



CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement

Choir

On Monday 3rd of August the Chalcot Choir went to the Chalcot Kindergarten and sang to the pre-schoolers. With most of the songs the pre-schoolers joined in and sang along. We also went to Villa Maria Nursing Home and View Hill Nursing Home and sang some songs. For some of the songs the elderly residents started dancing. Even though the students got a bit wet, we all had so much fun!

Written by
Maleisha and
Bree



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our Magnificent Chalcot Choir

Our magnificent Chalcot Lodge Choir had a great day last Monday, entertaining the children and residents of Chalcot Kinder and Villa Maria & View Hills Nursing Homes. The Choir's performance was enjoyed by young and old!

The school received a lovely email following the visit which I would like to share with the community. It brought a tear to my eye and made me so proud of our choir.

I would like to express my appreciation of all your delightful students and their music teacher for their visit to Villa Maria Aged Care this morning. My mother is a totally dependent resident, and it is occasions like this morning that make her life worthwhile. She was smiling and chatting about "those beautiful children" for some time after. (This of course, brings me much happiness too!)

What a delight to see the children's total engagement, and their "whole body" response to the text and beat.

Thank you again,



Our Choir will be performing to their families next Monday night, at our annual Choir Concert from 6.30pm in the hall.

Thank you to Ms Natoli for giving our students, the Chalcot Kinder children and the nursing homes residence this wonderful experience.

Bike Education Program

Our Year 4 to 6 Bike Education Program begins next week. The program will be delivered by our qualified Bike Educators Amanda Thomas and Ally Keay during Physical Education sessions. Class teachers will also be delivering aspects of the program during class time as well as take home activities. A reminder to those children who are using their own bikes during the program, to bring their bikes next Monday morning to the hall. **It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that the bicycle and helmet safety checklist is completed and brought to school on Monday 10th August, along with children's bikes.**



A big thank you to our hard working and dedicated Parent Club who have raised \$3000 this year to go towards the program. The Parent Club would also like to thank our School Community for actively participating in the Parent Club fundraising events. All money raised by our school community assists us in giving our children high quality educational programs and facilities.

THANK YOU

Father's Day – Sunday 6th September

Father's Day is soon approaching!! Parent Club are busily organising a Father's Day stall which will be held on **Thursday 3rd September**. Children will have the opportunity to buy their dad something special for Father's Day.

On **Friday 5th September**, we will also be celebrating Father's Day with a special breakfast and early morning activities just for dads (or significant male) and their children. All families will be receiving their special invitation next week for dads (or significant male) to come along and participate in this special celebration. To help us with catering please ensure that you complete the form and return it back to school by the due date.

Trivia Night

I'm so looking forward to dressing up next Friday night for our 90's theme Trivia Night. The night is organised and run by our very own talented Ms Narelle Coyne and Mr Dean Napier. All our tables are fully book, so a big thank you to our school community for once again supporting this major fundraising event. Don't forget to bring your cash for the silent auctions and games!!!!!!!

Jeans for Genes Day

Jeans for Genes day was well supported today, with many of our students, parents and staff wearing their favourite jeans and giving a gold coin donation. All money raised will be forwarded to the Children's Medical Research Institute, which focuses on unlocking the mysteries of childhood and genetic diseases.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Talking to Your Child's Teacher

There are two types of conversations you could have with your child's teacher: a short discussion over a simple, minor matter or an in-depth discussion over an ongoing issue or something more serious, which usually requires an appointment with the teacher.

Some common issues that are raised with teachers include:

- how well my child is doing with their school work
- improving my child's reading
- identifying my child's strengths
- improving subjects that my child is not strong in
- how my child gets on with other children
- concerns about things going on in your family.

Some things you can do to prepare for these discussions include finding the right time to talk to your child's teacher and being prepared ahead of time for these discussions.

When asked how they'd like parents to approach them, teachers suggested that parents should:

- be clear about what they want to discuss;
- have an idea of what they would like to happen or what outcome they would like to achieve;
- talk about current issues and try not to bring up things that happened in the past or are not relevant to what is happening now;
- come with a positive attitude with the understanding that you and the school will work together in a way that benefits your child's learning;
- make a plan and decide together what the teacher will work on in the classroom and how you can help at home; and
- decide how you will keep in touch with the school and your child's teacher – by phone, email or follow-up meetings.

Finding the right time

To find the right time for having a discussion, you could start by asking your child's teacher if they have time to talk or when it might be convenient for them to do so.

It may not be practical to have an extended conversation lasting more than a couple of minutes during drop-off and pick-up times at school. It is probably best if you arrange a time when you and your child's teacher could sit down and discuss the issue in detail without distractions.

Make an appointment

To make a time to talk to your child's teacher, you can contact the school office. You can let them know how long you think you'll need and when the best time for you would be.

You can also be specific about what you'd like to talk to the teacher about. For example, you might say, "Lucy's been having trouble with the book sent home last week. She struggled with the book and had a lot of trouble with some of the bigger words. We stopped reading after 30 minutes because she was getting so frustrated. Can we speak about some things we can do to help Lucy with her reading?" This ensures that everyone is clear about what will be discussed.

You can also let them know if this should be a face-to-face meeting or over the phone. If you are not sure which type of meeting would be best, you can ask the school office for their advice.

You should be flexible about the timing of the appointment and recognise that while the timing may not be ideal, the fact you and your child's teacher can have a discussion is a great outcome for your child.

If you need a translator, this should be arranged with the school at the time you make the appointment.

Chalcot Lodge Movie Night

Filming and planning has begun on most of our short films that will be premiered during our Movie Night later this term.

Information regarding the venue and the night will be available over the next few weeks. I have been lucky enough to get a sneak preview of a couple of the classes filming. I can't wait for the night to roll around. Thank you to Mrs Bearsley and all the staff and students who have been working tirelessly to make this upcoming event possible.

Mr P's Footy Predictions

Adelaide by 2 points

Pies by 20 points

Giants by 40 points

Hawks by 22 points

North by 40 points

Dockers by 24 points

Dogs by 20 points

Suns by 1 point

Cats by 12 points

Paul Poliviou

Assistant Principal



DIARY DATES

Monday	10 th	August	Choir Concert	6.30pm Hall- Gold Coin Donation
Tuesday	11 th	August	ICAS Maths Competition	
Tuesday	11 th	August	Bike Education Theory	
Thursday	13 th	August	Bike Education	
Friday	14 th	August	Trivia Night	7.00pm Start
Tuesday	18 th	August	Assembly	2.45pm – Hall
Tuesday	18 th	August	Bike Education	
Thursday	20 th	August	Bike Education	
Friday	21 st	August	Robotics Robocup	Melbourne University
Monday	24 th	August	District Athletics	
Monday	24 th	August	Parent Club	6.30pm – Staffroom
Tuesday	25 th	August	Year 6 Personal Development	\$24.00 due by 20 th August
Tuesday	25 th	August	Year 5 Graffiti Awareness	
Friday	28 th	August	Daffodil Day	Gold Coin Donation
Tuesday	1 st	September	Year 6 Personal Development	
Tuesday	1 st	September	Assembly	2.45 – Hall

2015 CHALCOT TRIVIA NIGHT

The 6th Annual Chalcot Trivia Night is on next Friday 14th August. All the tables are sold, the questions, music & games are ready and the prizes are awesome! To date, we have over \$6000 worth of prizes to be shared between raffles, games, table prizes and of course the silent auctions.

There will be 14 silent auctions ranging from golf packs, assorted gift card packs, family/children packs, pamper packs, meal packs and a Merimbula get away pack. Details of all silent auctions are available at the office and those families that are unable to attend the Trivia Night are welcome to make a bid. Absentee bids must be placed by 4.00pm Friday 14th August.

For those that are coming next Friday night, please remember this is a fundraising night, so bring along plenty of cash & coins so you can enjoy the activities on the night and support our Environmental & Sustainability Program. Don't forget there is an iPad up for grabs for the winner of the Lucky Key and a LJ Hooker hamper for Best Dressed!



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:

- Recycled material art/construction
- Painting and various crafts
- Outdoor sports activities
- Play dough/sensory experiences

Please feel free to speak to Alex if you have any concerns. Call 0400 194 859 during session times or come in and have a chat!

Before and After School Care will take place in the library next Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

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.

Raising funds for Cystic Fibrosis Victoria

Workshop for Kids!

When: Sunday 20th September

Where: The Unique Events Venue

Venue: 25 William Place, Balaclava

Booking: <http://www.trybooking.com/INFT>

Tickets: \$30-\$35

SCHOOL BANKING

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

COMPETITION FOR TERM 3: Make 3 or more deposits this term to be in the draw to win some great prizes. Carry out the Money Mission at www.commbank.com.au/prizeportal for an extra entry into the draw.

DISNEYLAND: Throughout 2015, any student who makes 25 or more deposits goes automatically into a draw for a family trip to Disneyland. Good luck!

WELCOME: We welcome Casey Suhr on board as our school's newest School Banking Coordinator!

Ingrid Williams

School Banking Coordinator

Chalcot's Outdoor Eco-Space

The garden is taking shape! This week sand was placed in the garden and all the grades were invited to place their thumb print on a beautiful tree mural. The final plants have been placed into the colourful tyres and the Eco Learning Space is nearly complete. Keep an eye out for the final touches over the next few weeks!

The Adventurers Learning Area

