

# CHALCOT WEEKLY

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**Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement**

## Bali Sidhi Astu Orphanage Visit

You may remember in Term 4 last year, the Year 3/4 unit raised money for the Bali Sidhi Astu Orphanage, as part of their inquiry studies on Community.

Students held a jellybean guessing competition and organised a Bali Buffet to sell drinks, lollies and icy poles to students for a gold coin donation.

Students raised over \$500, which was an amazing effort and a great reward for all their efforts.

During the school holidays I had the pleasure of donating the money raised on behalf of our students. It was amazing to see the beautiful smiles of the children and head nuns when we presented them our donation.

We are so proud of our students' achievements and hope that they understand what a difference they have made to the nuns and children at the Sidhi Astu Orphanage.

Rohan Suttie  
Year 3/4 Teacher



## ***FROM THE PRINCIPAL***

### **Welcome Back**

Hi everyone and welcome back. We have a very busy and exciting term coming up with many activities planned, including the Year 5/6 Camp; ANZAC Day Commemoration; Fun Run; Talent Quest; Education Week Activities; Mothers' Day Celebration and the University of New South Wales competitions to name a few.

### **ANZAC Appeal**

Remembering and supporting those who have protected our country is an important part of our Chalcot Family culture. Once again, we are selling ANZAC badges, the proceeds of which are used in the welfare work carried out by the RSL for ex-service men, women and their families who are in need of support. Badges cost 50 cents each and will be sold during eating time by 1/2JV students. Please show the Chalcot, Aussie spirit and support this worthy cause.

A reminder that, our ANZAC Day assembly will be held on Friday 24th April, at 9.15am in the hall. Sergeant Nicolle Morgan will be addressing the children and our Chalcot Choir will be performing as part of the ceremony.

It would be much appreciated if parents would send along a few flowers or small posy for their children to place under the Australian flag during the assembly.

Parents and extended family members are most welcome to join us for this very special assembly.



'LEST WE FORGET'

### **Extended Sick Leave**

I will be taking extended sick leave commencing Monday 4th May, for approximately 5 to 6 weeks. I will be having a hip replacement and hope to recover quickly to be back at work as soon as possible.

In my absence, Paul Poliviou will be Acting Principal and Dean Napier will be Acting Assistant Principal. A teacher has been employed to teach alongside Ms Ablitt in the 5/6 area while Mr Napier fulfils his role as Acting Assistant Principal.

### **Cookery and Etiquette Program**

Early this week, all families were given a copy of the Term 2 Cookery timetable which commences next week. We really rely on parent helpers to make this program successful and I sincerely thank all our parents who have committed to helping with this excellent program.

### **Mothers' Day – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Mothers' Day is fast approaching and once again Chalcot Lodge will be acknowledging the outstanding contribution that our mothers, grandmothers and other significant females have on our children and the school.

To celebrate Mothers' Day, the Parent Club will be holding their annual Mothers' Day stall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May. We will also be holding a special 'Pink Ribbon' Mothers' Day morning tea, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May between 9.00am and 10.30am. Mothers will be treated to a lavish morning tea of sweets and savouries prepared and served by Mrs Felton and some of our Year 6 students.

This day will be a celebration for mothers, grandmothers and special females, however if you would like to make a contribution on the day, all proceeds will be donated to The National Breast Cancer Foundation. The National Breast Cancer Foundation is the leading community funded organisation in Australia raising money for research into the prevention and cure of breast cancer.

If you would like to join us at this special event, please ensure that you return the reply slip that was sent home earlier this week.

### **Nude Food Initiative**

Our very active Environmental Team has introduced the Nude Food Initiative. 'Nude Food' is natural and fresh food that is brought to school in reusable containers with no packaging or wrapping. Nude Food promotes healthy eating and also reduces the amount of rubbish in our environment.

Each Tuesday morning, the Nude Food class representatives will count the amount of Nude Food items in the lunchboxes of students in their class. Classes will be recognised at assembly for outstanding efforts in becoming 'Nude Foodies'. Each term, the winning class will receive a fruit platter to share.

### **School Policy**

We are currently writing an Asthma Management Policy in line with department regulations and guidelines. School community input is welcome. If you would like to make any comments in relation to this policy, please feel free to email your comments to me via the school's email address at [chalcot.lodge.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:chalcot.lodge.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au).

### **Lynden Place Pharmacy – Thank you!**

Thank you once again to Lynden Place Pharmacy for their generous Term 2 donation of supplies for our Kitchen Classroom. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Monica Ghirxi  
**PRINCIPAL**

## *FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL*

### **Welcome Back!**

Welcome back everybody, what a wonderful term we have coming up, jam packed with great experiences for our students. Hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and are looking forward in anticipation to a GREAT term.

### **School Nurse Visit**

The school nurse will be visiting our prep students this term.

### **Year 5&6 HAPPY CAMPERS**

Our Years 5 & 6 students are off to ACE HIGH camp next week. I wish them and their teachers a safe and wonderful time. Camps are one of those experiences that students will never forget. I will be visiting our campers later in the week.

### **The National Assessment Program - for Years 3 and 5 students**

The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 students will be held on Tuesday 12th May, Wednesday 13th May and Thursday 14th May. The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority on behalf of the Ministerial Council of Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs. The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about their child's performance in English and Mathematics.

The NAPLAN results will help teachers to measure student achievement and develop support strategies to improve students' literacy and numeracy skills. It is designed to monitor students' progress and assist teachers to develop a more focussed teaching program.

Later in the year, parents with children in Years 3 and 5 will receive their child's personal report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. This report will also show how your child performed in relation to the national benchmark standards. These benchmark standards describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

It is important to remember that these tests are just one form of assessment that teachers use to gather information about student progress and are just a snapshot of each child's achievement.

If you have any queries regarding the NAPLAN testing please feel free to contact me. You may also visit the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority website at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) or the NAPLAN website at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au)

### **Mr P's Footy Predictions**

PIES by 3 points	SWANS by 35 points
HAWKS by 35 points	BOMBERS by 40 points
NORTH by 10 points	CATS by 10 points
CROWS by 70 points	TIGERS by 5 points
DOCKERS by 12 points	

Paul Poliviou  
**Assistant Principal**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM NEWS** **NUDE FOOD INITIATIVE**

As of this term, Chalcot Lodge will be introducing the 'Nude Food' initiative. Nude Food promotes healthy eating and also reduces the amount of rubbish in our environment.

Each Tuesday morning, the Nude Food class representatives will count the amount of Nude Food items in the lunchboxes of students in their class. Classes will be recognised at assembly for outstanding efforts in becoming 'Nude Foodies', and the winning class each term will receive a fruit platter to share.

'Nude Food' is natural and fresh food that is brought to school in a reusable container (no packaging).

Meat, fish, rice, pasta, wholemeal bread, fruit, vegetables and dairy are all healthy options that can be placed into reusable containers for recess and lunch. Muesli bars, crackers, yoghurt etc. can be removed from their packets at home and put into containers.

**For week 1 Term 2, the winning 'Nude Foodie' class, with the most Nude Food items is 1/2GC.**

Thank you for your support.

Greg Cacavas & Ally Keay  
**Environmental Team Leaders**





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



# DIARY DATES

Mon – Frid	20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	April	Year 5/6 – Ace High Ranch Camp	
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	April	Assembly – Achiever Awards	2.45pm – Hall
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	April	Finance Committee Meeting	3.45pm – Conference room
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	April	Anzac Day Assembly	9.15am - 10.00am
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	April	Kinder Club	2.30pm - 3.30pm
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>	April	Fun Run	
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	May	Assembly	2.30pm-Hall
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	May	Talent Quest	11.30am - Hall
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	May	School Council Meeting	7.00pm – Staffroom
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	May	Mothers’ Day Stall	
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	May	Pink Ribbon Mothers’ Day Morning Tea	9.00am – 10.30am
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	May	Finance Committee Meeting	3.45pm – Conference room
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	May	District Cross Country	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		May	Education Week	
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	May	UNSW Computer Competition	
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	May	Assembly	2.45pm - Hall
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	May	Co-op Directors Meeting	3.30pm – Conference room
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	May	Art Show	6.00pm – 7.30pm

## CHALCOT LEGEND AWARD – JUSTYNA KOMAR

Congratulations to Justyna for being selected to receive the Chalcot Legend Award. Justyna has been selected for being a good friend and helping others in need. Well done Justyna! Justyna will receive her certificate and canteen voucher at assembly on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> April.  
Due to the Camp, there are no recipients in 5/6AA and 5/6DN.

0CB	Isabella Forte	2/3AC	Caleb Simpson
0SC	Makayla Kerr	3/4AK	Ianeta Perenise
1/2DE	Alexander Forbes	3/4RS	Logan Running
1/2GC	Jackson Clish	4/5AT	Jelena Peric
1/2MK	Lorenzo Ryan-Aleke		
1/2JV	Farahnaz Hekmati		

### **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.

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**

### **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.

### **SCHOOL BANKING**

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

**ORDERING REWARDS:** The Term 2 rewards are now available to be ordered. Term 1 rewards are also still available, as well as an assortment of rewards from the past 2 years. Rewards may be ordered any time, when you return 10 tokens and the order slip. Tokens must not be shared with siblings or other students.

**DISNEYLAND:** Throughout 2015, any student who makes 25 or more deposits goes automatically into a draw for a family trip to Disneyland. If you haven't started banking yet this year, there is still time to get 25 deposits in. Good luck!

Ingrid Williams  
School Banking Coordinator

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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### **BIG SING – Proudly hosted by Berwick Youth Choir**

Big Sing is a day of music and fun for 8-18 year olds who love to sing. Join us for a day of music making and learning. Expert teachers will work with singers to develop their vocal and musical skills.  
Entry is free for all participants, with places for individuals and school choir groups.  
Apply online at [berwickyouthchoir.com.au/bigsing](http://berwickyouthchoir.com.au/bigsing) or phone 0417 722 449. Venue: Rosanove Auditorium, St Margaret's School, St Margaret's Place, Berwick.  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, commencing 8.30am.



### **Adding multiple payment cards & keeping your payments safe**

Qkr!™ will accept payment using any scheme credit/debit card accepted by the school, and you can add up to five different cards to your Qkr account.

At checkout, you can easily select from any of your registered cards by simply tapping the 'Payment' option near the top of the checkout screen.

Qkr! is provided by MasterCard so you know your payments are secure. No information will be stored on your phone. Registration details and card information are saved securely on the MasterCard network.

If you choose to pay using a MasterCard, you will also benefit from MasterCard's Zero Liability policy which protects the cardholder from fraud and unauthorized charges.

### **Qkr Update**

New features are constantly being added to the Qkr app. It is important that the latest version of Qkr is used by families to enable quick and easy processing of transactions. The most up to date Qkr version is: 3.9.6.156. Please ensure you are using this version to access full functionality of Qkr.

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