



# CHALCOT WEEKLY

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**CHALCOT TALENT QUEST**

A fabulous time was had by young and old at our annual talent quest.

Students and staff showcased their musical, dancing, gymnastic and comic skills to a very impressed audience.

Congratulations to everyone for a very entertaining show.



## *FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL*

### Monica doing well

We are all very pleased to hear that Monica's surgery went well. She is now home, walking on crutches and doing her exercises. What a superstar!



### Attitudes to School Survey

Students from Years 5 and 6 responded to the Department's Attitudes to School survey, which is completed by all senior students across Victoria within the current fortnight. The survey is completed anonymously and assists staff in finding out students' views on the school in general and their feelings and opinions about their experience in the classroom, with the teachers and with other students. The data is sent to the Department for collation and is used by the school to determine aspects which are functioning well and those which need improvement. The results of the survey will be reported in the 2015 Annual Report.

### Coughs, Colds and Asthma

Coughs, colds and the flu are one of the most common triggers of asthma. The common cold is caused by an upper respiratory tract infection and is a common illness for children and adults in Australia. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:

- Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.
- If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.
- Everyone should have the annual flu vaccination to ensure they are protected from this disease. You or your child may be eligible for the free flu vaccination. Details about who is eligible can be found here and can also be determined by your doctor.
- Prior to purchasing any medications or herbal and natural remedies, you should seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist, as some medications can react with asthma medications. These include Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta Blockers tablet and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), and ACE inhibitors (used to control blood pressure).

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria is funded by the Federal Department of Health to provide free asthma education sessions to groups of parents and carers. These sessions can take place at the school or at a location of your choice. The session runs for approximately one hour and covers:

- Asthma triggers
- Signs and symptoms
- Asthma action plans
- Asthma medication
- Asthma First Aid

If you are interested in attending a parent and carer asthma information session, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria to arrange a session on 1800-ASTHMA or [sdoherty@asthma.org.au](mailto:sdoherty@asthma.org.au)

### **Stay warm this winter!**



### Mothers' Day Stall

Thank you to our Parent Club members for holding their annual Mothers' Day Stall. It was wonderful to see excited students busily selecting gifts for their mums for Mothers' Day.

Thank you to: Miriam, Jeannette, Lynne, Sarah, Casey, Jenna, Jill, John, Ayla, Nicole, Marilyn and Noelene for providing assistance on the day.

*We wish all our special mums, a very happy Mothers' Day.*



### Mr P's Footy Predictions

PIES	by 20 points
DOGS	by 20 points
HAWKS	by 45 points
CROWS	by 50 points
MELBOURNE	by 12 points
DOCKERS	by 30 points
BLUES	by 30 points
POWER	by 45 points

Paul Poliviou  
**ACTING PRINCIPAL**



## *FROM THE ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL*

### **Chalcot's Got Talent**

To say that Chalcot's Got Talent, would be an extreme understatement! The whole school community was amazed with how high the talent bar was set this year. There have been plenty of whispers around the school that this was one of the best talent shows ever!! Even the teachers showed that they had some moves like Jagger.

It was very pleasing to see so many smiling faces demonstrating a wide range of wonderful skills. From side splitting comedy acts to dramatic piano playing, including a whole school sing along, "Let it go, let it gooooo". A lot of students showed off their dancing and gymnastics ability while some displayed their beautiful vocal abilities. Overall it was an extremely entertaining two hours and I would again like to thank all the students for displaying their fantastic talents.

A special thank you to Ms Natoli and Ms Warburton and all the staff involved in making the event possible. Great work Chalcot.



### **EDUCATION WEEK ART SHOW**

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 6:00pm – 7:15pm Chalcot Lodge will be opening the doors to its first Art Exhibition. Ms Liapas has been working her artistic fingers to the bone helping and guiding students to create pieces of art that would make Picasso jealous.

Entry into this visual art extravaganza will be \$2 per adult. Families are also encouraged to purchase a hamburger or veggie burger meal consisting of a patty, bun, a choice of toppings and a drink. The cost per meal is \$5. Due to catering requirements, no orders will be accepted after Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

This event is a perfect opportunity to come and wander through the hall being astounded by the artistic creations of our Chalcot students. Doors will open at 6:00pm and close at 7:15pm. Food will be served between 6:00pm - 6:30pm. This is a once in a life time exhibition, limited to one night only. Don't miss out!!

### **IMPETIGO - SCHOOL SORES**

Thanks to the parent who advised that her child has been infected with impetigo or school sores. Impetigo is an extremely infectious bacterial infection. Children are excluded from school until the sores have fully healed. If medical treatment has commenced and the sores can be completely covered and sealed by dressings, the child may be allowed to resume school. Medical treatment with antibiotics is usually necessary. School sores are round, red swellings that form small blisters with yellow crusts. Often they appear to be like insect bites and are usually found on the face around the nose and mouth as well as the legs.

### **LATE OR ABSENT?**

When teachers mark the roll each day, they are required to indicate late arrivals as well as absences. This information must be recorded on the DET computer system CASES. 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.

### **IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY**

Absenteeism has an effect on your child's academic performance and social development. What can your child learn if they are not at school?

Some absences are entirely valid, sickness is the most obvious reason, but to give your child the best chance of success and to give them more choices in life, they must attend as regularly as possible. One absent day a fortnight equates to 20 days a school year, that equates to one whole year of schooling by the time your child reaches year 10.

As the mornings become darker and colder, please ensure that your alarm clocks are operating effectively. According to the National Sleep Foundation, children aged 6 to 13 need 9-11 hours of sleep. This will ensure that your child starts the day on time and on task. If you want further details on sleep for school age children, go to <http://sleepfoundation.org/sleep-topics/children-and-sleep>.

Dean Napier  
Acting Assistant Principal



**Talent Quest Audience**

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



# DIARY DATES

Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	May	Pink Ribbon Mothers' Day Morning Tea	9.00am – 10.30am
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	May	Art Exhibition Meal Deals	Due today
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	
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	May	Parent Club Meeting	6.30pm – Staffroom
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 Exhibition	6.00pm – 7.15pm - Hall
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	May	Year 5/6 Sport – St Paul Apostle North	Home
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	May	Divisional Cross Country	
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	May	Year 5/6 Sport – St Paul Apostle South	Away
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	June	Parent Club Executive Meeting	11.00am – Principal's Office
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	June	Assembly	2.45pm - Hall
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	June	UNSW Science Competition	
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	June	Kinder Club	2:30pm -3:30pm
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	June	Prep Melbourne Aquarium Excursion	\$25 due by: 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	June	Year 5/6 Sport – Southern Cross	Home
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup>	June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	No students
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	June	Finance Committee Meeting	3:45 - Conference Room
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	June	Year 5/6 Sport – Doveton College	Home
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	June	Parent Club Shopping Tour Payment	Due today



**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 activities include:**

- Doctors and nurses dramatic play experiences
- Mothers' day activities
- Emergency procedures
- Fire drills
- Sports activities

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 PIX MISCELLANEOUS GROUPS PHOTOS**

School group photographs are on display in the front office. To purchase your copy, please complete the order form sent home with student leaders earlier this week.

Order forms need to be returned back to the school office by 18<sup>th</sup> May.

**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

**MOTHERS' DAY TIE DYE CAKE FUNDRAISER**

In support of our Pink Ribbon Mothers' Day morning tea, our local Ferguson Plarre Bakehouse has donated a specialty cake to help us raise money for this worthy cause. The Mothers' Day Tie Dye Cake is gorgeous. Featuring gradients of colour up the sides of the icing and topped with a hand crafted sugar flower, this cake is soft and pretty and will definitely catch the eye! Special Effort tickets will be sold in the office from Friday and also during our morning tea. The lucky winner will get to take home this gorgeous cake on Tuesday 12th May.

