

CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Growing a Supportive Community of Active Learners

FUN RUN 2016

On Tuesday 15th March, all students participated in the school Adidas Fun Run. It was great to see everyone in their house colours and having a great attitude towards physical activity!

The Years 3 – 6 students who came 1st to 10th in their age groups will move on to the next level at Cross Country.

Well done everyone!

Ella & Campbell
 Year 6



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Annual Report

On Wednesday night, I presented the 2015 Annual Report to the school community, during our Annual General Reporting meeting.

The document provided details about the profile of our school's families & staff, and reports on achievements in relation to student learning, student engagement and productivity.

In Term 2, the document will be available through our school's website at: www.chalcotps.vic.edu.au

School Council

After the Annual General Meeting, the new School Council met for the first time with our Council Representatives for 2016.

Our School Council consists of eleven members including Parent Representatives, Paul Newton, who was elected as President, Paul Coad who was elected as Vice President, Gabby McIntyre who was elected as Treasurer, Amy Mraz; Rebecca Pellowe; Stacey Wilkins; Linda Dickon and Bronwyn O'Callaghan.

The Staff Representatives are myself, as Executive Officer, Paul Poliviou, who was elected as Secretary and Dean Napier.

School Council is the governing body of the school and is responsible for making informed and considered decisions in the best interests of the students and school. The parameters of School Council business are: Finance; Policy making; Fundraising; and Facilities. All other matters are addressed by the class teachers, Assistant Principal Paul Poliviou and myself. Many thanks to the members of our School Council for their work in representing the school community to ensure high standards for Chalcot Lodge Primary School.

Student Voice at Work

Junior School Council (JSC) provides students with the opportunity to present ideas and suggestions for the school. Class meetings are held in Years 3 to 6 prior to JSC meetings and ideas from these are taken by the JS Councillors to their meetings, which are held twice a term. Thank you to the Junior School Council, which have made numerous suggestions of school based activities and ideas for school improvement. Congratulations to the members of the 2016 JSC and many thanks to teacher Anne Tynan for convening the meetings.

Student Awards

Starting in Term 2, a student in each class will be selected to receive a Chalcot Achiever Award each fortnight and presented with their award during assembly. One student each fortnight will also be presented with a Chalcot Legend Award. Students are selected to acknowledge their achievements in citizenship, sporting or learning endeavours. The last week of each term, Pancake Parlour Awards will be presented to one student in each class and, if we receive sufficient award vouchers, from the specialist teachers. The names of the award winners will be published in the Weekly.

Year 7 Secondary School Placement

Parents of students currently in Year 6 will need to make an important decision about which school their child will attend for Year 7 next year. Early in Term 2, parents of students in Year 6 will be asked to indicate on a **Year 7 Placement form** which secondary school they would like their child to attend in 2017.

Term One Ends – Thursday 24th March at 2.30pm

A reminder that the last day for Term 1 is Thursday 24th March. Please ensure that you have made arrangements for your child/children to be picked up at **2.30pm**. If you are unable to make arrangements for a 2.30pm pick up and supervision is required, please contact Before and After School Care on 0400 194 859.

The arrangements for the day will be as follows:

9.00am to 11.00am	Session 1 (Junior School disco 9.15 to 10.15)
11.00am to 11.30am	Morning recess
11.30am to 12.30pm	Session 2 (Senior School Disco 11.30 to 12.30)
12.30pm to 12.40pm	Students eating their lunch in classrooms
12.40pm to 1.40pm	Lunch recess
1.40pm to 1.50pm	Rolls called in classrooms
1.50pm to 2.20pm	Assembly
2.20pm to 2.30pm	Children will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2.30pm.

Canteen No Longer Opened

Sadly, Leanne Antonielli will be retiring as Munchies Canteen manager. As from Term 2, the school canteen will no longer be open for window sales or providing lunch orders. Leanne has done an amazing job of running Munchies canteen for the last 10 years and providing our children with healthy yummy lunches & snacks. We will miss her dearly.

The canteen will no longer be serving lunch orders; however, will be open for counter sales next Wednesday 23rd March only. From the beginning of Term 2, the school will be engaging an external company "Classroom Cuisine" to provide our students with healthy lunch orders. From the beginning of Term 2 lunch orders will be available on Monday and Wednesday, with the school looking to add Friday by the beginning of Term 3. Hard copy information was sent home earlier this week on how you can register. Unfortunately, as of the beginning of Term 2 there will be no more over the counter sales during recess or lunchtimes.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Supporting Children's Learning

As parents and carers, it is hard to see children struggle with their learning, especially when they are frustrated or upset. Sometimes, and often before you know it, you become caught up in trying to help them and you wind up doing their schoolwork for them. How do you find the right balance between telling them "You just have to do it!", and giving them all the answers? And what if you don't even have the answers?

Helping children with schoolwork (e.g., homework assignments or projects) is sometimes a challenge for families as well as for children. However, it can also be an opportunity for parents and carers to get to know what children are learning at school and to support their learning. Children learn better when they have opportunities to share and practise at home what they are learning at school.

It is not necessary for parents or carers to have all the answers when children have difficulties with their schoolwork. If adults simply provide children with the answers, children miss out on the chance to learn and think for themselves. Parents and carers can help children by guiding their learning and thinking and supporting them to try for themselves.

"Helping children think through tasks supports their learning. Teaching them skills for thinking helps children learn to think for themselves"

How parents and carers can help

Parents and carers scaffold children's learning by leading and coaching them towards coming up with their own answers. This shows children how to learn, and makes it more likely that they will succeed. The next time your child asks for help, you might try some of the following ways to scaffold thinking and learning.

• **Prompt children to extend their thinking**

- Ask them to think about something relevant: *"Why do you think...?"*
- Ask them to think through alternatives: *"That would be one way, what's another way we could try?"*
- Provide support for thinking through difficult tasks: *"Let's have a think about this together."*

• **Ask them to explain the steps**

- Help children to plan their approach: *"What is it that we need to do?"*
- Ask them to review their steps so far: *"Tell me more about what you have already tried?"*

• **Demonstrate**

- Show an example and talk it through: *"First, I will ..., and then I will ..., and then I can..."*

• **Break it into steps**

- Help children who are stuck by breaking the task into smaller steps.
- It's a good idea to ensure the first step involves something that children can already do. This way they will experience success early which helps their confidence.
- Be sure to provide praise for completing each step as they work through a task.
- Guide children step-by-step to build their skills so they can eventually complete the whole task on their own.

Supervision Times

I wish to remind parents that supervision of students commences at 8.45am and concludes at 3.45pm. Between these times, when students are in the playground, they are supervised by teaching staff. I would suggest that if parents are having their children dropped off by carers, it is advisable to ensure that carers are informed of the times teacher supervision is available.

Easter Special Effort



All families should 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 and all money raised will go towards the construction of an outdoor learning area adjacent to our newly refurbished library.

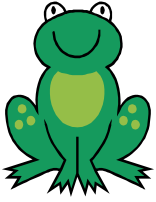
Please have all tickets and money (cash) returned to the school before Tuesday 22nd March 2016.

Tickets for the three Easter hamper prizes will be drawn on Wednesday 23rd March.

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

Paul Poliviou

Assistant Principal



DIARY DATES

Mon – Thu	21 st - 24 th	March	Harmony Week	
Tuesday	22 nd	March	Lion Dance Invisit	\$5 due by Friday 18 th March
Wednesday	23 nd	March	Lion Dance Invisit	\$5 due by Friday 18 th March
Thursday	24 th	March	Assembly – Froggy Awards	1.50pm – Hall
Thursday	24th	March	End of Term 1	2.30pm dismissal
Monday	11th	April	Commencement Term 2	9.00am School Starts
Monday	18 th	April	Parent Club Meeting	6.30pm – Staffroom
Tuesday	19 th	April	Choir visiting Chalcot Kinder	
Tuesday	19 th	April	Assembly	2.45pm – Hall
Wednesday	20 th	April	District Cross Country	
Thursday	21 st	April	Parent Teacher Interview	
Friday	22 nd	April	ANZAC Day Ceremony	9.15 – Hall

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EASTER SHOW
25, 26, 27 MARCH 2016

free entry

www.melbourneeastershow.com.au
Lawson Poole Reserve Cranbourne

KID'S STRENGTH & RESISTANCE TRAINING

THE BENEFITS GO BEYOND THEIR PHYSICAL HEALTH

A FUN WAY TO:

- Help prevent injury
- Improve recovery time
- Strengthen & protect ligaments & tendons
- Improve bone density
- Build a strong sense of balance & control
- Improve body awareness
- Tone
- Improve self esteem



STARTING IN TERM 2

WEDNESDAY 4:30 to 5:15pm

FIRST CLASS ONLY \$6

AGES 10 to 16 years old



CORE STRENGTH PILATES

Endeavour Hills UnitingCare Neighbourhood Centre | 10 Raymond McMahon Blvd |
0409688279 | corestrength08@gmail.com

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D4NC3



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WWW.D4NC3STUDIOS.COM.AU.**

BASKETBALL CLINIC

Students from Years 3 to 6 have now completed their final session of the basketball clinic run by Dandenong Basketball Association.

If any students are interested in joining a local basketball team please contact Amanda Thomas for further information.



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:

- Science experiments
- Make an Easter cards
- Decorate Easter eggs
- Easter games (Easter egg hunt)
- Public holiday

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 the school.

2016 TERM 1 EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS

MARCH 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 st CLOSED	2 nd NORMAL TRADING HOURS	3 rd NORMAL TRADING HOURS	4 th NORMAL TRADING HOURS	5 th 1 st DAY OF EASTER 10am - 3pm	6 th GOOD FRIDAY CLOSED	7 th EASTER SATURDAY 10am - 3pm
8 th EASTER SUNDAY CLOSED	9 th EASTER MONDAY CLOSED	10 th CLOSED	11 th 10am - 3pm	12 th 10am - 3pm		
APRIL 2016						
					1 st 10am - 3pm	2 nd CLOSED
3 rd CLOSED	4 th NORMAL TRADING HOURS	5 th NORMAL TRADING HOURS	6 th NORMAL TRADING HOURS	7 th NORMAL TRADING HOURS	8 th NORMAL TRADING HOURS	9 th NORMAL TRADING HOURS

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:

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

15th April: School Banking resumes after school holidays

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'. We have spare copies if you need them.

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