YEAR 6 PRESENTS
INTO THE WOODS
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Year 6 Production – Into the Woods
This week, our Year 6 students shone on stage as they presented the production, ‘Into the Woods’, at the Hallam Secondary College theatrette. It was a full house, with families enjoying the wonderful evening. The students did an outstanding job, singing, dancing and acting out their roles.

Being part of the Year 6 Production enabled the students to grow personally and to show yet another beautiful facet of themselves.

It took many members of the Chalcot family to bring ‘Into the Woods’ to life. Many thanks to the staff and parents for all that you did in the weeks prior to and on the day of the show. Special thanks to our very talented Performing Arts teacher Ms Natoli who has worked for many months preparing, during school and in her own time, for this very important day. The performance was certainly a credit to Ms Natoli!!!

Thank you also to the Parent Club, everyone appreciated the refreshments made available.

No wonder I am such a proud Principal!

Chalcot Dance Crew Performance – Saturday 3rd December
Our Chalcot Dance Crew will be showcasing their cool moves at the Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre tomorrow morning at 10.00am in front of Big W. We would love to see many Chalcot faces enjoying the performance and supporting our Year 6 Dance Crew!

City of Casey Council 2016 Community Spirit and Leadership Awards
The Community and Leadership Spirit award acknowledges students who contribute actively to their school, local or global community. This year’s Community Spirit Award is presented to Maleisha Fernando.

Maleisha has demonstrated wonderful school and community spirit and leadership. She volunteers with her mum at the Period Project, packing boxes and organising items to be delivered to women in need. The Period Project provides care, support and sanitary products for homeless women. Maleisha also makes sandwiches for a local club and supports many other charities.

Maleisha is not only a fantastic asset to her local community but also to her school community. Maleisha has been involved in many activities such as Dance Crew, Production, District Athletics and State Multicultural Football Competition. This year, Maleisha was voted by her peers as Acacia vice House Captain and has proven to be an outstanding role model to other students. Maleisha has taken on all her responsibilities with enthusiasm and upholds the school’s values and spirit with pride.

Congratulations Maleisha on all your achievements, your school community is very proud of you. Maleisha will be receiving her award at a special City of Casey ceremony on Monday 12th December.

Thankyou Morning Tea
Just a reminder that our ‘Thankyou Morning Tea’ will be held next Thursday 8th December at 11.00am in the staffroom. If you are able to attend, please respond via Tiqbiz by Monday 5th December, your response will assist us with our catering requirements. Looking forward to seeing all our hard working and committed parent helpers next Thursday!!

2017 School Fees
Payment of 2017 school fees can now be made through Qkr. Please contact the office if you did not receive your child’s booklist or would like to make alternative arrangements for payment. All students will receive their box of classroom supplies next year once payment has been made.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal
Common questions about starting high school and what you can do about them!

Q. “My child is feeling concerned about his transition from Year 6 to Year 7, what would you suggest?”

A. It is normal for children to feel anxious about the transition from primary school to high school. They are going to a bigger school, with different children, new teachers and unfamiliar routines. Here’s how you can help your child feel prepared for high school:

- Check if their new school is running a transition program, and make sure they are signed up.
- Explain to them what to expect at high school – more self-directed work, more organisation required, different class structure etc.
- Encourage your child to consider the positive things about moving to high school, such as the extracurricular activities and extra independence.
- Give your child some tips on how to make new friends. Practice conversation starters with them such as “which primary school did you come from?”
- Reassure your child that their feelings of anxiety are normal. Help your child learn to take a few deep breaths when they are experiencing butterflies in their stomach.
- You may wish to help your child make up some positive affirmations to post around their bedroom or mirror, such as “change is good” or “I can do this”.
- Your child’s transition can be a big change for you too, and it’s okay for you to have mixed feelings. Talking to other parents who have gone through the same thing might help.

Who is OnPsych?

OnPsych is Australia’s largest provider of bulk-billed Medicare funded school-based psychology services using Psychologists and Mental Health Social Workers. They specialise in child and adolescent mental health interventions and family intervention dealing with a range of disorders such as anxiety, depression, ASD, ADHD, grief, and self-harm.

Working in schools enables OnPsych to use a collaborative approach with students, teachers and families; essential for optimal outcomes. Please talk to your class teacher or pop in and see me if you would like more information.

School Holiday Facility Upgrades

During the school holidays there will be some important facility upgrades occurring. The first upgrade being the refurbishment of our student toilets. The second project will be to reinstate the path at the back entrance of the school, so that parents with little ones are able to bring a pram in, as well as the installation of a number of ramps for better pram access throughout all areas of the school.

Healthy Eating

Healthy eating has a long-lasting and positive impact on a child’s growth, development and health. Foods eaten by your child at school contribute greatly to their daily nutrient intake. These foods considerably influence their eating habits, growth patterns, energy, concentration levels and ability to learn. You have an important role to play in helping to ensure your child eats well and stays active.

Healthy school lunch ideas include:

- sandwiches or pita bread with cheese, lean meat or salad
- cheese slices, crackers with spread and fresh fruit
- washed and cut-up raw vegetables or fresh fruits
- frozen water or milk, particularly in hot weather

Highly processed, sugary, fatty and salty foods should only make up a very small part of your child’s diet. Foods to limit in school lunches include:

- processed meats such as salami and pressed chicken
- chips, sweet biscuits, muesli and breakfast bars
- fruit bars and fruit straps
- cordials, juices containing sugar and soft drinks

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal
Last Friday, Chalcot Lodge celebrated Nude Food Day. Students enjoyed a Nude Food picnic with their buddies. They sat on the oval with picnic blankets and ate their healthy, rubbish free lunches.

A wholehearted ‘THANK YOU’ to the Chalcot community for fundraising money that was donated to Sidhi Astu Orphanage in Bali, to repair the boys clothe lines. I was able to visit the orphanage who care for over 60 children, starting from the age of 6. It was an overwhelming yet gratifying experience. I left with a big smile on my face knowing that we are making a difference to the lives of many children.

Ms. Kodogiorgos
Breakfast Club SMOOTHIES

Breakfast Club is having 1 more SMOOTHIE BREAKFAST! Make sure you are there at 8:30, with your friends, on 9th December.

Don’t forget you must have a signed permission slip to participate.

Our normal breakfast is still available on this day. Can’t wait to see you there!

Mrs Kropp and Miss Ablitt
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:
- Making a snow man
- Spoons
- Craft work Santa's face
- Soccer
- Craft work Christmas stocking

For program information, bookings or cancellations, please contact Annabell 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:
09/12/16: Last day of school banking for 2016
03/02/17: First day of school banking for 2017

REWARDS NEWS: We are not able to order any more rewards this year. Hold onto your tokens for next year, when a new range of rewards will be available. Once the New Year starts, we will distribute details of the new rewards and when they can be ordered.

ALL BANKERS - REMEMBER: If you make a minimum of 1 deposit per calendar month and no withdrawals during the year, you will be awarded bonus interest the following January. So REMEMBER to go into the branch to make at least one deposit during January to start off the New Year!

REMINDER TO GRADE 6 STUDENTS: 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.

NEW ACCOUNTS: Anyone wishing to sign their child up to School Banking can either visit a Commonwealth Bank branch, or go online at www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking. You may also register your interest on this link to get a reminder in January to open an account for your child. We do not keep application forms at the school office anymore.

Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator

CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT

Thursday 8th December, 2016
Bunnings Dandenong
1-5 Gladstone Road, Dandenong.
6.00pm – 8.00pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun….
- Santa visit
- Face Painting
- Fairy Floss
- Balloonist
- Moving Animals
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For more information to book please contact Bunnings on 8792 9500

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FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 7-14
10:15AM - MIDDAY
SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER
SEEBECK OVAL, ROWVILLE

To register for this free event simply go to www.rowvillefc.org.au

SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES
• Eastern Devil Womens VFL players
• Hawthorn FC mascot ‘HAWKA’!

FREE GIVEAWAYS & PRIZES
FREE $100 Registration Voucher for all Girls

Please contact Tony on 0409 691 969 or tony.costanzo@rowvillefc.org.au for any enquiries.

HUGE FUN INFLATABLES
Make A Difference Project

Want to make a difference? We invite all of you to come onboard our Make a Difference Project.

According to the United Nations, approximately 59 million primary school aged children are not in schools. There are a number of factors contributing to this, and part of the reason is because they cannot afford to pay for school fees and supplies.

To make a difference, if you have any new or barely used school supplies that you do not need, we would like to collect them for children in need in Fiji and Malawi. This not only helps us be sustainable with our resources but also makes a difference in another child’s life! Here’s some ideas of items we recommend:

- Colour pencils, crayons, textas, pencils
- Pencil sharpeners
- School Books – scrapbooks, exercise books, binder books
- Craft Materials – glue, scissors, paintbrushes

Every bit counts!

So, if you would like to come on board and be a part of the “Make a Difference” project, it is as easy as 123!

1. Sign up your school/organization at compasschurch.com.au
2. Plastic tubs will be provided and delivered
3. We will organize for a pickup on between 5th to 16th December 2016

We look forward to partnering with you in providing school supplies to children in need and making a difference in their lives.

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact info@compasschurch.com.au or call +61395575994.
Summer School Holidays
Moonlit Sanctuary Keeper Club

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care. Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment. For ages 7-14 years.

Summer school holiday dates:
- Week 1: Monday 9th Tuesday 10th Wednesday 11th January 10am –4pm
- Week 2: Monday 16th Tuesday 17th Wednesday 18th January 10am –4pm
- Week 3: Monday 23rd Tuesday 24th Wednesday 25th January 10am –4pm

Cost: $65.00 per day, or $175 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days). Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited
Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

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Phone 5978 7935
Web: www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au
Open daily between 10am and 5pm