



CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement

Badge Presentation Ceremony

During this week, it was my great pleasure to present our 2015 Junior School Councillors, Green team Leaders and Friends, Art Monitors and Garden Monitors with their badges during our very special assembly. These students have taken on their new roles enthusiastically and are great role models for others. Congratulations to all our 2015 Student Leaders!!!

Cookery Program

Students were very excited this week, with the commencement of our Cookery Program. Bircher Museli was on the menu. Here are some photos of our mini Master Chefs.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent Information and Family Fun Night

It was terrific to see so many families participate in our Parent Information & Family Fun Night yesterday evening. Families enjoyed the sausage sizzle which was cooked by the staff and the information sessions, highlighting the year ahead and how we can all work together to give our children the best possible education. The activities on the oval, organised by Kelly Sports, were great fun and enjoyed by young and old!!

Labour Day Public Holiday – Monday 9th March

Just a reminder that Monday 9th March is the Labour Day Public Holiday for Victoria.

Curriculum Day – Tuesday 10th March is a Student Free Day

On Tuesday 10th March, Teachers and Educational Support Officers will be participating in a full day professional development session on the Seven Steps Writing Program. This program is a dynamic and innovative approach to the teaching and learning of writing genres. This will be a very informative day for staff and the new teaching and learning strategies will be implemented across the school.

This is a student free day. Students are not required to attend school on this day.

School Activity Payments

Payment through Qkr is now the school's preferred payment method. During this year, there will be many activities for which payments will only be accepted through Qkr. Parent/Guardian permission signatures are now also accepted through Qkr. This will eliminate the need to send back return slips to school. Technology is a wonderful thing!!!!



Use Qkr! for payments at Chalcot Lodge

The Qkr! app is live for families of students at Chalcot Lodge. Qkr! by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple's app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

After downloading the app and registering, simply scan the QR code (above) using the Qkr! Code scanner or type **CHALCOT LODGE** after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr!. The app will then always recognise you as part of the school in future and make payments even easier.

You can make payments for **Curriculum Contributions, camps, excursions & in-visits, Parent Club fundraising and other activities** right now using Qkr!, so download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr!

Chicken Pox

We have had a case of chicken pox reported in the 1/2 area. People at increased risk of catching or having complications from chickenpox include: newborn babies, pregnant women and people who have a weakened immune system.

Visiting the School

Just a reminder that, if you are visiting the school for any reason, whether it be as a parent helper, dropping off a forgotten lunch or jumper, you must enter the school via the front office. The office staff, myself or Paul are happy to assist you with your inquiry. This is a departmental requirement and our endeavour to minimise classroom interruptions.

First Aid

When a child comes into First Aid for minor cuts and grazes, in line with the Department regulations, their wound is washed with water only and if needed, a Band-Aid is placed over the wound. Schools are not allowed to apply any antiseptic cream etc. Parents are advised to check at home as to whether follow up treatment is necessary. Please note that in the case of serious cuts, grazes or injuries, parents or emergency contacts are notified. When these people cannot be notified, the school exercises duty of care and takes appropriate action.

Parent Club

The Parent Club Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held next Monday, 2nd March at 6.30pm in the staff room. During this meeting, our new office bearers including a President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected. After the Parent Club AGM, a Parent Club Executive Committee will be formed consisting of the newly elected President, Secretary, Treasurer, Principal (or nominated DET Rep) and a Principal elected Parent Nominee.

Executive Meetings will be held twice a term, on Mondays during school hours, to assist the school with organising school community events and fund raising activities. During each term, members of our Parent Club will be called upon to assist with these events and activities.

A Parent Club social meeting will be held each term for all our wonderful members and parent helpers. This meeting will be an opportunity for the Parent Club members to meet, celebrate achievements and for members to develop a sense of community within the school.

Victorian School of Languages

The Victorian School of Languages (VSL) is a specialist government school that provides programs in the following languages for students in Years 1 to 12 who do not have access to these languages in their mainstream schools:

Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Bengali, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Chin (Falam), Chin-(Hakha), Chinese - Cantonese and Mandarin, Croatian, Dari, Dinka, Dutch, Filipino (Tagalog), French, German, Greek, Classical Greek, Gujarati, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Karen, Khmer, Korean, Latin, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Maltese, Pashto, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Sinhala, Spanish, Syriac, Tamil, Tigrinya, Turkish, Vietnamese and Zomi.

Face-to-face classes for students in Years 1 to 12 are conducted during out-of-school hours, generally on Saturday mornings in centres located across Victoria.

For enrolment information and enquiries, contact the VSL head office on 9474 0500 or see: www.vsl.vic.edu.au.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

**CANTEEN IS OPEN FOR LUNCH ORDERS AND COUNTER SALES ON WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
CLOSED MONDAY, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**



DIARY DATES

Friday	27 th	February	School Council Nomination Close	4.00pm
Monday	2 nd	March	Parent Club AGM	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
Thursday	12 th	March	Bike Education Year 4 – Year 6	Payment \$40 due 6 th March
Friday	13 th	March	School Photos	
Saturday	14 th	March	Environmental Committee - Bunnings Barbeque	8.00am – 4.00pm
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 – Whole School	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

CHALCOT LEGEND AWARD – XAVIER FETAUI

Congratulations to Xavier for being selected to receive the Chalcot Legend Award. Xavier has been selected for always trying his very best. He works hard and is a great listener. Well done Xavier! Xavier will receive his certificate and canteen voucher at assembly on Tuesday 3rd March.

CHALCOT ACHIEVER AWARD

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their teachers to receive Chalcot Achiever Awards. Chalcot Achievers will receive their certificates at assembly on Tuesday 3rd March.

0CB	Hermione Coad	2/3AC	Jason Lamb
0SC	Anaka Versteegen	3/4AK	David Swierczek
1/2GC	Dheera Rambukwella	3/4RS	Tyler Foulston
1/2DE	Declan McLachlan	4/5AT	Jackson Hamilton
1/2MK	Nikayla Huon	5/6AA	Tyler Studd
1/2JV	Angelina Ross	5/6DN	Tome Correia

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 include:

- * Construction activities
- * Painting
- * Dramatic/free play
- * Diversity experiences

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.

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ENDEAVOUR HILLS RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB - U6-U18

Junior Registrations

Come down and register for 2015! Saturday 7th March 11.00am until 1.00pm at Frog Hollow Reserve, David Collins Drive, Endeavour Hills.

We welcome all new players.

For more information please contact Lisa on 041 086 8334

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

During this week we have had several reported case of head lice. We would urge all parents to check their children's and their own hair. Lice do not just infect children's hair!

COOKERY

