

Growing a Supportive Community of Active Learners

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a very restful school break. We have a very busy and exciting term coming up with many activities planned including:

- School Fun Run
- District Cross Country
- Year 5/6 Camp;
- Mother's Day Celebration
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- ANZAC Day Commemoration
- Chalcot Talent Quest & Education Week Activities
- The University of New South Wales competitions

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held next Thursday, 27th April.

All parents should 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.

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 next Monday 24th April at 9.15am in the hall for our senior students (Yrs 3 to 6) and 2.45pm for our junior students (Years Prep to 2) . Sergeant Nicolle Morgan will be addressing our senior students and our Chalcot Choir will be performing as part of each ceremony.

It would be much appreciated if parents would send along a few flowers or a 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 commemoration.

LEST WE FORGET

Parent Club 5 Cent Fundraiser



The Chalcot Lodge Parent Club are organising a 5¢ fundraiser. That's right! All we are asking is for you to donate all the 5¢ pieces you have lying around your house, purse, car and pockets. Each class has a collection point in their room where they can place any and all the 5¢ pieces they bring in. The class who raises the most with their 5¢ collection will win a class prize. This fundraiser will run for all of Term 2, so start saving all those annoying 5¢ pieces now.

Parent Club Morning Tea Invitation



The Chalcot Parent Club would like to once again invite our existing members and any new members to our community to a Parent Club morning tea on Tuesday 2nd May at 9.00am in the in the staff room. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other parents and get involved in your kids school.

There is no obligation to join the Parent Club, just come along & meet us and enjoy a lovely morning together. To help with catering, please complete the response via Tiqbiz which was sent out earlier this week.

Taking Enrolments Now

We are now taking enrolments for 2018. 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.



Mindfulness

This year, all students and teachers have been participating in 10 minutes of 'Mindfulness' activities at least 4 times a week.

What is Mindfulness?

Mindfulness is about training yourself to pay attention in a specific way. When a person is mindful, they:

- Focus on the present moment
- Try not to think about anything that went on in the past or that might be coming up in future
- Purposefully concentrate on what's happening around them
- Try not to be judgemental about anything they notice, or label things as 'good' or 'bad'

We spend so much time thinking over stuff that has happened in the past, or worrying about things that may happen in the future, that often we actually forget to appreciate or enjoy the moment. Mindfulness is a way of bringing us back to experience life as it happens. When you're mindful, it:

- Helps clear your head
- Helps to slow down your thoughts
- Helps you to concentrate
- Helps you be more aware of yourself, your body and the environment
- Helps you relax
- Slows down your nervous system
- Can help you cope with stress

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

HUGE Thank you!

A huge thank you to the Svendsen family, especially Nicole for her ongoing support with maintaining our school gardens, they are looking fantastic. Also thank you to staff members Cathy Bracegirdle and Jasie Zelazny who came in during their holidays to work in the vegetable garden.

The National Assessment Program for Years 3 and 5

The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Year 3 and 5 students will be held on Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th 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

Literacy and maths tips

You can make a difference to how easily your child learns at school by helping them to learn at home. The 201 literacy and maths tips to help your child booklet includes information about how you can help your child develop literacy and maths skills. It contains practical activities you can do with your child at home before they start and during primary school.

For more information appropriate to your child's year level, see: [201 Literacy and Maths Tips](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/parents/primary/201literacymathstips2011.pdf)
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School Nurse Visit

The school nurse will be visiting our prep students this term.

Paul Polivou
Assistant Principal



DIARY DATES

Monday	24 th	April	ANZAC Day Ceremony	Yr 3 – 6 9.15am Prep – Yr 2 2.45pm
Tuesday	25th	April	ANZAC Day	No School
Thursday	27 th	April	Parent/Teacher Interviews	2.30pm – 8.00pm
Mon – Fri	1 st – 5 th	May	Year 5/6 Camp – Ace High Ranch	Full Payment due 21/4
Monday	1 st	May	Parent Club	6.30pm – Staffroom
Tuesday	2 nd	May	Parent Club Morning Tea	9.00am – 10.00 am – Staffroom
Tuesday	2 nd	May	Bunnings Planting	Prep – Yr 2
Tuesday	2 nd	May	Junior Assembly Yrs. Prep – 2	3.00pm – Hall
Wednesday	3 rd	May	Kinder Club	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Tue – Thur	9 th – 11 th	May	NAPLAN	Yr 3 & 5 Students
Tuesday	9 th	May	Senior Assembly	2.45pm – Hall
Thursday	11 th	May	School Council	6.00pm – Staffroom
Friday	12 th	May	Mothers' Day Stall	
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	TBA
Tuesday	23 rd	May	Yr 3 – 6 School Athletics Carnival	TBA
Tuesday	23rd	May	Senior Assembly Cancelled – due to Athletics Carnival	
Tuesday	30 th	May	Talent Show	Seniors – 9.30am Juniors – 11.30am
Tuesday	30 th	May	Junior Assembly Prep – Yr 2	Directly after Talent Show
Thursday	1 st	June	Education Night – ‘Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies ‘	TBA
Monday	5 th	June	Parent Club Meeting	2.30pm
Tuesday	6 th	June	Junior Assembly	3.00pm – Hall
Wednesday	7 th	June	Kinder Club	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Monday	12th	June	Queen’s Birthday	No School

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 Week 2, Term 2, includes the following activities:

- paper aeroplane competitions
- sardines game
- bubbles
- aerobics
- spider web maze

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.

STUDENTS ATTENDING CAMP: For those bankers who will be away at camp on Friday 5th May, you won't have to miss out on that week's deposit. You can hand in 2 pre-filled-in deposit slips (with 2 weeks' worth of money) the previous Friday (28th April). **YOU WILL NEED TO WRITE A NOTE TO LET US KNOW** that your child will be away at camp, so that we can keep their bank books in the school safe until the Friday of camp week. The books will be returned to the classrooms on Friday 5th May for the children to take home either that day or early the following week.

IMPORTANT DATES:

28/4/17 - Year 5 & 6 bankers hand in 2 weeks' worth of deposits (if away at camp on 5/5/17)

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! See the attached flyer for more details.

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 be eligible to win a family trip to Tokyo Disneyland with spending money! There are 30 banking weeks in that time, so there's plenty of opportunity 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>

REMINDER: Please remember to remove your child's tokens from their banking wallets and keep them in a safe place at home. Also please remember to place the money to be deposited inside the plastic pocket provided in the wallet.

Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator

School Banking 2017 is off to a flying start.



This year's School Banking adventure is well underway, as the new-look Dollarmites lead the journey up towards the amazing Savings Hover Park. Students are demonstrating a remarkable saving behaviour.

New reward items

There are two new reward items to keep students saving in Term 2: the 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case. Your child can redeem one of these, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Modern ways to teach money skills with the CommBank Youth app

Through the School Banking program, CommBank has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and smart money management since 1931. In 2017, the introduction of the CommBank Youth app, an innovative digital banking tool, will help enhance the School Banking program.

With the CommBank Youth app, your child can:

- Check the balance of their Youthsaver account.
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history.
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect.
- Set up savings goals and monitor their progress.
- Create a list of chores they can do to earn pocket money.

Explore more about the CommBank Youth app, and how to get your child started, by visiting commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Learning the value of digital money

Did you know that approximately one in five parents are trying to teach their children about cashless transactions and digital money management? CommBank research shows parents are alternating between cash and online bank transfers when giving their children pocket money, and actively demonstrating 'tap and go', online banking, mobile applications and how ATMs work. For more information and tips on financial education for kids, visit The Beanstalk on commbank.com.au/beanstalk



3D Chalk Set

Tablet Case



Things you should know: The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Study is an online survey of 1,040 parents across Australia undertaken by ACA Research in December 2016. This article is intended to provide general information of an educational nature only. It does not have regard to the financial situation or needs of any reader and must not be relied upon as financial product advice. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124.

