences.

Our School Council President, Mr Paul Newton, presented each student with their Graduation certificate and Angie Boustead, Parent Club President, presented each student with a graduation bear, which was generously provided by our Parent Club.

During the ceremony, I had the great pleasure of presenting the 2015 Academic Excellence awards to the following students:

Dux Award:	Kaelen Mackinnon
English Excellence:	Nyarath Gatkuoth
Mathematics Excellence:	Vishal Panditharatne
Physical Education Excellence:	Tyler Studd
Performing Arts Excellence:	Jacinta Vassiliou
Visual Arts Excellence:	Tome Correia
Humanities Excellence:	Pooja Reddy
ICT Excellence:	Noor Al Musawi
School Spirit Award:	Amanda Gunn

The names of these students will be inscribed on the Academic Excellence plaques proudly displayed in the front office.

The evening was capped off with the students enjoying a disco in the hall.

Many thanks to Miss Ablitt, Mr Napier, Mrs Clark and Ms Warburton for their excellent work with the Year 6 students throughout the year and for organising such a memorable graduation evening. Congratulations to each of our graduates for their personal efforts and achievements. Your Chalcot family is VERY PROUD of each of you, and we wish you every happiness and success for the future; you'll always be a part of the Chalcot family!

Farewell to Lyn Thornton

It is both with happiness for Lyn and sadness for the school that we wish Lyn Thornton a very happy and prosperous retirement. Lyn has been a staff member of Chalcot Lodge for 19 years and has demonstrated outstanding leadership as a Business Manager and has maintained the school's financial and administrative records to an exemplary level, her skills have been a great asset to the school. Lyn has been a member of the Chalcot family for over 25 Years. Lyn's children attended Chalcot and both Lyn and her husband John, have held the position of School Council President over the years. Lyn has been a loyal and much respected member of our community.

Congratulations Lyn on your retirement, you will be missed!!!!

Farewell to Mr Cacavas

It is with great sadness that we farewell Mr Cacavas as he takes up a new position at Balnarring Primary School. Mr Cacavas has been an outstanding classroom teacher and a highly respected member of the school community. Under Mr Cacavas' inspiration and leadership, the Green Team Program was developed and many new environmental sustainability initiatives have been implemented across the school. Thank you Mr Cacavas for your commitment and dedication to Chalcot Lodge PS over the last four years. You have truly made a positive and lasting impact on our students and the school. We wish you all the best and congratulations on your new position.

Farewell to Ms Hall

Ms Hall has filled a short term position at Chalcot for the last six months, assisting with the educational needs of students in the 5/6 unit. Ms Hall has been a caring Educational Support Officer who has always had the best interest of our students at heart. Thank you Ms Hall, we wish you all the best in 2016.

Installation of Solar Panels

Over the school holidays, the school will be installing a large quantity of solar panels over the main teaching wing. For the **safety** of your children and the wider school community, we are requesting that no-one enters the school grounds over the school holidays. There will be many large vehicles and workmen on the school property and a considerable amount of construction in and around the school buildings.

2016 Canteen News

The canteen will resume for window and lunch sales next year as normal on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please note however, the canteen will not be open between Friday 29th January and Friday 5th February. The canteen will re-open next year starting Wednesday 10th February.

On behalf of the Chalcot Family, I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank Leanne Antonielli for providing our students with yummy healthy snacks and lunches. Thanks so much Leanne!!!

On behalf of the staff at Chalcot Lodge, I wish all of our families a very happy and safe holiday. I look forward to meeting up with the Chalcot family next year. Sincere thanks to everyone for making Chalcot Lodge a wonderful school.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Student Reports

All students received their December Reports for 2015 on Tuesday. Included in the report envelope was information regarding your child's class placement for 2016.

Receiving reports is a very exciting time for children. It's a time for celebrating all their hard work and success throughout the year. It is important for parents to read the reports with their children and talk about their achievements and areas for improvement that school and home need to focus on in 2016.

Farewell to our Year 6 Students

We wish our Year 6 students well as they move to secondary college. We hope that they will continue to achieve their personal goals and to build upon the strong foundations developed here at Chalcot Lodge. The staff at Chalcot Lodge wishes them good fortune and happiness for the future.

How You can Help in the Fight to Prevent Vandalism

If you are concerned about people on our school property, particularly over the school holidays, I would urge you to phone Emergency Management on 9589 6266 or the Endeavour Hills Police on 9709 7666.

Things to do Over the Holidays

The Victorian School Holidays will start on 21 December - are you ready to entertain your children? Below is a link to a range of activities you might consider to entertain them with over the summer school holiday period.

<http://www.vic.gov.au/about-victoria-tourism/holidays-daylight-saving/school-holidays/school-holiday-activities.html>

Have a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing and safe holiday.

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal

Graduates 2015



**Goodbye &
Good luck!**

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



DIARY DATES

Friday	18 th	December	Curriculum Day	No school for students
Friday	29 th	January	Commencement Term 1 (Years 1 – 6 students)	9.00am Start
Monday	1 st	February	Preps start today	9.15am – 12.30pm



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