



# CHALCOT WEEKLY

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**Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement**



**KINDER CLUB IS SO MUCH FUN!**

The Kinder Club program involves meeting teachers, having fun, enjoying activities and getting to know the primary school environment.



## *FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL*

### **Winter Is Here!**

We have had a very mild and lovely autumn, but winter is finally upon us. A lot of students are still hoping that the weather will be warm and consequently are not bringing their jumpers or warm, water proof jackets to school. Please make sure that your child wears sufficient warm clothing before they leave for school.

With the onset of the cold weather many people find that their asthma seems to flare up. If your child has asthma at this time of year, it may be advisable to visit your doctor and review your child's asthma plan. Please notify the school if there are any changes to the plan. If you would like any information relating to asthma please feel free to call the Asthma Foundation on 1800 645 130.

### **Personal Belongings at School**

We would request that students do not bring expensive or special jewellery, toys (especially those with small attachments), games, audio equipment etc to school. There have been occasions when special toys or other belongings have been lost or broken in the playground causing considerable distress for students and parents alike. While we encourage responsible care of school and other people's property, we are unable to ensure the safety of such items.

### **Thank you Remy Landman**

Many thanks to parent Remy Landman who has been collecting students' footballs & tennis balls from the school roof. The students are very grateful for giving up your time.

### **Thank you to the Ryan family**

Thankyou to the Ryan family for donating art and craft materials to the ART program. Miss Liapis & Miss Thomas couldn't contain their smiles.

### **IMPETIGO - SCHOOL SORES**

Thanks to the parent who advised that their 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.

### **Queen's Birthday Public Holiday- Monday 8th June**

I hope everyone has a safe and happy long weekend. See you all back at school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

### **FOOTY PREDICTIONS**

FREO by 20 points	CROWS by 30 points
SWANS by 50 points	CATS by 12 points
POWER by 20 points	GIANTS by 10 points
KANGAS by 2 points	HAWKS by 100 points
PIES by 10 points	

Paul Poliviou  
**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

## *FROM THE ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL*

### **tiqbiz tip!**

For families to best utilise the school's new communication app tiqbiz, please make sure you not only choose your child/children's class inbox but also the whole school inbox. Most posts are sent to the whole school inbox, for example; updates and photos of activities that have occurred during a day, notices and newsletters. Information that only affects a specific class or year level will be sent to a class inbox, for example; change of time/date for cookery, excursion or invisit notice for a particular class or year level.

### **It's Flu Season!**

In Australia, our influenza 'flu' season typically runs from to October, usually peaking in August. It is just not possible to stop all bugs from spreading at school, however, a lot of illnesses can be prevented and controlled simply by practicing good hygiene.

### ***Handy hygiene tips for you and your family***

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing

Throw used tissues in plastic-lined rubbish bins

Wash your hands with soap and water, preferably warm water if available

Reduce the spread of germs by avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth

What can you do to prevent the spread of infectious diseases?

1. Remind your child of effective hygiene methods.
2. Keep your child home when they are unwell. Your doctor will let you know if your child has an 'excludable' condition. You will need to advise the school as soon as possible and keep your child home for the length of time that your doctor advises.
3. Ensure your child's immunisations are up to date.

### **Head Lice: Itchy Head! They're not Dead**

Some isolated cases of head lice have been reported to our school, so now is a good time to check your child's head for any sign of them.

What to look for:

Eggs are yellow, brown, or tan objects that look like tiny seeds and appear to be cemented to individual hairs close to the scalp.

If an egg has hatched, the seed-like object will be clear.

Other signs of lice infestation may be a red rash and scratch marks on the scalp, nape of the neck or behind the ears.

### **They are best removed by:**

Scraping the individual hair between fingernails or using a fine toothed comb. Any eggs should be placed in hot water to make sure they are destroyed. Using conditioner on hair will help to stun live lice and help remove eggs as well.

If you do find lice or eggs it is compulsory to treat your child's head before returning to school. Treatments are available at supermarkets and chemists. Part of our school policy and health regulations is that eggs be removed before re admittance to class after treatment. Once again, thank you for your help and cooperation with this task.

Dean Napier  
**ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**



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



# DIARY DATES

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</b>	<b>No school for students</b>
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	June	Finance Committee Meeting	3:45pm - Conference Room
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	June	Year 5/6 Sport – Doveton College	Home
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	June	UNSW Writing Competition	
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	June	Southern Metro Regional Cross Country	
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	June	UNSW Spelling Competition	
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	June	Assembly – Student Awards	2.45pm - Hall
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	June	Year 4 Production – Conundrum	9.10am – 11.30am
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	June	School Council Meeting	7.00pm – Staffroom
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	June	Year 5/6 Sport - Hallam	Away
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	June	Year 5/6 Invention Convention	
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	June	Years 1/2 Scienceworks Excursion	\$20 due by 19 <sup>th</sup> June
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	June	Parent Club Shopping Tour Payment	Due today
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	June	Year 5/6 Sport – Southern Cross	Away
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>CSEF APPLICATIONS CLOSE TODAY</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>June</b>	<b>END OF TERM 2</b>	<b>2.30pm dismissal</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>July</b>	<b>COMMENCEMENT TERM 3</b>	<b>9.00am start</b>
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup> -Frid 17 <sup>th</sup>	July	No Cooking this week	
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> -Frid 17 <sup>th</sup>	July	Life Education – Whole School	\$9 due 25 <sup>th</sup> June
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	July	Assembly – Student Awards	2.45pm – Hall
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	July	Finance Committee Meeting	3.45pm – Conference Room

### *Student Assembly*

*After students were awarded their certificates, the Chalcot Cheer Squad entertained the crowd with a fabulous performance.*



# **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

## **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)**

- A new fund, the CSEF, will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.
- **If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.**
- The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.
- The annual CSEF amount per student will be:
  - \$125 for primary school students
  - \$225 for secondary school students.
- CSEF payments to schools will be made from the commencement of Term 3.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must: on the first day of Term two, or; on the first day of Term three;

1. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
2. Be a temporary foster parent, and;
3. Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

### **Eligibility Date**

CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either Term two (13 April 2015) or Term three (13 July 2015).

### **How to Apply**

Please contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form.

### **Closing Date**

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by **26 June 2015**.

### **BOOK CLUB**

By now all students have received a copy of the current Book Club brochure. All orders and money are to be returned to school by 12th June.

**Please note, late orders may not be accepted.**

Cash orders must be in a clearly marked envelope and must include correct money. If paying by credit card or over the website, the credit card receipt coupon must be completed and the order must still be returned to school by the due date.

**Only the youngest in the family will receive Book Club forms.**

Happy Reading!  
Miss Rowntree & Mrs Scandolera

**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:

- Sensory experiences
- Arts and crafts
- Exploring new literature
- Painting and printing
- 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**

### **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

### **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. This year marks the **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** for Beleza School Uniforms!

To celebrate, we are holding a **20% Storewide SALE** across all our stores (some exclusions apply, please see in-store for more details). The sale will run during the normal trading hours of each store between **1<sup>st</sup> June to 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.**

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