CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Getting Along  Resilience  Organisation  Persistence  Confidence  Achievement

CASEY SAFETY VILLAGE
World Teachers’ Day – Friday 30th October
World Teachers’ Day is a day that celebrates the efforts of teachers on a global scale, acknowledging the
important contribution made to our community in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological
world. On Friday 30th October, the work of our dedicated teachers will be acknowledged across Victoria
through World Teachers’ Day.

Teaching is an extremely rewarding and demanding profession and it takes a very special and highly trained
person to meet the challenges. I am extremely proud of each of our teachers; they work long and hard to
do their best for their students and for our school. Our teachers not only perform the core role of teaching
their classes or specialist programs, but they also successfully perform a myriad of additional tasks, ranging
from leading major whole school projects, attending training programs which are often run after school
hours, coordinating extra curriculum programs such as Choir, Dance Crew, Chess Club, Green Team,
Kitchen and Garden, Swimming, District, Zone and Regional Sports, Well-being Club, Robotics and the
list could go on and on.

Family Holidays
As the holiday season fast approaches many families have begun organising extended family holidays. If
you intend taking an extended holiday before the end of this year or early in 2016, could you please inform
the office in writing as soon as possible. Teachers will soon be planning friendship groups and class
placements for 2016 and will need this information to ensure your child is placed in the appropriate learning
area.

Parent Club Bunnings Barbeque
The Parent Club Bunnings BBQ will be held tomorrow at Bunnings Dandenong. The sausages will be
sizzling and cold refreshing drinks will be available for sale. The Parent Club and their team of helpers
will be hard at work from 8.00am until 4.00pm. If you are passing by, please pop in and show your
support!!!!

Prep Transition Program - Wednesday 28th October
As part of our Prep Transition Program, children commencing Prep in 2016 will meet their ‘Chalcot
Buddies’. The children will work with their buddies planting tomato seedlings, which they will care for at
home. Meanwhile, parents will hear about ways to prepare the children for school. Each parent will
receive a copy of the booklet called “Starting School at Chalcot Lodge PS” and information regarding
Tiqbiz and Qkr. This meeting is also a good opportunity for parents to ask any questions they may have.

Arriving to School on Time
Unless arrangements have been made with our Before School Care service, it is expected that students will
arrive at school at approximately 8.45am, as there are teachers on yard duty from this time until 9.00am.
It is particularly important for safety reasons that children are not walking to school alone after 9.00am.
Students who arrive after the 9.00am bell has rung, must be brought to the office by a parent or guardian
to be signed in, so that we know that the parent or guardian is aware that their child is late; otherwise it
could be the case that a parent THINKS their child is at school, but is not.
Also, arriving late is disruptive to the child, as well as to other students and negatively effects the
organisation of the class and the ability of the child to quickly settle to set tasks for the day.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal
**Bully Stoppers – Resources for Parents**

Bully Stoppers aims to provide practical advice, information and strategies to support everyone to ‘make a stand, lend a hand’ and stop bullying. The Department of Education has created two new online learning modules for parents. Both modules were developed in partnership with experts, and are linked to fact sheets.

Andrew Fuller (clinical psychologist and student wellbeing specialist) has designed a module to help parents understand, recognise and manage bullying and cyberbullying behaviours.

The module by Susan McLean (cyber safety expert) has a focus on cyber safety, cyber bullying, and includes information on sexting, gaming addiction and online grooming. It aims to help parents address standards of behaviour in the context of cyber safety and social media. We encourage you to follow the link below and complete the modules.


**Balls on the Roof**

As part of the strategy to reduce the incidence of injuries associated with working at heights, the Victorian Work Cover Authority introduced the Occupational Health and Safety (Prevention of Falls) Regulations 2003 for working at heights where there is a risk of fall greater than 2 metres.

This regulation prohibits us to access heights of 2 metres high or greater. This includes the school roof and trees.

A common reason for climbing on the roof or reaching up tall trees at school is to collect balls, and believe it or not, to collect shoes. Unfortunately, no-one, is able to retrieve balls, or any other objects from the school roof unless they have completed the Work Cover Ladder training.

Mr Logan-Brown, the school maintenance man, has completed the necessary ladder training and is permitted to use a ladder. Mr Logan Brown is with us every fortnight. Items on the roof, unfortunately can only be retrieved by Mr Logan Brown on a fortnightly basis.

If you allow your children to bring balls to school, we would ask that they be clearly named. While we encourage responsible care of personal, school and other people’s property, we are unable to ensure the safety of such sporting equipment.

**Getting Ready for Secondary College**

I’m sure we all remember the days when our children were at pre-school and the excitement of ‘going to school after the holidays’. Getting ‘ready’ for secondary school is just as important. Our children will be moving to a new environment, will be mixing with many new students, working with new teachers, possibly without knowing anything about them and, without the teachers knowing anything about them. No longer are the students the ‘big fish in a little pond’, in fact, they become the little fish again.

Fortunately, all our students are involved in secondary transition programs in Years 5 & 6 to help them prepare for the move into Year 7. For most of our students, the transition activities involve the school they will attend. For those moving to different schools, the transition program still provides opportunities to find out about what to expect in their new school.

If you need further assistance in getting ready for secondary school next year please feel free to contact the secondary college your child will be attending.

Hope you have a great weekend!

Paul Poliviou

**Assistant Principal**
Health and PE Week 12th – 16th October
Last week’s Health and PE Week celebrations saw our students engaging in a variety of healthy behaviours and activities. Teachers and students incorporated different exercises in their daily routines and spent time discussing what kind of food should be in our lunchboxes to keep us active and healthy. Highlights from the week included:

Year 3-6 Health and Wellbeing workshop run by ‘Just Get Active’
Zumba/Fitness boot camp sessions for Year 4 – 6 students
Prep – 6 Bunnings Planting Day
What’s in your lunch box? Green Team Nude Food Competition
Walk/Ride/Skate2School Day

The school community is already pumped for next year’s celebrations!

Amanda Thomas
Phys Ed/Sport Coordinator

Student Highlights
On day 4 of Health and PE Week our unit started the day off with a bang! Mr Napier was our Coordinator for boot camp! We all did burpees, star jumps, push jumps, push ups, sit ups, lunges… the list goes on! Mr Napier was tough on us but we completed all the challenges and had fun along the way.
Darcy Hamilton & Tyrone Huon 5/6 Unit

On Tuesday 13th October, the Year 3 – 6’s participated in the ‘Just Get Active’ workshop in the hall. We stretched and relaxed our bodies with the help and guidance of Judd and Tony from Just Get Active. We enjoyed learning about our minds and bodies and had loads of fun during the session.
Janet Ross 5/6DN

Division and Region Athletics Results
The Casey North Division Athletics Carnival was held on Friday 9th October, where 23 students from Chalcot Lodge competed in various track and field events. These students displayed excellent sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the day. Campbell Newton and Rachel Makoni progressed through to the Southern Metro Region event which was held shortly after on Thursday 15th October. This level of competition was extremely tough, however it was a fantastic achievement for Rachel and Campbell to reach this level! Well done to our all of our sensational athletes!

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HEALTH AND PE WEEK

BOOT CAMP WITH MR NAPIER

JUST GET ACTIVE WORKSHOP

BUNNINGS PLANTING DAY
DIARY DATES

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At Casey Safety Village we learnt
Stop drop roll
Get down low and go go go!
In case of fire leave the house and wait at the letter box for the fire brigade.
Recycled materials needed for the artroom
We would be very grateful for any of the following items:

- Empty tissue boxes of any size;
- Jars with lids; and
- Plastic containers from ice cream and yogurt.

Thanking you
Connie Liapis and Amanda Thomas

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: Practice sustainability
Tuesday: Science Challenges – get them thinking!
Wednesday: Role playing
Thursday: Library
Friday: Picnic and 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

BELEZA
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.

DISNEYLAND COMPETITION: Notices were handed out to those children who have achieved 25 deposits this year and are now in the running to win the holiday, and also to those children who could still reach 25 deposits by our last banking day (11/12/15). Good luck!

REWARDS AVAILABLE IN TERM 4: Also issued was a slip showing which rewards are available this term, as some have been discontinued and others were withdrawn. Please refer to this list when redeeming rewards to avoid delay or disappointment. Please also remember to return 10 tokens when redeeming rewards, and children are not allowed to share tokens with siblings or friends.

Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator

Qkr/Tiqbiz – Tech Savvy Family Competition
Don’t forget to get your entry in for a chance to win an iPad.
Simply download both the apps the school is using, get the code word from tiqbiz and register it with Qkr.

Good Luck!