



CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement



**WELCOME TO OUR
2015
PREPS**



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2015 Student Leaders

School Captains: Nyarath Gatkuoth and Vishal Panditharatne
School Vice Captains: Dyamond Cummings and Kaelen MacKinnon

2015 House Captains

Bluegum Captains Tyler Studd and Cindy Huon
Bluegum Vice Captains Ethan Pellowe and Janet Ross
Eucalypt Captains Leyon Mamuhewa and Jacinta Vassiliou
Eucalypt Vice Captains James Ryan and Alexandra Starecki
Banksia Captains Dishan Nagahawatta and Claire Goodall
Banksia Vice Captains Bailey Adams and Catharina Truong
Acacia Captains Adam Johnson and Noor Al Musawi
Acacia Vice Captains Tyson McMurry and Maleisha Fernando

ICT Leaders

Noor Al Musawi, Ilona Lamb, Claire Goodall, Georgia Allsopp, Priyanka Suja Rani, Pooja Reddy, Alexandra Starecki, Nyarath Gatkuoth, Kaelen MacKinnon, Vishal Panditharatne, Dishan Nagahawatta, Tyrone Huon, Ollie Mraz and Campbell Newton.

The Green Team Leaders

Ella Ryan, Tome Correia, Jaike Weerasingha and Marko Kovac.

The Green Team Friends

Caitlyn Elliott, Trazia Abona, Diyana Nagahawatta, Bailey O'Callaghan and Alex Ozols.

2015 Art Monitors

Cindy Huon, Caitlyn Elliott, Andy Di Pascale, Jacinta Vassiliou, Olivia Phillips, Ethan Pellowe and Fabian Figueroa.

Garden Monitors 2015

Caitlyn Elliot, Nyarath Gatkuoth and Lucy Mayes.

Badges will be presented to these student leaders during 2 special assemblies to be held on Tuesday 17th February and Tuesday 24th February, both assemblies will commence at 2.35pm. Special lunch time celebrations will be organised for these student leaders during the designated weeks.

School Captains, House Captains and ICT Leaders will be presented with their badges on Tuesday 17th February. Junior School Councillors (who will be elected by their peers next week), Green Team Leaders & Friends, Art and Garden Monitors will be presented with their badges on Tuesday 24th February.

Mr David Evans will again be coordinating the Peer Mediation Program and Peer Mediators for 2015 will be selected and trained over the coming weeks. A separate badge presentation assembly for these students will be held on Tuesday 17th March at 2.35pm. The names of the Peer Mediators will be published in the coming weeks.

Newsletter Distribution

Just a reminder to all families, that the Chalcot Weekly newsletter is now only available online, at our website www.chalcotps.vic.edu.au or through email directly to you. The newsletter will no longer be distributed in hard copy. If you are unable to access the newsletter either online or through email, please contact the office to make alternative arrangements on 9700 4455.

If you received your newsletter by email last year, this will continue. If you would now like to receive the newsletter via email, please ensure you supply your email address to the front office. If an email address is not supplied, the school will assume that you will access your newsletter via our website.

Parent Cookery Helpers Information Session

On Monday 16th February, Mrs Nicole Felton and I will hold an information session for parents who are interested in volunteering to help with our Cookery Program. The session will be held in the Cookery & Etiquette Room from 9.00am until 10.00am. If you wish to attend, please ensure that you complete the return slip on the notice that was distributed to all students earlier this week.

**Please note, that there was an incorrect date printed on the Cookery Program Payment Notice regarding the Parent Helpers information session. The information session will be held on Monday 16th February, not on Monday 9th February.*

Parents' Club (PFA)

The Parent Club (previously known as the PFA), are holding their first meeting for the year, next **Monday, 9th February at 6.30pm** in the staffroom.

The Parents' Club is made up of a group of wonderful people from our school community who assist with whole school activities and organise fund raising events.

Joining the Parents' Club provides a wonderful opportunity to get to know other parents within our school community and make new friends. We would love to welcome new people to our Parents' Club crew! I hope to see you there on **Monday 9th February**.

School Council Membership

In next week's newsletter, I will be calling for nominations for membership of the Chalcot Lodge School Council. I have included some information about the composition and role of School Council and of the election process.

Student Accident Insurance Arrangements

The Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that parents / guardians seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

Lynden Place Pharmacy – Thank you!

Thank you once again to Lynden Place Pharmacy for their generous Term 1 donation of supplies for our Kitchen Classroom. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Road Safety Issues

Parents are requested to be mindful of student safety before and after school in relation to traffic:

- The Staff Car Park is not to be used for drop off and pick up purposes.
- Please do not double park in Primrose Hill Close or Haverstock Hill Drive when dropping off or picking up your child.
- Do not park in the No Standing Zones in Primrose Hill Close.
- As Primrose Hill Close is narrow and easily congested before and after school, enter it from the north (senior playground end) to avoid impasses.
- U Turns in Primrose Hill Close and Haverstock Hill Drive should be avoided.
- Discuss with your child the need to alight from your car from the curb side only, never the road side.
- If your child walks to school, discuss with them the importance of being alert to traffic, listening and looking both ways before crossing.
- If your child crosses Heatherton Road or Power Road, discuss with them the correct way to use the crossings.
- Please obey all traffic and parking signs outside the school.
- The speed limit is 40kph adjacent to our school, however, drivers may need to drive even slower depending on the circumstances.
- Drives and pedestrians both need to be alert during drop off and pick up times to ensure the safety of our children.

Parking inspectors patrol school zones and will issue fines for non-compliance of road rules and parking signs.

For the sake of our children's safety, your co-operation in these areas will be greatly appreciated.

Instrumental Music Program

One of our many extra curriculum programs is Instrumental Music. Students have the wonderful opportunity to be taught how to play a tuned musical instrument by Roy Condeza from Grace Notes Music School. Students may learn piano, keyboard, guitar or voice and lessons are held during the school day each Tuesday. Please feel free to contact myself further information.

Bully Stoppers: Being Cool Online

Students achieve their best at school in safe and supportive environments, where they are free from bullying and disruptive behaviour. We put a big emphasis on making sure we provide a great environment for our students – one that promotes tolerance and is inclusive, harmonious and free from bullying.

We can work towards this goal through education in the classroom, intervention in the playground and a focus on promoting positive behaviour.

However, with the rise of social media, bullying now occurs online, as well as in person.

Cyberbullying is just as harmful as face-to-face bullying, and online actions can have real life consequences.

Cyberbullying is an increasing issue in the wider community and the best way to tackle it is for schools, students and parents to work in partnership.

Chalcot Lodge PS is supporting the Victorian Government's Bully Stoppers campaign which has just launched a new series of tools and resources for parents and students to support students in preventing cyberbullying and how to practice Netiquette. Available from 10th February, students in years 3 – 12 are encouraged to participate in an online quiz hosted on the Bully Stoppers website, where they will learn more about how to be good net citizens and go into the draw to win an iPad as well as other prizes for our school.

These resources, called Bully Stoppers: Being Cool Online, are available on the Bully Stoppers website, at www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers - visit the site to find out more.

Coping with Hot Days

Just a reminder that, as part of our Sun Smart Policy, students must wear their Chalcot school hat during Terms 1 and 4. Parents may also choose to apply sunscreen to their children prior to coming to school. All students need to have a water bottle (no glass please) and are allowed to have these easily accessible for use throughout the day.

All of our classrooms are air conditioned and students have recess in classrooms on days of extreme heat.

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal

New Year – New Furniture



SCHOOL COUNCIL

What is a School Council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a School Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the School Council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school, as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of School Council. The Principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the Council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual School Council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on School Councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a School Council find their involvement satisfying in itself.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the School Council or encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on School Council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

As Principal, I am responsible to issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All School Council elections must be completed by the 17th March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the School Council where their child is enrolled

Nomination forms will be available from the office. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the Principal within the time stated on the notice of election.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on Council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Please consider joining our School Council. I am happy to answer any questions.

School Council Scheduled Meetings

Chalcot Lodge School Council meets twice a term on Wednesday evenings commencing at 7.00pm.

Term 1 - 18th February and 18th March

Term 2 - 6th May and 17th June

Term 3 - 5th August and 9th September

Term 4 - 28th October and 9th December

Monica Ghirxi

Principal

SUMMER GARDENING – THANK YOU

Thank you to a very dedicated team of gardeners who helped to keep our vegetable garden in shape over the summer holidays. Stephen, Andrea, Lucy and Jenny Mayes, Sarah and Thomas Bago, Nicole, Kate, Laura and Emma Svendsen, Inger de Zylva, Dilini Rajkaruna, Rhiannon, Leora and Khaden Thomas, Hiedi Kerton, Halayne, Kirsten and Logan Walker, Terri Logan Brown.

Cathy Bracegirdle

Garden Committee



DIARY DATES

Monday	9 th	February	Parent Club (PFA) Meeting	Staffroom 6.30pm
Wednesday	11 th	February	Finance Committee Meeting	3.45pm Conference Room
Thursday	12 th	February	School Swimming Trials	9.15am to 11.00am
Monday	16 th	February	Kitchen Helper Information Session	9.00am – 10.00am
Tuesday	17 th	February	Assembly – Badge Presentation School Captains, House Captains & ICT Leaders	2.35pm
Wednesday	18 th	February	School Council Meeting	Staffroom – 7.00pm
Tuesday	24 th	February	Assembly – Badge Presentation Junior School Council, Green Team Leaders/Friends Art Monitors & Garden Monitors	2.35pm
Thursday	26 th	February	Classroom Information Session Family Fun Night Activities & BBQ	5.30pm – 8.00pm
Thursday	26 th	February	District Swimming	9.00am – 3.30pm
Monday	2 nd	March	Parent Club	Staffroom 6.30pm
Tuesday	3 rd	March	Assembly	2.45pm
Monday	9th	March	Labour Day Public Holiday	
Tuesday	10th	March	Curriculum Day - Student Free Day	
Wednesday	11 th	March	Kinder Club	2.30pm
Friday	13 th	March	School Photos	
Tuesday	17 th	March	Assembly – Badge Presentation – Peer Mediators	2.35pm

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.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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 back to before & after school care for an exciting and interesting year and also a big welcome to all the new families and especially the Preps.

As we are all settling in, we will focus on safety, etc.

This week's activities include:

- * Book Marks/Journals
- * Beading
- * Dramatic play
- * Free Play

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

Please feel free to speak to Iris 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:

Students may begin placing orders for rewards from Friday 13th February onwards.

Competition: Throughout 2015, any student who makes 25 or more deposits goes automatically into a draw for a family trip to Disneyland. More details to come.

A Big "Thank You" to all of the families who supported School Banking last year. Through your efforts we raised \$1042 in commission for our school! Keep up the great work!

Ingrid Williams

School Banking Coordinator

NARRE NORTH FOXES FOOTBALL CLUB

Under 8 – Under 17's registration day
Sunday February 8th, from 9.00a.m until 1.00pm.

Boys and girls, transfers welcome.

Mouthguard technician on site, merchandise, fees.

Contact registrar Alison on 0416043361 or secretary

Catherine on 0409505207 or visit our website:

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