

# CHALCOT WEEKLY

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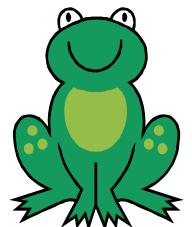
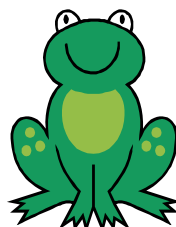
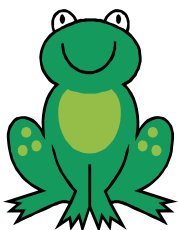
*Growing a Supportive Community of Active Learners*

## School Leaders

Congratulations to our hard working ICT Leaders, Junior School Councillors, Garden Monitors and Art Monitors.

Students received their badges during this week's Assembly.

Your Chalcot Family is very proud of you all!!!



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### 2016 School Council Representatives

As a result of the School Council nomination process in the parent category, the successful candidates were Paul Newton, Rebecca Pellowe and Stacey Wilkins.

The new 2016 School Council includes: Paul Newton, Stacey Wilkins, Rebecca Pellowe, Paul Coad, Amy Mraz, Gabrielle McIntyre, Paul Poliviou, Dean Napier and myself.

Now that the new Council of Parent and DET category members are in place, consideration will be given to co-opting two community members at the next School Council meeting on Wednesday 16th March.

### Peer Mediator's Ceremony

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 2.35pm, the 2016 Peer Mediators will be presented with their badges. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by Mr Evans as Peer Mediators:

Troy Kanapathy, Liam O'Callaghan, Casey Fullard, Jordan Leveque, Noah Mraz, Jake Pellowe, Josh Kurz, Amy Williams, Jemila Simpson, Audrey Papaefstathiou, Sarah O'Callaghan, Makayla Robertson, Chantel Fullard, Justyna Komar, Deeya Reddy, Emily Goodall, Natarsha Anselmi and Leah Starecki.

The Peer Mediators will be rostered during Terms 2, 3 and 4 to be available to junior school students, with the role of listening carefully to other students' issues and assisting them with problem solving.

Our Peer Mediators are to be commended for their commitment to and care & compassion for their fellow Chalcot Family members.

### Coming up Events

There are a variety of school events, excursions and in-visits coming up over the next few weeks. These include:

- Star Lab Invisit (Year 3/4N, 3/4K & 3/4E)
- Fun Run (whole School notice sent home)
- Lion Dance Invisit (Whole School)
- 5/6 Transition day at Lyndale SC (No payment)
- Choir visiting the local kinders (No payment)

Please ensure that you check Tiqbiz (Both whole school and your child's class information) for the notices and if required, make payments through Qkr. No late payments will be accepted.

### School Photos

School photos will be taken next **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March**. All group photos including School Captains, House Captains, ICT Leaders, Peer Mediators and Junior School Councillors will also be taken on the day. Please complete your order form and return it to school with the correct money or cheque on photograph day.

### Kinder Club Invitation - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

All 4 and 5 year olds are invited to participate in our Prep Transition Program, which begins with our free "Chalcot Kinder Club". During Kinder Club, children participate in fun activities in the Prep rooms. This is a great opportunity for them to make friends with the other children, meet the teachers and become familiar and comfortable about coming to school. Meanwhile, parents are welcome to relax with a cuppa and biscuit in the staffroom.

Kinder Club is held on Wednesdays from 2.30pm to 3.30pm during Terms 1, 2 and Term 3. The dates are Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> August and 7<sup>th</sup> September. The final Transition Day organised by the Department of Education and Training for both 2017 Prep and Year 7 Students will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

In order to facilitate organisation, parents are asked to book their child in for Kinder Club by contacting the office staff.

### Please Support Our Green Team and Veggie Garden Program

I hope our Chalcot family will be able to visit Cathy Bracegirdle and her team of helpers at our Chalcot BBQ this Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Dandenong Bunnings, Gladstone Road. All funds raised will be used to support our vegetable garden and Green Team projects this year.

### Easter Special Effort



During this week, all families have received a hard copy notice and tickets for the Parent Club Easter Special Effort. There are three yummy Easter hampers to be won!!!!. Tickets are \$2.00 each, all money raised will go towards the construction of an outdoor learning area adjacent to our newly refurbished library.

Please have all tickets and money (cash) returned to the school before Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016. Tickets for the three Easter hamper prizes will be drawn on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 12.45pm.

\*Please note: more ticket sheets are available from the front office.

Monica Ghirxi  
Principal

## *FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL*

Victorian government schools take bullying very seriously and have guidelines for its prevention and management. Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological aggressive behaviour by a person or group directed towards a less powerful person or group that is intended to cause harm, distress or fear.

### **What is bullying?**

**There are some specific types of bullying behaviour:**

- verbal or written abuse - such as targeted name-calling or jokes, or displaying offensive posters;
- violence - including threats of violence;
- sexual harassment - unwelcome or unreciprocated conduct of a sexual nature, which could reasonably be expected to cause offence, humiliation or intimidation;
- homophobia and other hostile behaviour towards students relating to gender and sexuality;
- discrimination including racial discrimination - treating people differently because of their identity;
- cyberbullying - either online or via mobile phone.

### **What is not bullying?**

**There are also some behaviour, which, although they might be unpleasant or distressing, are not bullying:**

- mutual conflict - which involves a disagreement, but not an imbalance of power. Unresolved mutual conflict can develop into bullying if one of the parties targets the other repeatedly in retaliation;
- single-episode acts of nastiness or physical aggression, or aggression directed towards many different people, is not bullying;
- social rejection or dislike is not bullying unless it involves deliberate and repeated attempts to cause distress, exclude or create dislike by others.

Schools have a duty of care to take reasonable measures to prevent foreseeable risks of injury to their students.

### **How can I tell if my child is being bullied or bullying others and what can I do?**

Discovering your child is being bullied or bullying others is stressful and upsetting. Most parents initially experience anger, confusion and guilt.

Signs that may mean your child is being bullied include:

- wanting to stay home;
- wanting to travel to school a different way to avoid bullies;
- being very tense or unhappy after going to school and refusing to talk about it;
- changed behaviour and a loss of confidence or self-esteem;
- physical signs, such as bruises or scratches, weight gain or loss;
- talking about hating school or not having any friends;
- doing poorly in school work.

These signs might indicate a problem other than bullying so it is important to discuss with your child what is bothering them.

For more information see: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/signs.aspx>

### **What you can do?**

If your child is being bullied or bullying others you should:

- listen carefully to your child and show concern and support;
- give considered advice – don't encourage your child to fight back as this will most likely increase bullying;
- help your child to develop positive strategies – such as saying 'Leave me alone', calmly walking away or avoiding situations that might expose them to further bullying;
- ask your child questions to understand if there is a repeated pattern of bullying;
- establish what, when, where the incident(s) happened and who was involved;
- work with your child's school to solve the problem by establishing a plan for dealing with the current situation and future bullying incidents.

You can then work with the school to solve the problem by contacting the class teacher and making an appointment to discuss the issue. Do not directly approach any other student or their family.

### **More information**

Bully Stoppers is the Department's online resource dedicated to bullying prevention. Developed by a range of experts, it provides advice for teachers, parents and students on how to identify, respond to and prevent bullying in their school community, see: <https://www.BullyStoppers.com.au>

**Parent Tips for Reading and Storytelling with younger children**

Reading with your child each day is one of the most important things parents can do. When you are reading with your child it is important it is an enjoyable experience. Don't get frustrated if they can't remember a word. Children will learn to read at their own pace and while they might be on one level for several weeks they might then move through several levels much quicker. Reflect on when you learn something new, if it is a calm and supportive experience you are often more successful. Don't compare them to your friends' children, each child is an individual. Praise their efforts.

- Try to read to your children every day, even for a few minutes. It is good to have a regular time each day as your child will get in to the routine;
- Take your children to the library for storytelling sessions and to choose books to borrow;
- Find picture books that do not have words and make up the story together;
- Be guided by your child about books they like, and read their favourite parts over and over again;
- Stop when they want to;
- Skip the bits they want to skip. Avoid reading stories they don't like. Give up on ones they are not enjoying. As adults, we do!
- Try out a range of different books and stories;
- Pay attention to detail in the book, for example, point out the time on the clock in a picture;
- If you have more than one child, at times read or tell stories that they all like together;
- Try to make time to read to each child individually;
- Talk to your children about the things you read, such as the newspaper or your current or favourite books, so they can see that reading is important to you.

Paul Poliviou  
Assistant Principal

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



## DIARY DATES

Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	March	Environmental BBQ Dandenong Bunnings	8.00am – 4.00pm
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	March	Parent Club AGM	6.30pm – staffroom
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	March	Assembly – Badge Ceremony – Peer Meditators	2.35pm – Hall
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	March	Choir visit Chalcot Lodge Kindergarten	Permission notice due by 7 <sup>th</sup> March
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	March	Divisional Swimming	Selected Students
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	March	School Photos	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	March	Fun Run	9.00am – 11.00am
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	March	Kinder Club	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	March	Years 5/6 Lyndale Transition Day	9.30am – 1.30pm
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	March	School Council	7.00pm – Staffroom
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	March	Choir visit to Kindergartens	11.30am – 3.00pm
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	March	Years 3/4E, 3/4K & 3/4N Star Lab Invisit	\$11 due by 15 <sup>th</sup> March
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	March	Lion Dance Invisit	\$5 due by Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Wednesday	23 <sup>nd</sup>	March	Lion Dance Invisit	\$5 due by Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Thursday	24th	March	Assembly – Froggy Awards	2.00pm – Hall
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>End of Term 1</b>	<b>2.30pm dismissal</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Commencement Term 2</b>	<b>9.00am start</b>



### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

By now all students have received a copy of the current Book Club brochure. All orders and money are to be returned to school by **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. **Please note late orders may not be accepted.**

Cash orders must be in a clearly marked envelope and must include correct money.

If you need assistance ordering through the LOOP System please do not hesitate to contact Miss Rowntree or Mrs Scandolera

### **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:

- Play dough fun & Loom Bands
- Puffy paint art
- Brain teasers and challenging card games
- Pompom creations
- Watch your favourite movie with popcorn

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 hand in their deposit book first thing on Friday.

### **IMPORTANT DATE – 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**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 was included in the pack labelled 'For Parents'.

If your child's book has been misplaced, just leave a message at the school office and a replacement book will be sent home with your child.

Ingrid Williams

School Banking Coordinator

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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### **Moonlit Sanctuary Junior Ranger Program**

Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities, fun and games for ages 7-14 years.

### **Easter school holiday dates:**

Week 1: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 10am – 4pm

Week 2: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 4pm

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

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[www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au/juniorrangers.aspx](http://www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au/juniorrangers.aspx)