

# CHALCOT WEEKLY

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*Growing a Supportive Community of Active Learners*



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Parent Club (Gladstone Rd) Bunnings Barbeque



The Parent Club Bunnings BBQ is on tomorrow. The sausages will be sizzling and cold refreshing drinks will be available for sale. The Parent Club and their team of helpers will be hard at work from 8.00am to 4.00pm. If you are passing by, please pop in and show your support!!!!

## Prep Transition Program - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October

As part of our Prep Transition Program, children commencing Prep in 2017 will meet their 'Chalcot Buddies'. Children will work with their buddies to create a special surprise to take home. Meanwhile, their parents will hear about ways to prepare their children for school. Each parent will receive a copy of the booklet called "Starting School at Chalcot Lodge PS" and information regarding Tiqbiz and Qkr. This meeting is also a good opportunity for parents to ask any questions they may have.

## Chalcot Chess Club

Congratulations to all those students who took part in the Chalcot Chess Club this year. Students have worked extremely well and have shown great improvement in their chess skills. Mrs Velasquez, Mr Suttie and Mrs McVicar are very proud of you all.

During this week, the Chess Club had a lunch time celebration and a variety of awards were handed out. Congratulations to:

Sameer Popalzai:	1 <sup>st</sup> place for the In- School Competition
Abigail Pellowe:	2 <sup>nd</sup> place for the In- School Competition
Joshua Simpson:	3 <sup>rd</sup> place for the In- School Competition
Emily Hamilton:	Most Improved
Lara Correia:	Best Attendance
Jemila Simpson:	Most Valuable Player



A very big thank you to Mrs Velasquez, Mr Suttie and Mrs McVicar for organising and running our Chess Club this year.

## Arriving to School on Time

Unless arrangements have been made with our before school care service, it is expected that students will arrive at school at approximately 8.45am, as there are teachers on yard duty from this time until 9.00am. It is particularly important for safety reasons that children are not walking to school alone after 9.00am. Students who arrive after the 9.00am bell has rung, must be brought to the office by a parent or guardian to be signed in.

Arriving late is disruptive to the child, as well as to other students, and negatively effects the organisation of the class and the ability of the child to quickly settle to set tasks for the day.

## Family Holidays

As the holiday season fast approaches many families have begun organising extended family holidays. If you intend taking an extended holiday before the end of this year or early in 2017, could you please inform the office in writing as soon as possible. Teachers will soon be planning friendship groups and class placements for 2017 and will need this information to ensure your child is placed in the appropriate learning area.



## Term 4 Curriculum Day - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October is a School Council approved Curriculum Day. During this day, teachers will be planning and documenting the 2017 and 2018 student learning programs from Years Prep to 6, in line with the new Victorian Curriculum. Under the leadership of Dean Napier, teachers will unpack the new Victorian Curriculum focusing on the areas of Geography, History, Science, Technology, Civics & Citizenships and Economics & Business. **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October will a Student Free Day.**

Monica Ghirxi  
**Principal**

# *FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL*

## **Bully Stoppers –Resources for Parents**

Bully Stoppers aims to provide practical advice, information and strategies to support everyone to 'make a stand, lend a hand' and stop bullying. The Department of Education has online learning modules for parents. Both modules were developed in partnership with experts, and are linked to fact sheets.

Andrew Fuller (clinical psychologist and student wellbeing specialist) has designed a module to help parents understand, recognise and manage bullying and cyberbullying behaviours.

The module by Susan McLean (cyber safety expert) has a focus on cyber safety, cyber bullying, and includes information on sexting, gaming addiction and online grooming. It aims to help parents address standards of behaviour in the context of cyber safety and social media. We encourage you to follow the link below and complete the modules.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/parentmodules.aspx>

## **Starting Secondary School**

The move from primary to secondary school is a major milestone for your child. It's a time of big changes in their development, education and life. You can have confidence that your child's future is in good hands in a Victorian government school. We are committed to ensuring we are giving our kids the education that industries will need, and the skills that employers will expect them to have.

Secondary school covers Years 7 to 12, where students are usually aged 12 to 18. By law, your child must complete Year 10 and remain in some form of education or training until they are 17.

Secondary school provides opportunities to challenge your child and to develop the valuable skills they will take into adulthood.

### *Easing the transition*

The more informed and involved you are in your child's preparation, the more likely it is that the transition will be positive.

From day one your child will experience many changes, each of which will bring questions and new things to do:

- more subjects and teachers
- more homework
- more challenging school work
- the responsibility of getting to classes in different rooms on time
- the need to manage themselves, their learning and their equipment
- using lockers and carrying books between classes
- adapting to different teaching styles
- having no 'home' classroom (although many schools have a designated area for Year 7 students including one large multipurpose classroom where a team of teachers will work with the students).

With the help of family and school staff, students usually adapt quickly to their new environment.

### *Transition programs*

Most secondary schools work with primary schools to make transition easier. A school's transition program may include:

- student talks at their old primary school
- secondary school teachers' talks or introductory lessons at primary schools
- Year 6 visits to secondary schools
- buddy systems at secondary schools, teaming older and younger students.



### Orientation days

As part of the transition from Year 6 to Year 7, students in government secondary schools participate in an orientation day. All government schools hold this orientation day on the same day - often the second Tuesday of December.

At the orientation day, your child may:

- tour the school
- meet teachers and ask questions
- find out about the dress code
- learn what they will be doing in their first year
- meet other students.

For more information about your child's orientation day, contact your child's new school.

### Video

*FIRE UP for Transition* is about parents' perspectives on starting secondary school.

See: [FIRE UP for Transition](#)

Hope you have a great weekend!

Paul Poliviou  
**Assistant Principal**

### Chalcot Gardeners

A very big thank you to Mrs Bracegirdle and the many parents and staff that joined her over the holidays to clean up our gardens and get our vegetable patch ready for our Bunnings Spring Planting Day.

A very special thank you to our Garden Angel, Nicole Svendsen for the mammoth amount of hours she has spent in our gardens this year.



## CHALCOT LEGEND AWARD – MASHOOD AHMED

Congratulations to Mashood for being selected to receive the Chalcot Legend Award. Mashood is a fantastic asset to the 5/6 unit. He is a great role model and a caring and thoughtful friend. He completes all his work on time and produces it to a high quality. Mashood always comes to school with a positive attitude and takes on all his roles responsibly. Keep up the great work Mashood, you are definitely a legend!

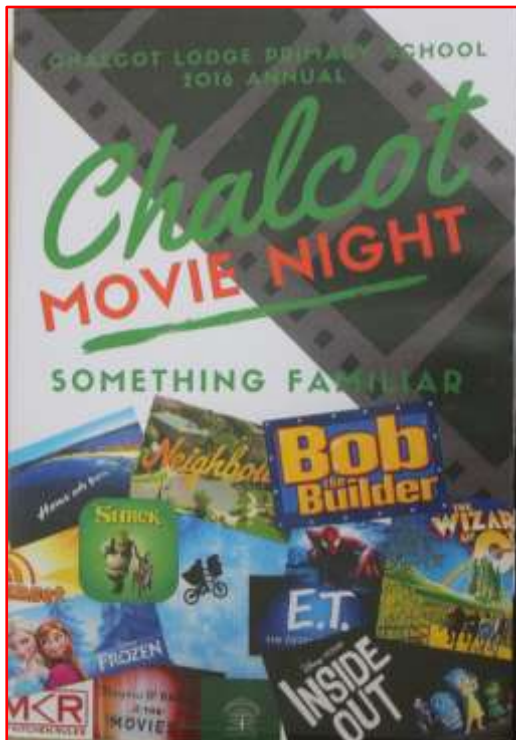
## CHALCOT ACHIEVER AWARD

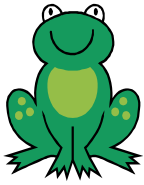
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their teachers to receive Chalcot Achiever Awards. Chalcot Achievers will receive their certificates at assembly on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

0K	Yavanah Perenise	0C	Hania Rezaee
1/2B	Jasmeet Kaur	1/2C	Kaidence Suhr
1/2O	Adam Kevorkian	1/2V	Kaleb Zini
3/4E	Emily Hamilton	3/4K	Laura Svendsen
3/4N	Ruth Robertson	4/5T	Ethan Adams
5/6A	Nikola Pavlovic	5/6P	Sarah O’Callaghan

## Movie Night DVD

All students should now have received their Movie Night DVD. If you ordered one and have not received it please contact the Mr Suttie or the office.





# DIARY DATES

Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	October	Parent Club Bunnings BBQ	8.00am – 4.00pm Dandenong
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	October	Cyber Safety Session	Yrs. 5/6 10.00am – 11.00am
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	October	Bunnings Planting Day	9.30am – 1.20pm
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	October	Assembly	2.45pm – Hall
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	October	Prep Transition Day	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	October	Choir Concert	6.30pm start
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup>	October	Yr. 6 Mini Carnival	
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup>	October	Hot Dog Day	Order via QKR by 21 <sup>st</sup> October
<b>Monday</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Curriculum Day</b>	<b>Student Free Day</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>November</b>	<b>Melbourne Cup Day</b>	<b>Public Holiday</b>
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	November	Remembrance Day Assembly	9.15am – Hall
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	November	Parent Club Meeting	2.30pm – Staffroom
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	November	Assembly	2.45pm – Hall
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	November	Parent Club Hot Dog lunch	
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	November	DRI Excursion	Green Team
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	November	Yr 6 Graduation Photos	9.00am
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	November	School Council	7.00pm
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	November	Yr 6 Production Rehearsal	School Hall - 9am & 11:00am
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	November	Assembly	2.45pm – Hall
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	November	Yr 6 Production	Hallam Senior College
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	December	Dance Crew at End/Hills S.C	10am start
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	December	Prep Transition Day	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	December	Choir Excursion	TBA
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	December	Concert Under the Oaks	TBA
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	December	Assembly	2.45pm-Hall
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	December	School Council	6.30pm – School
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	December	Walk up Day	
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	December	Yr 6 Graduation	
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	December	Yr 6 Big Day Out	Gumbuya Park
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	December	Parent Club Disco	9.30am - 10.50am
<b>Monday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Term 4 Ends</b>	<b>2.30pm finish</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Curriculum Day</b>	<b>Student Free</b>

### **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.

Permanent/casual: \$ 19.00.

Next week's activities include:

- Paper flowers
- Chalk drawing
- Tennis or yoga
- Dot painting
- A Halloween theme

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

**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 the school.

### **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:***

2/12/16: Last date for ordering rewards (to allow time for delivery by end of year)

9/12/16: Last day of school banking for 2016

#### ***REMINDER TO GRADE 6 STUDENTS:***

Don't forget to use up those tokens before the end of the year! You can order multiple items at a time if you have sufficient tokens. And remember, you can still do School Banking with us once you begin high school, if you wish to send your book along with a sibling or parent/carer.

#### ***REWARDS NEWS:***

**AVAILABLE WHILE STOCKS LAST:** Backtrack Eraser Pen, Bush Fly Fan (new item), Dollarmites Money Box, ET DVD, Galaxy Glider, Intergalactic Rocket, Jump & Skip Rope, Outback Pat Bag Tag, Outer Space Savers Money Box and Wiggly Glow Worm (new item). **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

