



CHALCOT WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER No 3- 18th February

Growing a Supportive Community of Active Learners

Badge Presentation Ceremony

It was my great pleasure to present our 2016 School Captains, House Captains and Green Team Leaders & Friends with their Leadership badges during our very special assembly earlier this week. The children looked so proud receiving their badges while the school community cheered and applauded.

Congratulations to all our Leaders!!!!



2016 School Captains



2016 House Captains



The Green Team Leaders & Friends

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Badge Presentation Ceremony

Junior School Councillors, ICT Leaders, Art and Garden Monitors will be presented with their badges at our next assembly on Tuesday 23th February starting at 2.35pm.

ICT Leaders

Priyanka Suji Rani

Campbell Newton

Tyrone Huon

Cherie Hann

Andy Di Pascale

Jackson Hamilton

Ashleigh Barnes

Navkaran Sahni

Marko Kovac

Janet Ross

Diyana Nagahawatta

Jake Pellowe

Jordan Leveque

James Ozols

Art Monitors

Izabella Hernandez

Jelena Peric

Natarsha Anselmi

Sarah O'Callaghan

Amy Williams

Deeya Reddy

Michael De Rossi

Garden Monitors

Jackson Hamilton

Caitlyn Elliott

Jelena Peric

Leah Starecki

Latif Naderi

Junior School Councillors

3/4K Dejan Peric & Anesa Bedzeti

3/4N Andrea Kovac & Talen Saunders

3/4E Lucy McFarland & Jeremy Hargreaves

4/5T Natarsha Anselmi & Tyler Foulston

5/6A Darcy Hamilton & Ella Ryan

5/6P Josh Millar & Emily McPhail

Class Information Sessions and Family Fun Night

The staff have been very busy preparing for our Information and Family Fun night which will be held next Thursday 25th February. A very big thank you to our wonderful Parent Club for assisting with the cooking of the sausages and serving our school community. Your help is really appreciated.

If you are attending the evening please respond through tiqbiz no later than Sunday evening.

School Activities

Chinese Lion Dance



As a part of our Harmony Week celebrations & to kick off our new Mandarin Language Program, we will be having the crew from 'The Immersion Room', coming to our school and performing a wonderful Chinese Lion Dancing event! Lion Dancing is an ancient Chinese tradition performed during the Lunar New Year and other special events.

The workshops will be held over two days, Tuesday 22nd March and Wednesday 23rd March.

Students will be immersed in a range of Chinese cultural and language activities. Students will experience being musicians by beating the drum and mastering the gong and the cymbals, being the laughing Buddha who teases and leads the lion, being the lion's tail and holding the prestigious position of the lion's head. Incorporating Kung Fu moves, Chinese language skills and teamwork, this program will give students a deeper understanding of why the lion dance plays a vital role in the Chinese New Year celebrations. This will truly be a unique and unforgettable experience for all students.

Students may come to school wearing red clothing to join in on the Chinese cultural theme. Parents are also welcome to come along to their child's/children's workshop and see them in action. Please make payment of \$5.00 and complete the permission slip via Qkr by 8.00am Friday 18th March or contact the office to make alternate arrangements.

Star Lab Invisit

As part of our Inquiry unit 'Our turning world impacts how we live our lives', students from 3/4 AK, 3/4 DE & 3/4 DN will be visited by the Star Lab at school on Friday 18th March. Students will be exploring Space and Day & Night in an interactive dome indoors. The cost of this Invisit is \$11.00. Please make payment of \$11.00 and complete the permission slip via Qkr by Tuesday 15th March, 2016 or contact the office to make alternate arrangements.



School Council would also like to remind parents/guardians that payments for school organised activities (whether it be for an excursion, Invisit or Parent Club activity) must be paid by the due date in order to facilitate smooth organisation of the event and to ensure that correct financial processes are followed.

Payment through Qkr is the school's preferred method of payment; parents/guardians are able to contact the office to make alternative arrangements.

Please note that no late payments for school activities will be accepted through the office.

Anaphylaxis

We have 5 students at our school who have Anaphylaxis. This means that these students suffer allergic reactions to certain foods and factors in the environment. Their allergic reactions are severe and can be life threatening. These students have an extreme allergic reaction particularly to nuts.

I would like to remind parents and students that, as part of the school's Anaphylaxis Action Plan, **under no circumstances should food be shared or swapped with any other children at school. It is also very important that children do not purchase food for each other from the canteen.** This is a very serious student safety matter. I am asking all parents to please reinforce this issue with their children at home.

Religious Instruction

Unfortunately, due to new Departmental of Education policy changes on how Religious Instruction must be delivered in schools, Chalcot Lodge PS is no longer able to deliver Religious Instruction lessons during school time.

Visiting the School

Just a reminder, if you are visiting the school for any reason, whether it be as a parent helper, dropping off a forgotten lunch or jumper, that 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 interruptions and disruptions to the school day.

Dogs at School

Just a reminder to our school community that dogs, whether on a lead or not, are not permitted on the school grounds before, during or after 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

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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. www.education.vic.gov.au/earlychildhood/parentline/

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 Sun Smart 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 hats can be purchased from Beleza

Excursions and Invisits

To enrich class programs this year, teachers have planned excursions outside the school to provide all students with opportunities for first hand learning experiences, which will broaden their understanding and knowledge of units of work being taught.

Teachers will have also planned invisits to the school where visitors provide expertise and knowledge as part of the planned curriculum program.

It is vital that all students attend excursions and invisits as these activities relate to specific parts of the school's curriculum. It is vital that the permission and payment be made promptly via QKR to the school. Legally, without signed permission, a student CANNOT attend an excursion or invisit.

Students participating in excursions which require a meal, should clearly label their lunch and drink (no glass containers for drinks).

School Safety Procedures-Visitors at School

All volunteers at the school, including parent helpers, are required to have a current "Working with Children Check" and details about this can be gained at the school office.

All volunteers and visitors to the school, (including parents who are just popping for 5 minutes or workmen) must call at the office to sign the Visitors Register and to collect a school security badge before commencing their activity each visit. The visitors badge must be worn at all times and clearly displayed. These procedures ensure the safety of our students and all visitors within the school grounds.

Assistant Principal
Paul Poliviou

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



DIARY DATES

Tuesday	23 rd	February	Assembly – Badge Ceremony JSC, Art, ICT & Garden leaders	2.35pm – Hall
Wednesday	24 th	February	District Swimming - Selected Students	Noble Park Aquatic Centre 8.25am Depart, 11.30am Return
Thursday	25 th	February	Family Fun Night & Parent Information Evening	5.30pm – 6.00pm BBQ 6.00pm – 7.30pm Information Sessions & family activities
Sunday	6 th	March	Environmental BBQ Dandenong Bunnings	8.00am – 4.00pm
Monday	7 th	March	Parent Club AGM	6.30pm – Staffroom
Tuesday	8 th	March	Assembly – Badge Ceremony Peer Meditators	2.35pm - Hall
Wednesday	9 th	March	Divisional Swimming	
Friday	11 th	March	School Photos	
Monday	14 th	March	Labour Day Public Holiday	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	15 th	March	Fun Run	9.00am – 11.00am
Wednesday	16 th	March	Kinder Club	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday	16 th	March	School Council	7.00pm – Staffroom
Tuesday	22 nd	March	Lion Dance Invisit	\$5 due by Friday 18 th March
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Thursday	24 th	March	Assembly – Froggy Awards	Hall – 2.00pm
Thursday	24th	March	End of Term 1	2.30pm dismissal
Monday	11th	April	13th April Commence	9.00am start

CELEBRATING CHINESE NEW YEAR

4/5T, 5/6A & 5/6P



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:

Activities include for this week:

Origami Fortune Teller

Making Cool Sunglasses

Handprint Murals

Dot Painting

Friendship Wreaths

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

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 EVERY FRIDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

IMPORTANT DATES:

24/3/16: School Banking on Thursday (last day of Term 1) due to Friday being a Public Holiday (Good Friday)

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! A promotional leaflet with further details is included in the pack labeled 'For Parents'.

Ingrid Williams

School Banking Coordinator



COMMUNITY NEWS

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Endeavour Hills Rugby Union Football Club Registration day

Saturday 20th Feb 11am to 1pm

U6 to U18

Frog Hollow Reserve

David Collins Drive

Endeavour Hills

All new players welcome

Come & give it a go!

Any further information please call Lisa

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