

Growing a Supportive Community of Active Learners

Tawny Frogmouth

Our beautiful new additions to the Chalcot Family - during the week, three very big and very cute Tawny Frogmouths have made the oak tree in the junior playground their new home. The tawny frogmouth is native to and found throughout the Australian mainland and Tasmania. Tawny frogmouths are big-headed, stocky birds often mistaken for owls due to their nocturnal habits and similar colouring.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Concert under the Oaks

This year's Concert under the Oaks' will be held on Thursday 14th December. The evening starts at 6.00pm with a Chalcot family picnic. All families will need to bring along their own food and drinks. Please provide your child with a towel or small cushion to sit upon and chairs or a rug for yourselves.



The concert will commence at 6.45pm and we anticipate the evening will conclude at approximately 8.30pm. The Chalcot Choir and each class will be performing special items for you to enjoy. The staff also has a surprise for you!!!



A jolly old man in a large red suit said he is coming too!!!!

In line with the Department of Education policies and procedures, this Chalcot Lodge family night is strictly an alcohol free evening and that smoking is banned within four metres of any entrance and within the school grounds.

All students attending must be accompanied by their parent or guardian.

Concert under the Oaks – Special Effort

Each year, Parent Club hold a Special Effort on the night and are inviting the school community to donate small items to assist in making up hampers for prizes. The Parent Club would greatly appreciate any contribution you can give. Items could include: boxes of chocolates, mince pies, Christmas decorations, plum puddings, shortbread biscuits or anything you think will relate to the Christmas theme for the hampers.



Any donations can be dropped off at the school office between now and Friday 1st December.

2018 Book Lists

During this week, each student received their book list for 2018, along with information about parent curriculum payments and voluntary contributions. Please contact the office if you did not receive your child's book list this week.

Scratch, Scratch, Scratch.....HEAD LICE!

During this week we have had one reported case of head lice in the Year ½ area. We would urge all parents to check their children's and their own hair.

Lice do not just infect children's hair!

It is essential that hair is treated with an **appropriate shampoo** and that the hair is sectioned off for thorough **combing with special fine toothed comb** to remove eggs sticking to the hair. Simply washing with your normal shampoo will not help. Students with long hair should wear it tied back while at school.

2018 Curriculum Days

The following Curriculum Days for 2018 have been approved by School Council.

Monday 29th January:	Whole School Curriculum Planning Day
Tuesday 30th January:	Victorian Curriculum Planning & HITS
Friday 16 th February:	Victorian Curriculum Reading Strategies and Assessment.
Friday 21st December:	2019 Organisational Day

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

CYBERSAFETY

Chatterbox - Friendships and relationships. Making new friends online can be fun but it can also be dangerous if you're not careful. Don't worry; here's some advice to help you out.

The popularity contest

- It's great to be popular, but remember that the more online friends you have, the more people can see any private information in your profile (even if you use the highest privacy setting).
- If you've added someone as a friend, and then changed your mind, you can generally delete them, but remember they have had access to whatever you've posted.

Keeping it nice

- When you're communicating through technology, it's easy to forget that the person you're talking to is a real person with real feelings. If you wouldn't say it face to face, or yell it out at your school assembly, don't say it online.
- You can't always tell if someone's joking when you can't see or hear them - even with emoticons - so be careful when you're chatting, to make sure that what you say won't be taken the wrong way.
- Think before forwarding pictures, messages or jokes about someone else, or sharing their private information.

If someone's bullying or harassing you

- If someone is giving you a hard time online don't respond and don't reply. Lots of people will give up if they don't get a response.
- But that doesn't mean ignore it – tell a trusted adult and ask them to help you.
- Save nasty messages, texts or emails (or copy and paste Instant Messaging chats to Notepad) so you can show an adult if you need to.
- And remember, most chat sites, Instant Messaging software and phones have a feature that lets you block communication from people you don't want to hear from.
- If you know someone else is being bullied, tell someone. The person being bullied might not have had the courage to find help for themselves.

(The Alannah and Madeline Foundation)

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Absenteeism has an effect on your child's academic performance and social development. What can your child learn if they are not at school?

Some absences are entirely valid, sickness is the most obvious reason, but to give your child the best chance of success and to give them more choices in life, they must attend as regularly as possible. One absent day a fortnight equates to 20 days a school year, that equates to one whole year of schooling by the time your child reaches year 10.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day –missing school puts them behind. Please click the link below to read more..

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/parents/everydaycountsprimary.PDF>

Value of homework

Homework helps students by:

- complementing and reinforcing classroom learning
- fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- providing an opportunity for students to become responsible for their own learning
- developing self-regulation processes such as goal-setting, self-efficacy, self-reflection and time management
- supporting partnerships with parents by connecting families with the learning of their children

Quality practice

It is not necessary to assign large amounts of homework; however it is important that homework provides students with opportunities to practice skills, review content and deepen understanding of concepts learned. Homework and practice can also help students to develop self-regulation processes, such as time management and study skills.

The table below describes quality homework practice for the different year levels.

Years	Homework
Prep to 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• can foster a sense of self-discipline and responsibility and prepare students for upper grades• enables the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering of extra information or materials• will mainly consist of daily reading to, with, and by parents/carer or older siblings
5 to 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• should include daily independent reading• should be coordinated across learning areas in secondary schools to avoid unreasonable workloads for students• may extend class work, projects and assignments, essays and research.

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal

SENIOR CHALCOT LEGEND AWARD SOPHIA APPLETON

Congratulations to Sophia Appleton for being selected to receive the Senior Chalcot Legend Award. Sophia was chosen because she is a wonderful student who has a mature approach to tasks asked of her. She has also been a great helper within the school.

Sophia will receive her certificate at the Senior Assembly on Tuesday 21st November.

Well done Sophia!

SENIOR CHALCOT ACHIEVER AWARD

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their teachers to receive Senior Chalcot Achiever Awards. **Senior Chalcot Achievers will receive their certificates at assembly on Tuesday 21st November.**

3/4A	Sahira Alketiri	3/4E	Johnathan Figueroa
3/4Q	Thomas Bago	3/4T	Ethan Medancic
5/6C	Joshua Simpson	5/6P	Asher Lowson
5/6S	Asal Younesi		



DIARY DATES



Monday	20 th	Nov	Parent Club Meeting	6.30pm – Staffroom
Tuesday	21 st	Nov	Senior Assembly	2.45pm – Hall
Tuesday	28 th	Nov	Junior Assembly Froggy Awards	3.00pm – Hall
Wed – Fri	29 th Nov – 1 st Dec		Yr 3/4 Phillip Island Camp	
Tuesday	5 th	Dec	Thank You Helpers Morning Tea	11.00am – Staffroom
Tuesday	5 th	Dec	Senior Assembly Froggy Awards	2.45pm - Hall
Wednesday	6 th	Dec	Yr 6 Production	\$30 payment due by 22 nd Nov via Qkr
Thursday	7 th	Dec	School Council	6.00pm – Staffroom
Monday	11 th	Dec	Choir Tour	TBA
Tuesday	12 th	Dec	Prep Transition Day	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Tuesday	12 th	Dec	Yr 6 Transition to Sec. School	
Thursday	14 th	Dec	Concert Under the Oaks	6.00pm start
Tuesday	19 th	Dec	Prep Traffic School Excursion	Payment Due 11 th Dec via QKR
Tuesday	19 th	Dec	Yr 6 Graduation Night	TBA
Wednesday	20 th	Dec	Year 6 Big Day Out	TBA
Thursday	21 st	Dec	Disco	Times TBA
Thursday	21st	Dec	End of Year!	2.30pm Finish
Friday	22 nd	Dec	Curriculum Day	Student Free Day
<u>2018</u>				
Monday	29 th	Jan	Curriculum Day	Student Free Day
Tuesday	30 th	Jan	Curriculum Day	Student Free Day
Wednesday	31 st	Jan	Yr 1-6 Students begin	9.00am – 3.30pm
Thur/Frid	1 st - 2 nd	Feb	Prep Introductory Session for parents and children	Times to be advised on 12 th December 2017

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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.

For program information, bookings or cancellations, please contact Kristie 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:

24/11/17: Year 3 & 4 bankers hand in 2 weeks' worth of deposits

1/12/17: Last date for ordering rewards (to allow time for delivery by end of year)

STUDENTS ATTENDING CAMP: For those Yr 3/4 bankers who will be away at camp on Friday 1st December, 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 (24th November). **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 1st December for the children to take home either that day or early the following week.

SCHOOL BANKING CO-ORDINATOR

NEEDED: A very big thank you to Jill Robertson for assisting with School Banking, her commitment to this job and her valuable assistance has been highly appreciated by the School Banking team and especially by me! If there are any parents who are interested in volunteering their time in 2018 to process school banking, please come and join us on a Friday morning from 9 a.m. It usually takes around 1½ hours. Please ask at the school office for directions to our work space.

REWARDS NEWS: Rewards can be ordered as soon as your child has 10 tokens. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LAST DATE FOR ORDERING REWARDS IS FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER (to allow sufficient time for delivery before the end of the year).**

REWARDS AVAILABLE WHILE STOCKS LAST:

Epic Earphones, Pencil + Tech Case, Smiley Emoji Keyring, Volt Handball, 3D Chalk Set, Tablet Case & Colour Change Markers. **OLDER REWARDS STILL AVAILABLE:** Deep Sea Savers Money Box (1 left), Outback Pat Bag Tag, Outer Space Savers Money Box (2 left) & Shark Keyring (1 left). Let us know if you need replacement order slips, or you can download and print order slips at

<https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html>.

FUTURE GAMES COMPETITION: The draw for the winners of the various prizes allocated to Victoria will take place on 21st November, and winners will be notified. Good luck!

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