

CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Growing a Supportive Community of Active Learners

LIBRARY UPDATE

Here are some sneak pics of how our library refurbishments are looking.
Details of the official opening will be advised shortly.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back

Hi everyone and welcome back. We have a very busy and exciting term coming up with many activities planned including:

- Parent/Teacher Interviews;
- District Cross Country;
- ANZAC Day Commemoration;
- Chalcot Talent Quest & Education Week Activities;
- Mothers' Day Celebration;
- Year 5/6 Forensic Lab invisit;
- the International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS); and
- Year 1/2 excursion to Moonlight Sanctuary.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

All Parents/Guardians should have received information in relations to the upcoming Parent/Teacher interviews. Interviews will be held Thursday, 21st April. Early next week, all parents will have received their confirmed Parent/Teacher interview times for next Thursday. This meeting will be a great opportunity for the class teacher to discuss your child's progress so far this year, your child's individual learning needs and areas of future learning. A written Mid -Year Report will be distributed to parents at the end of this Term.

District Cross Country



Congratulations to the 60 students across Year 3 to 6 who have qualified to participate in this year's Endeavour Hills District Cross Country. The event will be held next Wednesday 20th April, at Sydney Pargetter Reserve, Endeavour Hills. Participating students have received a hard copy notice that needs to be signed by parents/guardians and returned to school no later than Monday.

ANZAC Day

Remembering and supporting those who have protected our country is an important part of our Chalcot Family culture. Once again, we are selling ANZAC badges, the proceeds from which are used in the welfare work carried out by the RSL for ex-service men, women and their families, who are in need of support. Badges cost 50 cents each and will be sold during eating time by our School Captains. Please show the Chalcot, Aussie spirit and support this worthy cause.

A reminder, that our ANZAC Day assembly will be held on Friday, April 22nd at 9.15am in the hall. Sergeant Nicolle Morgan will be addressing the children 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.

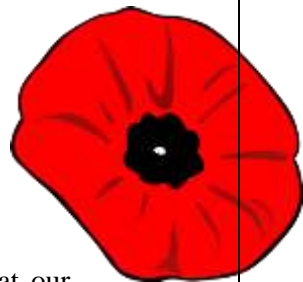
Parents and extended family members are most welcome to join us for this very special assembly.

LEST WE FORGET

Taking Enrolments Now

We are now taking enrolments for 2017. Those families with children who are commencing at our school next year are invited to complete and return the enrolment form as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are available at the office.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back!

What a wonderful term we have coming up, jam packed with great experiences for our students. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and am looking forward in anticipation to a GREAT term.

Digital Learning

Digital Learning opens up an exciting world of learning opportunities for your child. Students use a range of technologies enabling them to access information, resources, software and tools that can support and enhance their learning activities.

Digital technologies also enable you to have greater involvement in your child's learning. Your child will be using technology both in the classroom and at home to connect, collaborate, curate and create content, and to share their work with you, their teachers and other learners. To find out more about how your child's learning will be enhanced, see: [Benefits](#)

The use of digital technologies also enables your child to learn anywhere and at any time, and teachers have greater access to learning resources to help them plan and provide activities. The Department provides access to quality digital resources through its learning website FUSE. Your child can access thousands of educational resources from around the world including websites, videos, images, audio and more, all quality assured by teachers.

FUSE Primary Students

Students can discover, engage with and learn about subjects and ideas supporting their classroom activities and use FUSE to expand their learning by exploring new areas that they are interested in. You can use FUSE at home to engage with your child's learning.

The National Assessment Program for Years 3 and 5 Students

The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Year 3 and 5 students will be held on Tuesday 10th May, Wednesday 11th May and Thursday 12th May. The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority on behalf of the Ministerial Council of Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs. The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about their child's performance in English and Mathematics.

The NAPLAN results will help teachers to measure student achievement and develop support strategies to improve students' literacy and numeracy skills. It is designed to monitor students' progress and assist teachers to develop a more focussed teaching program.

Later in the year, parents with children in Years 3 and 5 will receive their child's personal report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. This report will also show how your child performed in relation to the national benchmark standards. These benchmark standards describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

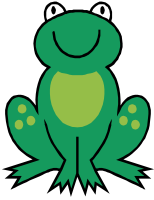
It is important to remember that these tests are just one form of assessment that teachers use to gather information about student progress and are just a snapshot of each child's achievement.

If you have any queries regarding the NAPLAN testing please feel free to contact me. You may also visit the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAPLAN website at www.naplan.edu.au

Mr P's Footy Predictions

WCE	by 30 points	SUN	by 35 points	GIANTS	by 15 points
CATS	by 40 points	DOGS	by 40 points	MELB	by 10 points
HAWKS	by 40 points	CROWS	by 5 points	NORTH	by 12 points

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal



DIARY DATES

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 - Selected students	Sydney Pargetter Reserve
Thursday	21 st	April	Parent Teacher Interview	2.30pm – 7.30pm
Friday	22 nd	April	ANZAC Day Ceremony	9.15 – Hall
Monday	25th	April	ANZAC Day	Public holiday
Tuesday	26 th	April	Bunnings Planting Day Yr. Prep – 2	9.30 – 11.30
Friday	29 th	April	Yr. 5/6 Interschool Sport	Payment & permission due by 27 th April
Tuesday	3 rd	May	Assembly	2.45pm – Hall
Wednesday	4 th	May	Kinder Club	2.30pm
Thursday	5 th	May	Mother's Day Stall	
Friday	6 th	May	Yr. 5/6 Interschool Sport	Home

CHALCOT LEGEND AWARD – ETHAN ROBERTSON

Congratulations to Ethan for being selected to receive the Chalcot Legend Award. Ethan has been selected for listening well and always trying his best. Ethan is also a kind and gentle friend in Prep K. Keep up the great work Superstar!
Ethan will receive his certificate at assembly on Tuesday 19th April.

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 19th April.

0K	Hannah Matloub	0C	Logan Walker
1/2B	Jaylee Rodda	1/2C	Xavier Fetau
1/2O	Rohit Pious	1/2V	Aletta Marton
3/4E	Xavier Foulston	3/4K	Amanda Fashcah
3/4N	Adrianna Casafu	4/5T	David Swierczek
5/6A	Darcy Hamilton	5/6P	Jackson Hamilton

SCHOOL GROUP LEADERSHIP PHOTOS

School group photographs are on display in the front office. To purchase your copy, please complete the order form sent home with student leaders earlier this week.

Order forms need to be returned back to the school office by Friday 29th April.

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.

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GLENEAGLES OPEN NIGHT

Open Night provides a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the academic programs and diverse co-curricula activities on offer at Gleneagles. We will answer your questions as you seek to make the right decision for your child's secondary education. Our Student Leaders will run guided tours of our facilities and discuss the many opportunities on offer at the College. Tours will run on the 19th April from 4.30 to 6.30 pm followed by the Principals address at 6.30 pm.

We will explain how to enrol your child for Year 7 in 2017 and also address questions regarding enrolment boundaries/protocols that are in place. Senior staff, teachers and Student Leaders will be available to answer all your questions, so please come along and join us. No bookings required and families are welcome.

Queries can be directed to Ms Merryn Molloy, Principal's Assistant at the college

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.

This week activities include:

- Splatter painting
- Stamp creating
- Water painting
- Blow painting
- Play dough making

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

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:

15/4/16 – School Banking resumed today.

REWARDS NEWS:

The Term 2 items are now available for ordering – the Mud Splat Handball, and the Outback Pat Bag Tag. The following items are also still available while stocks last: Dollarmites Moneybox, ET DVD, Flying Snake Tail, Galaxy Glider, Intergalactic Rocket, Outer Space Savers Money Box, and Wildlife Writer Set.

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! Even if your child hasn't made any deposits yet this year, there is still time to qualify!

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