



CHALCOT WEEKLY

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PEER MEDIATORS 2015



Peer Mediator's Ceremony

Our Peer Mediators looked very proud as they received their badges during our Peer Mediation assembly last Tuesday.

Congratulations to all our 2015 Peer Mediators. A very big thank you to Mr Evans for his continual commitment and leadership of our Peer Mediation Program.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent/Teacher Interviews

During this week, all parents should have received their confirmed Parent/Teacher interview times for next Thursday, 26th March. This meeting will be a great opportunity for the class teacher to discuss your child's progress so far this year, your child's individual learning needs and areas of future learning. A written Mid - Year Report will be distributed to parents at the end of Term 2.

As Parent/Teacher interviews will be in progress after 2.30pm, the Prep students will be dismissed at the end of the school day from the Library and Year 1 to 6 students will be dismissed from the hall.

Annual Report

On Wednesday night, I presented the 2014 Annual Report to the school community, during our Annual General Reporting meeting.

The document provided details about the profile of our school's families & staff, and reports on achievements in relation to student learning, student engagement and productivity.

The document will be available through our school's website at: www.chalcotps.vic.edu.au.

Parents may also wish to visit the My School website: www.myschool.edu.au.

School Council

After the Annual General Meeting, the new School Council met for the first time with our Council representatives for 2015.

Our School Council consists of eleven members:

Parent Representatives, including Paul Newton, who was elected as President, Paul Coad who was elected as Vice President, Amy Mraz who was elected as Treasurer, Rhiannon Thomas; Gabrielle McIntyre; Noelene Ryan; Rebecca Pellowe; and Stacey Wilkins.

Staff Representatives, including myself, as Executive Officer, Paul Poliviou, who was elected as Secretary and Dean Napier.

School Council is the governing body of the school and is responsible for making informed and considered decisions in the best interests of the students and school. The parameters of School Council business are: Finance; Policy making; Fundraising; and Facilities. All other matters are addressed by the class teachers, Assistant Principal Paul Poliviou and myself.

Many thanks to the members of our School Council for your work in representing the school community to ensure high standards for Chalcot Lodge Primary School.

Parent Club News

Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun orders & payment have now closed. Delivery will be on Wednesday 25th March. We have had a wonderful response this year to the Hot Cross Bun fundraising activity and we thank the school community for their support.

The Parent Club Disco was held today, with staff, students and parents showing off their disco moves on the dance floor. A very big thank you to all the Parent Club members for supporting and assisting the school with fundraising efforts.

Term One Ends - Friday 27th March at 2.30pm

Please ensure that you have made arrangements for your children to be picked up at 2.30pm.

If you are unable to make arrangements for a 2.30pm pick up and supervision is required, please contact Before and After School Care on 0400 194 859.

The arrangements for the day are as follows:

9.00am to 11.00am	Session 1
11.00am to 11.30am	Morning recess
11.30am to 12.30pm	Session 2
12.30pm to 12.40pm	Students eating their lunch in classrooms
12.40pm to 1.40pm	Lunch recess
1.40pm to 1.50pm	Rolls called in classrooms
1.50pm to 2.20pm	Assembly
2.20pm to 2.30pm	Children will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2.30pm.

Monica Ghirxi
PRINCIPAL

Hot Cross Buns

This week our students happily prepared and baked hot cross buns.

Everyone agreed they were very delicious.



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

WHAT A DISCO!

Thank you to our fantastic Parent Club & wonderful DJ's Ms Keay & Mr Suttie for organising the Disco and some great tunes. All the students including the teachers had a wonderful time. The new disco lighting looked fantastic.

CYBERBULLYING

With the increasing use of computers and text messaging, a new form of bullying is emerging world-wide. Cyber bullying may be carried by email but can also occur on websites and chat rooms etc. mobile phones can be used as effectively as computers. Cyber bullying includes:

- Threatening messages by email or phone;
- Websites with stories, jokes and pictures making malicious fun of others;
- Photos taken with cell phone or digital camera and posted on web;
- Sending malicious emails in the name of someone else.
- Distributing sensitive information, true or untrue.

Cyber bullying has the same harmful effects as any other kind of bullying and can be hard to combat because of the anonymous nature of the technology. We provide the following steps to take when this cruel form of bullying is discovered:

- Make sure that any material is saved as evidence;
- Try to identify who is responsible, taking care not to be misled by false names;
- Block unwanted messages by contacting your ISP, or phone company;
- You can use filtering software, change your email address, change your phone number or notify website;
- Contact police if there are threats of violence or serious harm.

Discuss the importance of treating others with kindness and respect. The school will use the usual disciplinary procedures to deal with offenders discovered at school.

Every Day Counts!

An important discussion at the start of the year is the issue of school attendance and why it is essential for every child to attend school every day possible. Of course we are not suggesting your child be sent to school if they are unwell, however we are advocating that students should attend every day they are able and that 'days off' should not be seen as acceptable at any time of the year.

As discussed regularly, there is the strong correlation between performance and attendance –children who miss school do not achieve as well as those who attend regularly. Further, children who miss school regularly find it harder to develop and maintain strong relationships with their peers because they miss out on sharing the activities - it is hard to join in conversations about shared experiences if you weren't there.

If you find that your child is away from school more than two days per term you would be well advised to think seriously about why this is happening. Is your child often unwell, or are there too many late nights, or alternative activities taking the focus from school? Is there a problem at school being masked by the absenteeism? All of these matters are worth some thought. And remember, if there are problems, the school is very willing to help.

How many is too many?

In primary school some students miss, on average three weeks of school each year. This equates to half a year by the end of Year 6! The guidelines below may be a helpful guide for families.

How many days of school would your child miss in half a year?

0-5

This is within normal range. A child with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities available to them.

6-10

This attendance range is below average. A child with this attendance rate could miss over one year of schooling between prep and Year 10.

11-20

This is a poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate days could miss out on up to two years of schooling between prep and Year 10

20+

This is a very poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss over two and one half years of schooling between prep and Year 10.

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal

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



DIARY DATES

Tuesday	24 th	March	Harmony Day	
Wednesday	25 th	March	Koorie Cultural Invisit – Whole School	
Wednesday	25 th	March	Parent Club	6.30pm - Staffroom
Thursday	26 th	March	Parent/Teacher Interviews	2.30pm - 8.00pm
Thursday	26 th	March	Hot Cross Bun Deliveries	
Friday	27 th	March	Assembly – Froggy Awards	1.50pm - 2.20pm
Friday	27th	March	End of Term 1	2.30pm dismissal
Monday	13th	April	Commencement Term 2	9.00am start all students
Mon – Frid	20 th – 24 th	April	Year 5/6 – Ace High Ranch Camp	
Wednesday	22 nd	April	Finance Committee Meeting	3.45pm – Conference room
Friday	24 th	April	Anzac Day Assembly	9.15am - 10.00am
Wednesday	29 th	April	Kinder Club	2.30pm - 3.30pm
Thursday	30 th	April	Fun Run	
Tuesday	5 th	May	Assembly	2.30pm-Hall
Wednesday	6 th	May	School Council Meeting	7.00pm – Staffroom
Thursday	7 th	May	Mothers’ Day Stall	



FROGGY AWARDS



0CB	Grace Fitzsimmons	2/3AC	Talia Mudalige
0SC	Amna Bilal	3/4AK	Ethan Landman
1/2GC	Marielle Njane	3/4RS	Grace Truong
1/2DE	Isaac Landman	4/5AT	Caitlyn Elliot
1/2MK	Ruth Robertson	5/6AA	Aiden Barrie-Cardenas
1/2JV	Caylan Minator	5/6DN	Ethan Pellowe
ICT	Gatkuoth Gatkuoth	ART	Catharina Truong
PE	Jacinta Vassiliou		

HARMONY DAY

Next Tuesday 24th March will be our Harmony Day. Students are asked to wear the colour **ORANGE** on this day, as this is the internationally recognized colour for this event. We will have an indigenous theme this year at Chalcot Lodge, where the students will be involved in activities such as traditional indigenous games, art clinics and listening to a guest speaker.

On the following day, students will have their invisit where Koorie cultural workshops have been timetabled for the whole school.

Looking forward to seeing you all enjoying the Harmony Day events.

A Koorie colouring competition has been organized and the winning entries from each grade will be on display next week.

Jeanette Velasquez - 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 include:

- * An outdoor treasure hunt
- * Bug hunting outdoors
- * An 'all about me' project
- * Play dough activities

Please feel free to speak to Iris or Alex 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.

ORDERING REWARDS: When ordering rewards, please remember to make your selection from the items available in Term 1 (not Terms 2, 3 or 4 yet), or from the separate list we provided. You must also return 10 tokens to be able to claim your reward, and the tokens must not be shared with your siblings or other students.

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

Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

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ENDEAVOUR HILLS LEISURE CENTRE

We are offering a school holiday program for children aged 5 – 12 years of age, each day from 9am – 12pm during the school holidays (excluding Good Friday and Easter Monday). Please visit our website for more information. www.ehlc.ymca.org.au

ENDEAVOUR HILLS UNITING CHURCH

Come and join our school holiday program as we play games, tell stories, join in craft activities and have fun exploring the links between Frozen and the Christian Easter story.

Monday 30th March, 9.00am to 3.00pm at Endeavour Hills Uniting Church, Cnr Hellyer Way & Raymond McMahon Boulevard, Endeavour Hills.

Bring your own lunch and snacks. You can come dressed as your favourite Frozen character. Primary school age children only, gold coin donation.

RSVP Friday 27th March to churchoffice@ehuc.org.au
Or call or text Stephen on 0408 648366.

Qkr Update

New features are constantly being added to the Qkr app. It is important that the latest version of Qkr is used by families to enable quick and easy processing of transactions. The most up to date Qkr version is: 3.9.6.156. Please ensure you are using this version to access full functionality of Qkr.



Adding multiple payment cards & keeping your payments safe

Qkr!™ will accept payment using any scheme credit/debit card accepted by the school, and you can add up to five different cards to your Qkr account.

At checkout, you can easily select from any of your registered cards by simply tapping the 'Payment' option near the top of the checkout screen.

Qkr! is provided by MasterCard so you know your payments are secure. No information will be stored on your phone. Registration details and card information are saved securely on the MasterCard network.

If you choose to pay using a MasterCard, you will also benefit from MasterCard's Zero Liability policy which protects the cardholder from fraud and unauthorized charges.

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