Growing a Supportive Community of Active Learners

Day Disco Term 3.

[Images of children dancing and having fun]
Chalcot Lodge Uniform
The absolutely great thing about school uniform is that they make everyone feel like they belong; they’re economical, easy to wash and wear, eliminate competition about who is the trendiest, and nurture a sense of school pride. The annoying thing about school uniform is that it is difficult to discern the owner of items, unless they are clearly labelled with the name and class of the student. Whilst it is true that uniform is economical in terms of their cost and the amount of daily use they get, it becomes a very annoying, expensive and inconvenient matter when they are lost.

On some occasions, students inadvertently pick up someone else’s jumper or hat and the owner’s parents are faced with needing to buy another one. With the holidays coming along, this is a great opportunity for you to check that your child does have their own uniform and please label all garments, particularly those which children take off during the school day.

Just a reminder, that beginning next term, all students must wear their school uniform broad brim hat when outside. Students who do not have their hats during recess times will be asked to stay under the covered way adjacent to the office.

Chalcot Movie Night DVD
During this week, the Chalcot Movie Night DVD order has been placed on Tiqbiz. The Chalcot Movie Night DVD will contain all class movies along with the red carpet photos taken by our paparazzi on the night, Mrs Karen Mcvicar. The cost of DVD is $10.00 and all funds raised will go to the ICT Program. Please place your order and make payment via Qkr by Friday 14th October or contact the office to make alternate arrangements.

NO ORDERs WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER.

Term 4 Swimming Program – Beginning Tuesday 4th October
If your child is participating in the swimming program next term, please note that for safety reasons, all students must wear a swimming cap when swimming at North Lodge. Students must bring their own swimming cap from home.

If your child is an asthmatic, please ensure that their medication is taken to the pool with them. If your child is anaphylactic, ensure that two EpiPens are taken to swimming each day. It is the parent’s responsibility to provide an extra EpiPen to be taken with the child to swimming. Anaphylactic students who do not have two EpiPens will not be permitted to attend.

Term 4 Cooking and Etiquette Program
Thank you to all our wonderful parent helpers who have worked so hard during our cooking classes this term. Just a reminder that due to our whole school Swimming Program, the Cooking Program will commence week 3, Monday 17th October.

Term Dates for 2017
The first day of Term 1 (Monday 30th January), 2017 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment & reporting purposes. Therefore, students in Years 1 to 6 will commence school on Tuesday 31st January and Prep students will commence on Thursday 2nd February.

Term 1: 30 January (teachers start) to 31 March
Term 2: 18 April (Tuesday) to 30 June
Term 3: 17 July to 22 September
Term 4: 9 October to 22 December

Happy Holidays
I wish everyone a safe, happy and restful break. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 3rd October for another exciting term.
Cyber Safety Tips for Parents

Talk to your children. Much like anything else, it’s important that your child knows what your expectations are, understands the basics of Internet safety, and feels comfortable talking to you about problems and concerns.

Set guidelines. Create a set of guidelines about when and how long your children can use the computer. Be clear about what they can and cannot do online. If they need to complete chores or homework first, outline that as well. Discuss things like instant messaging, chat rooms, blogs, and social networking sites (Instagram, Facebook), virtual worlds (Club Penguin, Webkinz). Work out a contract with your children about household expectations and have everyone sign it. Don't forget to come up with consequences for breaking the rules.

Follow through. It is important to stick with your rules. It’s true that kids need boundaries and, as much as they fight you on it, count on you to set them. Set a timer for online activity. Use monitoring software that tracks where they are going and what they are doing.

Pay attention. It’s not enough for your computer to be in a central location in your home if you’re not paying attention to what your kids are doing. Make a habit of pulling up a chair and talking to your child about what they’re doing. If you expect to know who your kids are with and where they go when they leave the house, this is no different.

Read more about it. If you ask your child what they’re doing and you don’t understand the answer, it’s time to read more about it. Visit the website if possible, search for related news about it and see if you can find an article here on About.com or another site. Whatever path you take, it’s important to understand what your kids are going when they’re online.

Join the fun. This is no difference from attending a sporting match or chaperoning a dance or field trip. If your child has taken an interest in an online community such as Webkinz, Neopets, Facebook, etc., find out what they like about it. Sign up for your own account and add your child as a “friend.” This allows you to have a better sense of what they’re doing and what sort of things they’re coming in contact with, but it also shows your kids that you’re interested in their activities.

Use available technology. There is no shortage of Internet Safety tools available to help you control, track and/or limit what your kids can say and do online. Take the time to learn about Internet filters, firewalls, monitoring software, browsers for kids and other tools. While they are not a replacement for strong parenting, they can help make your task easier, especially with younger children.

Do a little sleuthing. Use your browser history, cache and cookies to find out what sites your kids have been visiting. This is not to suggest that you should spy on your child, but a spot check now and again is a good idea. Enter their names (including nicknames) into popular search engines to see if they have public profiles on social networking sites. Do the same with your address and phone number. You might be surprised by how much of your personal information is online!

Watch for warning signals. A child who is reluctant to talk to you about what they’re doing online or seems to be withdrawing from family and/or friends may have a problem. It can be easy to chalk up certain things to normal teenage behaviour, but that doesn’t mean you should ignore changes in your child’s personality. Cyber bullying is just one experience that may cause your child to withdraw.

Know when to say, “No.” If your child continually spends too much time online or ignores rules about what they can and cannot do, it may be time to pull the plug on the Internet as a sort of "virtual grounding.” Although your child may disagree, they can survive without it. Make sure you’re clear about why you’re doing it and how long it will last. Consider what you’ll do if they have a homework project that requires access, and remember that they may be able to use computers at school, the library, and a friend’s house. They may even be able to browse the web on their mobile.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal
School Holiday Activities
The Victorian School Holidays start on 19th September - are you ready to entertain your children? Below is a link to a range of activities you might consider to entertain them with, over the spring school holiday period.


Reading Difficulties and Dyslexia
Dyslexia is a learning difficulty that affects the skills needed to read words quickly and accurately. Dyslexia can also affect writing and spelling.

Literacy – reading, writing and understanding – is the foundation for all learning. Identifying students with reading difficulties as early as possible, including dyslexia, is important to their learning in all areas. Students can then be given the support they need to keep up with their classmates and take part in all the learning opportunities at school.

Typical Features of Dyslexia
Dyslexia usually includes difficulty with:

- hearing and being able to manipulate the separate sounds in words (phonological awareness)
- remembering, for a short time, a list of words, numbers or instructions (verbal memory)
- being able to quickly process familiar letters, words, digits or numbers (verbal processing speed).

Phonological awareness
Phonological awareness is the ability to hear and manipulate the separate sounds within words (phonemes) and is a key foundation skill for early reading and spelling development. An example of phonological awareness is understanding that if the ‘p’ in ‘pat’ is changed to an ‘s’ the word becomes ‘sat’.

When reading, if a child has problems with phonological awareness they might have difficulty recognising that sounds can be represented by letters or groups of letters within written words (this is often called phonics at school).

Verbal memory awareness
Verbal memory is the ability to remember an ordered sequence of words or numbers for a short period of time. For example, it is used to remember a list of words, numbers or instructions.

Verbal processing speed
Verbal processing speed is the time taken to process familiar information, such as words, letters and numbers.

Difficulty in these areas can be detected at an early age. However, these difficulties may not be noticed until a child struggles with learning to read in the first years of school. If your child can see and hear clearly, doesn’t have an intellectual disability and displays some of the difficulties above they may have dyslexia.

Mr P’s Footy Prediction
The Hawks will beat the Doggies by 27 points on Friday night and then head up to NSW to play the GWS giants in the preliminary final, where they will win that game by 50 points.

The Swans will beat Adelaide by 5 points but lose to the Cats by 45 points the following week. Which means the Hawks will play the Cats in the Grand Final. The Hawks will win their fourth premiership in a row and become the greatest team of all time. HAWKS by 37 points in the Grand Final.

Paul Poliviu
Assistant Principal
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to the following students who successfully completed the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge. I hope you enjoyed reading lots of books during this time and continue to do so. Certificates will be handed out at the next assembly.

Well done superstar readers!

- Lara Correia
- Eliana Kan
- Tanya Kanapathy
- Arif Sunil
- Sophie Zhang

Stephanie Kropp
English co-ordinator.
BE PART OF OUR ALLERGY AWARE COMMUNITY

6 STEPS Every parent or carer should take today

CARE FOR EVERYONE IN YOUR COMMUNITY
By asking about food allergies when planning play dates, get togethers, family BBQs or workplace functions.

TALK WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES ABOUT FOOD ALLERGY
Help them understand how they can keep their friend safe i.e. by knowing what the friend is allergic to, washing hands after eating, taking it seriously. Talk to schools/teachers about their anaphylaxis management strategies.

LEARN WHAT YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE THE RISK OF AN ALLERGIC REACTION
Know the facts about food allergy. Visit allergyfacts.org.au and allergy.org.au. ALWAYS take food allergies seriously.

KNOW WHAT IS IN THE FOOD YOU OFFER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE CARE
Read labels and be aware of what is in the food you serve. Know where the individual keeps their ASCIA Action Plan and adrenaline autoinjector (i.e. EpiPen or Anapen if prescribed).

INFORM OTHERS ABOUT YOUR OR YOUR CHILD'S FOOD ALLERGY
If a child you are caring for has a food allergy follow the child’s parents instructions closely.

SHARE THE LOAD
Food allergies can be life-threatening but with the support of an allergy aware community, we can help minimise risk.

Visit www.allergyfacts.org.au and www.allergy.org.au for more information
On Saturday 10th September, staff and parents were at Dandenong Bunnings to raise money for the Year 6 Graduation and Big Day Out. It was a cold a cloudy day, but we still managed to raise $708.36. Thank you to Paul and Karen Newton, Bec Warner, Rachel Temple, Bridie Running, Gabby McIntyre, Sarah Hamilton, Briony Ryan, Sherryn Jarrett, Suboda Nagahawatta, Dy You Truong, who gave up their time to help run the BBQ fundraiser. I’d also like to thank the Chalcot staff, Lauren Proven, Lynette Clark and Monica Ghirxi.

We appreciate all our Chalcot friends and wider community, who came to visit, buy a sausage and support our fundraiser. It was great to see all your friendly faces.

Look out for our next fundraiser, run and organised by the students (with some help from their teachers)……… the MINI CARNIVAL. Keep your eyes peeled early in term 4 for details.

Ashley Ablitt
**LITTLE FROGS PLAYGROUP**
The Little Frogs Playgroup will continue every Wednesday at 9:15am for the rest of the year except school holidays. If you would like to take part in this wonderful program, please contact the office on 9700 4455.

**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.

Term 4, week 1 activities include:
- Create a Restaurant
- Ball Games
- Newspaper craft
- Chalk drawings
- Scavenger hunt

For program information, bookings or cancellations, please contact Emily or Lauren on 0400 194 859 on weekdays.

Y.L.V Team

**SCHOOL BANKING**
Don’t forget that EVERY FRIDAY is School Banking day and students should hand in their deposit book first thing on Friday.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**
7/10/16 - School Banking resumes after school holidays

**REWARDS NEWS:**
AVAILABLE WHILE STOCKS LAST: Backtrack Eraser Pen, Dollarmites Money Box, ET DVD, Galaxy Glider, Intergalactic Rocket, Jump & Skip Rope, Outback Pat Bag Tag, and Outer Space Savers Money Box. VERY LOW IN STOCK: Wildlife Writer Set and Flying Snake Tail (please also show a second choice, in case we run out). NO LONGER AVAILABLE: Mud Splat Handball. If you don’t have an order slip for the item you wish to order, just supply a note along with your 10 tokens.

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 the school.

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"Looking for a great school holiday activity to get out of the house? The Light Festival at Dandenong Showgrounds is on every night from 6pm-9pm from 26th August - 9th October and is a great family event for all ages. A spectacular, interactive lighting display showcasing hundreds of beautiful silk lanterns. Cost: Kids $14, Concession= $18, Adults= $20, Family Ticket (2A + 2C) = $60."