

CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement

Swimming

Wow!
 What an awesome time our Chalcot Lodge kids are having at swimming this term so far. Everyone is having a splash of fun. We are learning about torpedos, backstroke, freestyle and all that good stuff.

By
 Enrique and
 Jason
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to see all of our students, staff and parents happy to be back at school and ready for an exciting term ahead of us. We have many activities planned this term, so please keep your eye on the Diary Dates section of the Chalcot Weekly. Some of this term's upcoming events include-

- Swimming Program
- Year 3/4 Gleneagles Cup
- Prep Transition Program
- Remembrance Day Assembly
- Prep to Year 2 Excursion to Casey Traffic Safety School
- Year 3/4 Camp
- Year 6 Production and Graduation
- Parent Helpers Thank You Morning Tea
- Concert Under the Oaks

Health and PE Week-Celebrating the importance of Health and Physical Education.

Health and Physical Education is an essential area of the curriculum that provides real opportunities for our children to learn how to lead active and healthy lives – now and in the future. It recognises and actively promotes the importance of health and physical education and activity for physical, social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. This year, we will celebrate Health and PE over the next two weeks with all students participating in a range of activities including: Spring Planting Day (13th October); Nude Food Day (Wednesday 21st October); a guest speaker for Years 4 to 6; and a range of fun physical activities during next week.

Due to these extra activities, assembly will be cancelled next week. Our next whole school assembly will be held on Tuesday 20th October.

'i sea, i care' Marine Ambassador's Celebration

The Chalcot Lodge Green Team has been extremely fortunate to take part in the Dolphin Research Institute 'i sea i care' program in 2015. It is an award winning Victorian Marine Ambassador Program with the goal of convincing Victorians that our marine treasures are too precious to lose. The program has had great benefits for our young ambassadors, developing them as peer educators, leaders and public speakers. There were four main workshops throughout the year and in Term 4 last year, the team went on a boat trip in Western Port Bay to explore our local marine environment and meet other schools and ambassadors.

Next Monday, 12th October our Green Team Leaders, Ms Cacavas, Ms Keay and myself have been invited to attend the 'i sea, i care' Marine Ambassadors' Celebration at the Council Chambers, City of Casey Civic Centre. Our Green Team Leaders, Mr Cacavas and Ms Keay have made a significant impact on educating our students on local environmental issues and have been asked to make a presentation during the evening about their learning and achievements this year. Congratulations to the Chalcot Green Team, led by Mr Cacavas and Ms Keay– Our environment thanks you!!!

Riding our Bikes to School

Congratulations to all our students from Years 4 to 6 who are riding their bikes. We have about 15 to 20 students each day enjoying their ride to school. Now that the weather is improving, I am sure more children will be keen to either ride or scoot their way to school!

Taking Enrolments Now

We are now taking enrolments for 2016. Those families with children who are commencing at our school next year are asked to complete and return the enrolment form by the end of next week, as enrolment numbers inform planning the school structure, staffing and ordering of supplies. Enrolment packs are available at the office. We would also appreciate any families who will not be attending Chalcot Lodge next year to advise us now.

Prep Transition Program

Our formal Transition Program commences Term 4, in place of our Kinder Club. This program is only for children who have been enrolled in Prep for 2016 and their parents. During this Transition Program, whilst the children are in the Prep rooms becoming more familiar with their primary school environment, parents will be provided with information in relation to the running of the school, the Prep Program and how they can assist their child to have a smooth start to their primary school life. The dates of the Prep Transition sessions are Wednesday 28th October from 2.30pm – 3.30pm and Tuesday 8th December from 2pm to 3.30pm.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a very relaxing and enjoyable term break. We have a very exciting term ahead with many wonderful activities planned.

Term 4 - Wearing School Hats is Compulsory

Many students are still not bringing their hats to school. All students must wear their school uniform broad brimmed hat when outside. Students who do not have their hats during recess times will be asked to stay under the covered way adjacent to the office.

As part of our Sun Smart Policy:

Students must wear a uniform hat during Terms 1 and 4 for all outdoor activities.

During Physical Education and sporting activities students are required, where possible, to wear a hat or remain in the shade.

In this week's newsletter, I have included a copy of the School's Dress Code policy which includes the sanctions which will be followed if students consistently do not follow the school's Dress Code policy, including the wearing of school hats.

Scratch, Scratch, Scratch.....HEAD LICE!

During this week we have had one reported case of head lice in the Year One & Two area. We would urge all parents to check their children's and their own hair.

Lice do not just infect children's hair!

It is essential that hair is treated with an appropriate shampoo and that the hair is sectioned off for thorough combing with special fine toothed comb to remove eggs sticking to the hair. Simply washing with your normal shampoo will not help. Students with long hair should wear it tied back while at school.

Gleneagles Cup Monday 12th October

Good luck to our Year 4 students who are competing for the Gleneagles Cup on Monday. Just remember to have fun and try your best.

Parent Club Bunnings BBQ

The Parent Club is holding their annual fundraising Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings, Gladstone Road Dandenong on Saturday 24th October from 8.00am to 4.00pm.

This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity to continue raising money for the school. So far this year, the Parent Club has raised money to support the Bike Education Program and the tinting of the hall windows. The Parent Club has also committed \$3500 to go towards the Inquiry Learning budget for 2016.

If you are able to assist for a couple of hours during the day, please complete the helpers' form which was distributed to families earlier this week.

Canteen News

The canteen will be open for window and lunch sales on Wednesday and Friday next week.

Movie Night DVD

What a great success the movie night was last term and what a fantastic memento the DVD will make. We will continue to take orders for the next 4 weeks. Orders can be placed via QKR.

Paul Poliviou

Assistant Principal

Nude Food

This term we have decided to change the way we count 'Nude Food' each Tuesday. We have been amazed at the efforts of many of the students in reducing the amount of rubbish that is brought into our school. As well as reducing rubbish this term, we aim to promote healthy lunch boxes. From now on points will be awarded to students for the following:

- 1 point for fruit
- 1 point for vegetables

Students have a possibility of receiving 2 points total if they have one or more of each item in a reusable container. This also includes any salads that are in a sandwich, in a reusable container.

At the end of the term a class will be awarded with a fruit platter for having rubbish free, healthy lunches.

Ms Key & The Green Team



DIARY DATES

Monday	12 th	October	Gleneagles Cup	Gleneagles Secondary College
Tuesday	13 th	October	Bunnings Spring Planting	Prep – 6
Tuesday	13 th	October	Swimming	Tuesday – Friday
Friday	16 th	October	Final day of swimming	
Mon	19 th	October	Traffic School OCB, OSC	9.30 – 1.20
Monday	19 th	October	Parent Club	6.30 – Staffroom
Tuesday	20 th	October	Assembly	2.45 – Hall
Tuesday	20 th	October	Traffic School	9.30 – 1.20
			12DE, JV, 2AC (5 students only)	
Tuesday	20 th	October	Finance meeting	3.45pm – Conference Room
Wednesday	21 st	October	Green Team Nude Food Day	
Saturday	24 th	October	Parent Club Bunnings BBQ	Dandenong Bunnings
Wednesday	28 th	October	Kinder Club	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday	28 th	October	3/4 Camp Information Session	6pm – 7pm - 3/4 Unit
Wednesday	28 th	October	School Council	7pm – Staffroom

Educational Assessment Australia – Writing Competition

Congratulations to the following students from Years 3 to 6 who participated in the International Competitions & Assessments for School (ICAS) Writing Competition.

The results were as follows:

Credit: Vishal Panditharatne (Year 6), Priyanka Suja-Rani (Year 5), Noah Mraz, Amy Williams (Year 4)

Merit: Ethan Landman (Year 3)

Participation: Bailey Adams, Lucy Mayes, Leyon Mamuhewa, (Year 6), Ella Ryan, Diyana Nagahawatta (Year 5). The students will receive their certificates at the next assembly on Tuesday 20th October.

Educational Assessment Australia – English Competition

Congratulations to the following students from Years 3 to 6 who participated in the International Competitions & Assessments for School (ICAS) English Competition.

The results were as follows:

Credit: Lucy Mayes (Year 6), Priyanka Suja-Rani (Year 5), Amy Williams (Year 4)

Merit: Vishal Panditharatne, (Year 5), Ethan Landman (Year 3)

Participation: Bailey Adams, Leyon Mamuhewa (Year 6), Diyana Nagahawatta, (Year 5), Ethan Adams (Year 4). The students will receive their certificates at the next assembly on Tuesday 20th October.

David Evans

English Coordinator

Educational Assessment Australia – Maths Competition

Congratulations to the following students from Years 3 to 6 who participated in the International Competitions & Assessments for School (ICAS) Maths Competition.

The results were as follows:

Participation: YEAR 3- Julian Baronessa & Harley Kerr. YEAR 4- Troy Kanapathy & Joshua Kurz. YEAR 5- Marko Kovac, Diyana Nagahawatta, Ella Ryan & Bree Vella. YEAR 6- Leyon Mamuhewa, Lucy Mayes & Bailey Adams.

Merit: YEAR 6- Tome Correia.

Credit: YEAR 3- Andrea Kovac & Ethan Landman. YEAR 5- Priyanka Sujarani. YEAR 6- Dishan Nagahawatta & Vishal Panditharatne.

Distinction: YEAR 3- Jason Lamb. YEAR 4- Jacob Pellowe. YEAR 6- Kaelen Mackinnon.

Anastasia Christopoulos

Maths Coordinator

The New Narre Warren North Netball Club Tryouts For Autumn Season 2016

Sunday 8th November 2015

The new **Narre Warren North Netball Club** is excited to begin its first season of club netball in 2016. Formed from the merger of Maramba and Oatlanders Netball Clubs we offer experienced and qualified coaches.

Our Netball Teams are made up according to the number of registrations received for the chosen game day, player capabilities and experience, and per age group. The age of your child as of 31st December 2015 will identify which team he/she will be placed in 2016.

Tryout Location:

*Oatlands Primary School
Kurrajong Road, Narre Warren
(Proceed to outdoor Netball Courts)*

Items to bring: *Please wear appropriate training gear & running shoes.
BYO water bottle*

Tryout Times:

<u>11 and Under:</u>	<u>Age 9 or 10 as at December 31, 2015</u>	9.00 - 9:45am
<u>13 and Under:</u>	<u>Age 11 or 12 as at December 31, 2015</u>	9:45 - 10:30am
<u>15 and Under:</u>	<u>Age 13 or 14 as at December 31, 2015</u>	10:30 - 11.15am
<u>17 and Under:</u>	<u>Age 15 or 16 as at December 31, 2015</u>	11:15 - 12:00pm

Courts are under cover so tryouts will proceed even if raining!

9 and Under do not need to try out. They will be placed into teams according to age and day they wish to play. If you are unable to make tryout please contact Michael Hastings.

For additional information call:

*Kris Finlay - Registrations on 0418 402 819
Michael Hastings - Maramba President on 0433 527 772*

We have teams entered with **Casey Netball Association** on Wednesday afternoons (after school) and Saturday mornings. Games are played at Casey Indoor Leisure Centre in Cranbourne, Beaconhills College and Hillcrest Christian College.

Training is on Monday and Tuesday afternoons at Maramba Primary School Gymnasium (Maramba Drive, Narre Warren).

Whether you are just starting out or looking to continue your netball learning we look forward to seeing and meeting you at the tryouts on Sunday 8th November.



In light of next week's **Health and PE Week** celebration there will be a number of activities running that promote physical activity and healthy habits. These events include a Staff V Students Volleyball match, daily quizzes and a Gardening day. There is also a Years' 3-6 incursion from *Just Get Active* next Tuesday afternoon that will cover topics including physical fitness, posture, breathing and mindfulness. **Friday 16th October is our Walk/Ride/Scoot to School Day where we encourage Prep-3 students to walk to school and 4-6 students to ride their bikes or scooters to school.**

Amanda Thomas
Sports Coordinator

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:

Monday: Dream catchers

Tuesday: Dramatic play

Wednesday: Art craft

Thursday: Group ball game

Friday: Free play

Please feel free to speak to Asanka Dissanayake who will be filling in for Alex until further notice.

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.

Changes to Term 4 Rewards: Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, the Commonwealth Bank has made a decision to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program. To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of Frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider. Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item. Don't forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.

Cosmic Light Beam Torch: Any children who have ordered a Cosmic Light Beam Torch will need to choose an alternative item. The Bank has replaced the 10 tokens of those who ordered the torch, so those particular children may select a replacement item whenever they choose to.

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

Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator