

CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Growing a Supportive Community of Active Learners

Mother's Day Morning Tea





















FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mothers' Day Morning Tea

Thank you to all our wonderful Mothers and Grandmothers who supported our very special Mothers' Day Morning Tea on Tuesday. We raised \$200 which will be donated to Breast Cancer Research. Mothers and Grandmothers were spoilt with yummy scones, mini donuts and sweets that were made in our kitchen by our Year 6 students. The coffee and tea was flowing and happy conversations could be heard around the room.



A very big thank you to Sharyn Allsopp who was brave enough to share her experiences with us. I would also like to thank all the staff and students who helped organise this special event, particularly our very clever Mr Napier and our wonderful chief extraordinaire, Nicole Felton.

Education Week Celebration

The Chalcot family will be celebrating Education Week next week. We will be starting off with our Chalcot Talent Quest on Tuesday 17th May at 11.30 am in the hall. On Thursday night, families have also been invited to join us in a light meal (noodles and spring rolls) followed by the Lion Dance experience. If you have not responded through Qkr and would still like to participate, please contact the office as we do have some spaces left in each session.



Session 1	6.00pm to 6.30pm Meal in the Cookery room and explore the library	6.30pm to 7.00pm Lion Dance Workshop in the hall	
Session 2	6.30pm to 7.00pm Meal in the Cookery room and explore the library	7.00pm to 7.30pm Lion Dance Workshop in the hall	

Tickets were sent home during the week; please remember to bring your tickets on the night to redeem your meal and Lion Dance experience.

NAPLAN

During this week, students in Years 3 and 5 have participated in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessment. Later in the year, parents will receive their child's personal report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. This report will also show how your child performed in relation to the national benchmark standards. These benchmark standards describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

It is important to remember that these tests are just one form of assessment that teachers use to gather information about student progress and are just a snapshot of each child's achievement.

Well done to all the students and teachers who have worked extremely hard in preparation for NAPLAN.

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, the 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 can also miss important instructions if they arrive after 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.

Curriculum Day – Friday 20th May

A reminder that our next curriculum day is Friday 20th May. This will be a student free day and has been allocated for the preparation of midyear reports.

Monica Ghirxi Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Picking up your Children After School- A Student Safety Issue

If for some reason you, or your child's carer, is delayed after school, please contact us so that your child can be brought into the office to wait. Children often become distressed if they are not collected at the usual time. By letting the school know of your delayed arrival, we can avoid any unnecessary distress.

Students who have not been collected by 3.45pm are to come into the office to wait for their parents as there are no staff members patrolling the grounds after 3.45pm. Once students come into the office, they will not be allowed to leave unaccompanied. Parents or carers will have to come inside and sign a release form to collect the students from the office.

Assembly Class of the Week

This Term the school captains will be voting on the class that they see behaving well during assembly. The class with the most points at the end of the term will receive a class disco and party. Congratulations to 3 /4 E who was class of the week from the last assembly. Check out the table below to see who is leading!

The school captains are looking at how you enter and leave the hall, how well you sit and listen during the assembly and how well you sing the National Anthem and school song.

1.	3 /4 N	4 points
	3/4 E	4 points
2.	Prep K	3 points
	4 /5 T	3 points
3.	5 /6 A	2 points
	1/2 C	2 points
	1/2 B	2 point

Helping Children Make Friends

Friendships are very important for a child's happiness and well-being. Below is a web address for a wonderful article on how we can help develop our children's social skills to enhance their ability of making friends. http://www.kidshelp.com.au/grownups/news-research/hot-topics/making-friends.php

Lost Property

As often is the case in primary schools, many items of clothing go missing on a day to day basis.

We have a lost property box in the hall where all lost items are placed.

In order to ensure that items do not remain lost, it is important to do the following:

- Ensure all of your children's items of clothing are named in such a way that this cannot be removed.
- Check that the items of clothing your child/ren bring home actually belong to them (sometimes the wrong clothing is picked up in error).
- If your child loses a piece of clothing, check the lost property box in the hall.

Mr P's Footy Predictions

Crows by 12 points
North by 50 points
Hawks by 70 points
Giants by 65 points
Lions by 12 points
Swans by 55 points
Blues by 1 point
Dogs by 22 points
West Coast by 55 points



Paul Poliviou Assistant Principal



DIARY DATES

Mon – Fri	$16^{th} - 20^{th}$	May	Education Week	
Tuesday	17^{th}	May	Talent Quest	11.30am – 1.30pm School Hall
Tuesday	17^{th}	May	Digital Technologies Competition	ICAS
Wednesday	18^{th}	May	Forensic Science In visit	4/5T, 5/6A & 5/6P
Thursday	19 th	May	Lion Dance Experience	Reply & payment due by 9 th May
Friday	20 th	May	Curriculum Day	Student Free Day
Monday	23^{rd}	May	Division Cross Country	Payment & permission due by 19 th May
Tuesday	24^{th}	May	Assembly	2.40 – Hall
Friday	27^{th}	May	Interschool Sports	Home – Southern Cross
Friday	27^{th}	May	Walk Safely to School day	
Monday	30^{th}	May	Parent Club	6.30pm – Staffroom
Wednesday	1^{st}	June	Science Competition	ICAS
Thursday	2^{nd}	June	Prep Myuna Farm Excursion	Payment & permission due by 26 th May
Friday	3^{rd}	June	Interschool Sport	Away - St Paul Apostle South



Breakfast Club at Chalcot Lodge is here!

We are very excited to announce that Chalcot Lodge will be starting our very first Breakfast Club. The program is funded by Foodbank Victoria and provides each child with the opportunity to eat breakfast at school each Friday. Food on offer includes Weetbix, tinned fruit & longlife milk.

The program will begin the first Friday of Term 3 at 8.30am and will run the duration of the year.

A healthy breakfast gives kids the energy and nutrients they need to achieve their best in the classroom. Our program also encourages a positive social environment to make new friends with kids from different grade levels. Keep an eye out for further information.

Your Breakfast Club Committee, Ashley Ablitt & Stephanie Kropp.

Fun Run Fundraising Results

Congratulations to all students and families who participated in this year's Fun Run fundraiser. As a school we have raised an outstanding total sum of \$3,440.10. The funds raised will go toward the Green Team's future initiatives. Well done to Charli Higgins from 1/2V who raised the highest individual amount of \$164. The class that has raised the most was 3/4DN who raised a total of \$586. What a fantastic effort! Prizes will be distributed over the next week.

Amanda Thomas Physical Education











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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 the school.

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 activities include:

- Making a Wool Octopus
- Balloon Volleyball
- Ribbon Coasters
- Sparkly star mobile

If you have any concerns please feel free to speak to Shani on 0400 194 859 during session times or come in and have a chat! Y.L.V Team

SCHOOL BANKING

Don't forget that EVERY FRIDAY is School Banking day and students should hand in their deposit book <u>first thing</u> on Friday.

IMPORTANT DATES:

19/5/16: **School Banking on Thursday** due to Friday being a
Curriculum Day

20/5/16: Curriculum Day – no school and no School Banking

27/5/16: Last opportunity for making the 1st of 15 deposits required for Australia Zoo competition

REWARDS NEWS: The Term 2 items are now available for ordering – the Mud Splat Handball, and the Outback Pat Bag Tag. The following items are also still available while stocks last: Dollarmites Moneybox, ET DVD, Flying Snake Tail, Galaxy Glider, Intergalactic Rocket, Outer Space Savers Money Box, and Wildlife Writer Set.

AUSTRALIA ZOO COMPETITION:

Students who make a minimum of 15 deposits by the end of Term 3 will automatically go in the running to win a family trip for up to 2 adults and 3 children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin! Even if your child hasn't made any deposits yet this year, there is still time to qualify!

Ingrid Williams School Banking Coordinator