



CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement

School Leaders Badge Presentation

During this week, it was my great pleasure to present our 2015 School Captains, House Captains and ICT Leaders with their Leadership badges, during our special assembly.

The children were very proud receiving their badges while the school community cheered and applauded.

Congratulations to all our Leaders!!!!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Badge Presentation Ceremony

Junior School Councillors, Green Team Leaders & Friends, Art & Garden Monitors will be presented with their badges next Tuesday 24th February.

Junior School Councillors

2/3AC Leeora Thomas, Djay Elliot
3/4AK Anesa Bedzeti, Jacob Pellowe
3/4RS Amy Williams, Joshua Kurz
4/5AT Jelena Peric, Ajron Bedzeti
5/6DN Emily McPhail, Dyamond Cummings
5/6AA Ella Ryan, Bailey O'Callaghan

The Green Team Leaders

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

The Green Team Friends

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

2015 Art Monitors

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

Garden Monitors 2015

Caitlyn Elliot, Nyarath Gatkuoth and Lucy Mayes.

Class Information Sessions and Family Fun Night

Staff have been very busy preparing for our Information and Family Fun night, which will be held next Thursday 26th February. The evening begins with a BBQ from 5.15pm until 6.00pm. Following the BBQ, parents/guardians are welcome to attend Class Information sessions where teachers will explain class routines, expectations and teaching methods. You will also have the opportunity to visit your children's individual classrooms.

Between 6.00pm and 7.30pm, while the Class Information sessions are in progress, there will be lots of fun activities happening on the senior side, for all our students and their families to enjoy.

To assist with preparations, please return both the Class Information Session and Family Fun Night BBQ slips no later than next Monday 23rd February.

Cookery Program Begins

We are all looking forward to the Cookery Program commencing next Monday 23rd February. Each class will be working in the Cookery Centre once a fortnight. Most recipes are vegetarian; with one recipe with meat during each term.

The aims of the Cookery Program are to:

- provide students with knowledge and skills to support them in making healthy food choices throughout life;
- enable students to understand the link between growing healthy foods, making healthy recipes and healthy lifestyles;
- have students become aware of how to work in the kitchen safely and cooperatively; and
- have students become aware of and apply basic good manners at the dining table.

The program requires ingredients to be purchased to be able to make the recipes and consequently, the cost per child is \$35 for the year. Please ensure that you have paid the \$35 to enable your child to participate.

Kinder Club Invitation

All 4 and 5 year olds are invited to participate in our Prep Transition Program, which begins with our free "Chalcot Kinder Club". During Kinder Club, children experience fun activities in the Prep rooms and other activities such as Art, Music, Dance, Literature and Physical Education. This is a great opportunity for them to make friends with other children, meet the teachers and become familiar and comfortable about coming to school. Meanwhile, parents are welcome to relax with a cuppa and bickie in the staffroom.

Kinder Club is held on Wednesdays from 2.30pm to 3.30pm during the year. The dates are Wednesdays 11th March, 29th April, 3rd June, 29th July, 2nd September and 28th October. The final Prep Transition day is a Department of Education, Victoria wide, mandated date which is proposed for Tuesday 8th December. This date will be conformed later this year.

In order to facilitate organisation, parents are asked to book their child in for Kinder Club by contacting the office staff.

Information about Hepatitis A Contamination of Frozen Berries

As you may be aware, links were found over the weekend between 1kg bags of Nanna's frozen berries and at least five cases of Hepatitis A, three of which are in Victoria.

As a precaution and on advice from Dr Rosemary Lester, Victoria's Chief Health Officer, the company has recalled this product on 14th February and subsequently two further products on 15th February due to concerns about potential for contamination with Hepatitis A virus.

The products recalled as at 9.00am 16/02/15 are:

Nanna's Mixed Berries 1kg; All batches up to and including Best before date 22/11/16;

Creative Gourmet Mixed Berries 300g; All batches up to and including Best before date 10/12/17; and

Creative Gourmet Mixed Berries 500g; All batches up to and including Best before date 06/10/17.

Consumers are advised to discard any of these products and to be aware of the symptoms of Hepatitis A infection in the 15-50 days after consuming the berries.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has confirmed that the risk of exposure is very low but cannot be excluded. For any students or staff member who has consumed the affected products, Dr Lester has advised people, parents and carers to look for symptoms 15 to 50 days after consumption. Symptoms include fever, nausea, abdominal discomfort, dark urine and yellow skin and eyes (jaundice). Symptoms may last for several weeks but full recovery usually occurs. Please consult DHHS's Better Health Channel for more information.

Any person who is confirmed to have hepatitis A will be followed up closely and will be provided with further advice through the Department of Health and Human Services. If a student or a staff member develops any of these symptoms, medical advice through their local GP should be immediately sought.

Please check any frozen berries used in your school and discard those which have been recalled. They can be returned to the place of purchase for a refund.

Please check any frozen berries at home and if needed, discard or return them to the place of purchase for a refund.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PUNCTUALITY AND REGULAR ATTENDANCE

It is essential that students develop a positive attitude to coming to school. To assist this, it is necessary that students arrive at school before the music at 8.55am. Ideally, students should arrive between 8.45am and 8.55am. This will allow them time to meet their friends and line up ready for the 9.00am bell.

Students can feel embarrassed and miss important instructions when they come in late if their classmates are already settled. Coming in late may also cause unnecessary problems separating from parents, resulting in an unsettled start to the day.

When children are unwell, they should be kept at home where they can rest and recover. Children who are feeling unwell are not able to learn and participate in the class programs effectively. The school contacts parents or emergency contacts to collect sick children. If your child is not well enough to be at school, they are probably not well enough to be "working" either. However, if the illness is prolonged, you may like to discuss this with the class teacher.

Don't Cope Alone- Parent line Victoria 13 22 89 8am to midnight 7 days a week

Parent line provides a state-wide telephone counselling service to parents and carers of children aged from birth to eighteen years. Professional counsellors are able to explore a variety of issues that impact on parenting and relationships. Parent line can provide contact details for community service and respects the confidentiality and right to privacy of callers.

Parking Safety

Parents are reminded about the dangers of double and, sometimes, triple parking near the school. It is of great concern that the safety of children is being jeopardised by a most unsafe and illegal practice.

School Council has requested that City of Casey Law Enforcement Officers regularly patrol the school. By law, offenders can be fined. School Council has also been advised that registration numbers of offenders can be forwarded to the City of Casey Law Enforcement Officers and action will be taken.

Sun Smart

A reminder that, as part of the school's Sunsmart policy, all students must wear a broad brimmed school uniform hat during this term, for all outdoor activities. This includes recess and lunch play, during sporting and physical activities lessons outside and during excursions.

School broad brimmed hats can be purchased for \$11.00 from our uniform supplier Beleza.

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal

Student leaders enjoying their celebrations





DIARY DATES

Monday	23 rd	February	Cookery Program commences	
Tuesday	24 th	February	Assembly – Badge Presentation Junior School Council, Green Team Leaders/Friends Art Monitors & Garden Monitors	2.35pm
Thursday	26 th	February	District Swimming	9.00am – 3.30pm
Thursday	26 th	February	BBQ – Family Fun Night Activities Classroom Information Session	5.15pm - 6.00pm 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Friday	27 th	February	School Council Nomination Close	4.00pm
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
Wednesday	11 th	March	Finance Committee Meeting	3.45pm – Conference Room
Friday	13 th	March	School Photos	
Tuesday	17 th	March	Assembly – Badge Presentation – Peer Mediators	2.35pm
Wednesday	18 th	March	Co-Op AGM	6.45pm
Wednesday	18 th	March	School Council AGM	7.00pm
Wednesday	18 th	March	School Council Meeting	7.15pm
Friday	20 th	March	Disco	
Tuesday	24 th	March	Harmony Day	
Wednesday	25 th	March	Koorie Cultural Invisit - WholeSchool	Payment \$7 due 19 th March
Thursday	26 th	March	Parent/Teacher Interviews	2.30pm – 8.00pm
Friday	27th	March	End of Term 1	2.30pm dismissal
Monday	13th	April	Commencement Term 2	9.00am start all students

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.

This week's activities include:

- * Popout Masks
- * Designing self portraits
- * Dramatic play
- * Free Play

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.

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.

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.