

## BUNNINGS PLANTING DAY



## CHALCOT CHOIR CONCERT



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## **Curriculum Day - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Student Free Day**

Just a reminder that this 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 & Citizenship and Economics & Business. **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October will a Student Free Day.**

## **Curriculum Day Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - Student Free Day**

The final Curriculum Day for 2016 will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. During the day staff will be preparing administrative and school management requirements and organising classrooms ready for the commencement of the 2017 school year.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December is the last day of the school year for Chalcot Lodge students. Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December is a student free day.**

## **Term Dates for 2017**

The first day of Term 1 (Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> January** and Prep students will commence on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## **2017 School Council Approved Curriculum Days**

School Council has approved the following allocated Curriculum Days for 2017.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January:** Whole School Curriculum Planning Day

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May:** Mathematics – Guest Speaker – George Booker

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May:** Report Writing Day

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:** 2018 Organisational Day

## **Cranbourne Police Cyber Safety Visit**

On Monday, our Year 5/6 students had a Cyber Safety presentation organised by the Cranbourne Police. This was a great opportunity for our students to be informed about the issues our community and local authorities deal with and how they can stay safe on social media.

## **Spring Planting Day**

A very, very big thank you to Cathy Bracegirdle, our students, parent helpers and our friends from Bunnings for organising and assisting in our Spring Planting Day. The veggie garden looks amazing!!!!



## **Parent Club Bunnings BBQ**

A huge thank you to our amazing Parent Club and all the helpers who braved the cold, wet weather on Saturday to man the Bunnings BBQ. The Parent Club raised close to \$900!!!!!!!!!! Congratulations on an amazing effort!!

## **Remembrance Day**

The Chalcot family will be commemorating Remembrance Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, commencing at 9.15am in the hall. Sergeant Nicolle Morgan will be addressing the assembly and our Chalcot Choir will be performing as part of the ceremony.

It would be much appreciated if parents would send along a few flowers or small posy for their children to place under the Australian flag during the assembly.

Poppies are available for purchase in the classrooms for 50 cents. All proceeds are used in the welfare work carried out by the RSL for ex-servicemen, women and their families who are in necessitous situations.

Parents and extended family members are most welcome to join us for this very special assembly.

LEST WE FORGET

Monica Ghirxi

**Principal**



# *FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL*

## **Reading with Your Child**

### **Main points:**

- As a parent you play a vital role in preparing and encouraging your child for the world of reading and writing.
- Try for a wide variety of stories to expose your child to a number of different genres.
- Your local library is a great source of books and information.
- You might want to consider electronic books too.

### **Finding books**

Generally speaking, children enjoy books about people, places and things that are just like them. Books about where you live, your culture and your child's interests are all worth considering. Try for a wide variety of stories – fiction, non-fiction, plays, poetry, short stories and graphic novels – to expose your child to a number of different genres.

Genres are the way books are categorised and help you find books that have things in common. The more stories and books you read to your child from across all the available genres the better. Not only does this help you narrow down the types of stories your child is interested in, it also helps you develop your child's vocabulary and understanding of the written word.

If your child's first language is not English, learning words and reading in their first language is beneficial and should be encouraged.

For books in languages other than English, see: [50 Multicultural Books Every Child Should Know](#)

### **What you can do at home**

Here are some suggestions for what you can do at home when reading with your child:

- When you are reading with your child, ask them to turn the pages of the story for you.
- Encourage your family and friends to give your child books for their birthday or other special occasions.
- After you have finished a story ask your child to tell you about their favourite part, or ask them to imagine a different ending to the story. You could even ask them to retell the story in their own words.
- Read stories or passages in short sections and let your child tell you what happened before you continue reading. This way you can check their understanding, without pressure, and help them understand how stories are put together.
- Discuss the meanings of unknown words, both those your child reads and those they hear. Show them how to look up the meanings by using a dictionary or searching online.
- Create and update a list of words that your child knows and can recognise, and use magnetic letters and put them on the fridge.
- Talk to your child about the books they read at school and with you at home to help hone their comprehension skills. Ask your child probing questions about the book – 'I wonder why they did that?' or 'how do you think they felt when that happened?' or 'what might have happened if they didn't do that?'
- Where possible, connect events in the book to things that have happened in your child's life. This will help them understand why a character does things and may help them to enjoy the story more.

Other things you can consider include encouraging your child to:

- tell you about what is happening in the book as if they were the main character
- draw a map of the book's setting – where do the characters live, where do they travel to, how do they get there, how long does it take, who else might live there?
- think about why particular characters do things – for example, why did they decide to visit the wizard? Or think about things that happen in the book, like why the main character got angry – what did they do, what happened after that?
- tell you about an experience or something that interests them. Write this story down, using your child's words. You could even help your child write the story themselves, depending on where they are up to in developing their writing skills. Then read their story back to them, letting them see their words written down and read aloud.

## **Student Safety**

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 9am.

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, so that we know that the parent or guardian IS aware that their child is late; otherwise it could be the case that a parent THINKS their child is at school, but are not.

Also, 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.

## **STAFF CAR PARK SAFETY**

I would like to remind parents that the staff car park is not to be used for parking, picking up or dropping off their children. Parents using Primrose Hill Close are also asked to remind their children of our Think Safe rule and that the safest entry to the school is via the pedestrian gate in front of the school. Students are not permitted to enter the school ground via the staff car park gate.

Parents are also 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. It is suggested that if parents are having their children dropped off or collected by carers, that they be informed of this safety issue.

## **Public Holiday**

Just a reminder that Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November is the Melbourne Cup public holiday for all Victorian schools.

Hope you have a Great Weekend!

Paul Poliviou  
**Assistant Principal**

# Congratulations!!

Well done to our super saver Eliana Kan who entered the Youthsaver Prize Lights competition by making three or more deposits into her Youthsaver account and completing the Stargazing online activity. Eliana was one of the 50 lucky winners who won a Supernova Prize – a PlayStation 4 pack.. We would like to thank the Endeavour Hills Commonwealth Bank Branch Manager Mandy Rowe for coming to our assembly and presenting Eliana with her prize.





# DIARY DATES

<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>
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	November	Icy Poles for sale	
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	Little Frogs Playgroup	Final day for 2016
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	November	School Council	7.00pm – Staffroom
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	November	Nude Food Picnic	TBA
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	November	Yr 6 Production Rehearsal	School Hall – 9:30am & 11:30am
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.

Final Playgroup for 2016 will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

## **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:

- Hat making
- Horse racing
- Paper flowers
- Ball tight
- Movie

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:*** Bush Fly Fan (new item), Dollarmites Money Box, ET DVD, Intergalactic Rocket, Outback Pat Bag Tag, Outer Space Savers Money Box and Wiggly Glow Worm (new item).

***VERY LOW IN STOCK:*** Backtrack Eraser Pen, Jump & Skip Rope, Galaxy Glider and Wildlife Writer Set (please also show a second choice, in case we run out). ***NO LONGER AVAILABLE:*** Mud Splat Handball and Flying Snake Tail. 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

