

CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Growing a Supportive Community of Active Learners



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mother's Day Breakfast

Thank you to all our wonderful Mothers who supported our very special Mother's Day breakfast. We raised \$300, which will be donated to Breast Cancer Research. A very big thank you to all the Chalcot staff who have worked so hard (waking up very early this morning) to make this a very special event for children and their mother's.

We hope all our mums and grandmothers have a very special day this Sunday.



Term 2 Curriculum Day – Thursday 18th May

Our second curriculum day for the year will be held next Thursday 18th May. The focus for the day will be on Mathematics. During the day, guest speaker, George Booker will be discussing the latest research based, highly effective strategies for the teaching and learning of Mathematics. All teaching staff and Educational Support Officers will be taking part in the day, along with other teachers from neighbouring schools.

Paul Poliviou has also organised Assistant Principals and school leaders from the Network to participate in a George Booker seminar later in the afternoon.

Thursday 18th May is a student free day.

Education Week Night – Mindfulness Experience

Education Night will be held on **Thursday 1st June**. During the evening, families are invited to experience and be immersed in the Chalcot mindfulness culture.

What is mindfulness? Mindfulness focusses on building concentration, resilience and empathy. It improves focus in the classroom and helps maintain a positive and grateful attitude towards learning and life.

Before the workshops, families are invited into the hall for a baked potato feast with your choice of toppings including, cheese, sour cream and coleslaw.

The evening will be broken into 2 session with 3 different activities.

6.00 - 6:45 Yummy baked potato feast in the Hall

6:45 -7:15 Group 1: Dance/Movement
Group 2: 2a: Mindfulness Jar
2b: Mindfulness Colouring

7.15 -7.45 Group 2: Dance/Movement
Group1: 1a: Mindfulness Jar
1b: Mindfulness Colouring

7.45 (Conclusion): All meet back in the hall to draw the Arnott's Biscuits raffle.

If your family would like to join us in the Education Week 'Mindfulness Night', please respond no later than **Thursday 25th May, 2017**.

As we need to cater for the evening and purchase materials for the activities, we are asking all families to please respond by the due date. There is no cost for the evening.

We look forward to seeing you all!

NAPLAN

During this week, students in Years 3 and 5 have participated in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessment. Later in the year, parents 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.

Well done to all the students and teachers who have worked extremely hard in preparation for NAPLAN.

**Monica Ghirxi
Principal**

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Picking up your Children after School- a Student Safety Issue

If for some reason you, or your child's carer, is delayed after school, please contact us so that your child can be brought into the office to wait. Children often become distressed if they are not collected at the usual time. By letting the school know of your delayed arrival, we can avoid any unnecessary distress.

Students who have not been collected by 3.45pm are to come into the office to wait for their parents as there are no staff members patrolling the grounds after 3.45pm. Once students come into the office, they will not be allowed to leave unaccompanied. Parents or carers will have to come inside and sign a release form to collect the students from the office.

Punctuality and Regular Attendance

It is essential that students develop a positive attitude to coming to school. To assist this, it is necessary that students arrive at school before the music at 8.55am. Ideally, the students should arrive between 8.45am and 8.55am. Students should not be at school unaccompanied before 8.45am, as staff members are patrolling the ground before that time. Arriving between 8.45am - 8.55am will allow students time to meet their friends and line up ready for the 9.00am bell.

Students can feel embarrassed and can also miss important instructions if they arrive after their classmates are already settled. Coming in late may also cause unnecessary problems separating from parents resulting in an unsettled start to the day.

When children are unwell, they should be kept at home where they can rest and recover. Children who are feeling unwell are not able to learn and participate in the class programs effectively. The school will contact parents or emergency contacts to collect sick children. If your child is not well enough to be at school, they are probably not well enough to be "working" either. However, if the illness is prolonged, you may like to discuss this with the class teacher. It is also very important that other students are not infected. So please, let your child rest in the comforts of their home if they are sick!!

PARKING SAFETY

Parents are 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.

Kinder Visits

During this week, we have had over 90 kinder children from Chalcot Pre School, First Early Learning, Rose Garden and Little Stars visit our wonderful school to experience some of the great programs we offer. I would like to thank our hardworking school captains, ICT Leaders and wonderful teachers, Ms Kodogiorgos, Mrs Bracegirdle, Ms Keay, Mrs Bearsley, Mrs Diciero, Mrs Felton, Mrs Wakeman and Ms Warburton, for making this event possible. You have done an amazing job! Thank you ☺

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal

JUNIOR CHALCOT LEGEND AWARD ALETTA MARTON

Congratulations to Aletta Marton for being selected to receive the Junior Chalcot Legend Award. Aletta has been selected for always working to the best of her ability, and treating others kindly and respectfully. Aletta will receive her certificate at assembly on Tuesday 16th May. Well done Aletta!

CHALCOT ACHIEVER AWARD

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their teachers to receive Junior Chalcot Achiever Awards. **Junior Chalcot Achievers will receive their certificates at assembly on Tuesday 16th May.**

0AK	Ethan Balog	CB	Jack McComb
0MK	Romeo Muscat	1/2L	Eliana Kan
1/2O	Emma Svendsen	1/2Z	Rohit Pious





DIARY DATES

Tuesday	16 th	May	Junior Assembly Prep – Yr 2	3.00pm – Hall
Tuesday	16 th	May	District X Country	Selected Students
Thursday	18th	May	Curriculum Day	Student Free Day
Friday	19 th	May	Hot Dog Day	Orders & Payments by 14 th May via QKR
Friday	19 th	May	Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport	Away – St Paul Apostle Nth PS
Tuesday	23 rd	May	Yr 3 – 6 School Athletics Carnival	Payment due by 17 th May via QKR
Tuesday	23rd	May	Senior Assembly Cancelled	Due to Athletics Carnival
Wednesday	24 th	May	Prep Invisit – Zoo Comes to You	Payment due by 17 th May via QKR
Thursday	25 th	May	ICAS – Computer Competition	
Friday	26 th	May	Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport	Home – St Paul Apostle Sth PS
Tuesday	30 th	May	Talent Show	Seniors – 9.30am, Juniors – 11.30am
Tuesday	30 th	May	ICAS – Science Competition	
Tuesday	30 th	May	Junior Assembly Prep – Yr 2	Directly after Talent Show
Thursday	1 st	June	Education Night – ‘Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies’	Please respond by 25 th May via Flexibuzz
Friday	2 nd	June	Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport	Away – Doveton College
Monday	5 th	June	Parent Club Meeting	2.30pm
Tuesday	6 th	June	Year 1/2 Zoo Excursion	Payment due by 31 st May via QKR
Tuesday	6 th	June	Senior Assembly	2.45pm – Hall
Wednesday	7 th	June	Kinder Club	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Friday	9 th	June	Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport	Home – Southern Cross PS
Monday	12th	June	Queen’s Birthday	No School
Tuesday	13 th	June	ICAS – Writing Competition	
Wednesday	14 th	June	Yr 4 Production	
Thursday	15 th	June	School Council	6.00pm – Staffroom
Thursday	15 th	June	ICAS – Spelling Competition	
Tuesday	20 th	June	Senior School Assembly	2.45pm – Hall
Thursday	22 nd	June	Pyjama Day	TBA
Friday	23 rd	June	Parent Club Pizza Day	TBA
Friday	23 rd	June	Y5 5/6 Interschool Sport	Home – Holly Family PS
Tuesday	27 th	June	Junior School Assembly	3.00pm – Hall
Friday	20th	June	End of Term 2	2.30pm dismissal

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.

Our program for next week includes the following activities:

- Playdough
- Loom bands and weaving
- Sardines
- Scribble art
- Bubbles, chalk and a movie

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.

For program information, bookings or cancellations, please contact Emily on 0400 194 859 during 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:

2/6/17: Last opportunity for making the 1st of 15 deposits required for Tokyo Disneyland competition

NEW APP: With the launch of the new CommBank Youth app (unfortunately not yet available for Android), students will be able to track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect, check their bank balance and even create a list of chores they can do to earn pocket money! Keep an eye out for the information slip to be handed out.

REWARDS NEWS: Rewards can be ordered as soon as your child has 10 tokens.

NEW REWARDS AVAILABLE WHILE STOCKS LAST: 3D Chalk Set, Colour Change Markers, Cyber Handball and Tablet Case.
OLDER REWARDS STILL AVAILABLE: Deep Sea Savers Money Box (1 left), Outback Pat Bag Tag, Outer Space Savers Money Box (2 left), Sea Streamers (1 left) and Shark Keyring (1 left).

MAJOR COMPETITION: Every banker aged 4-13 who makes a minimum of 15 deposits before the end of Term 3 will automatically earn an entry into a competition to win a family trip to Tokyo Disneyland plus spending money! Your child will need to begin making deposits by 2/6/17 and bank every week after that until the end of term 3 to be in the running. For further details go to <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking/2017-school-banking-grand-prize-conditions-of-entry.html>

Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator