

Growing a Supportive Community of Active Learners

District Swimming

On Thursday 22nd February, 10 Year 3-6 students went to Noble Park Aquatic Centre representing Chalcot Lodge at the District Swimming Carnival. Students competed in several races and all students did a wonderful job.

Well done to all the students for their amazing efforts and fantastic sportsmanship!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Double Parking

PLEASE DON'T DOUBLE PARK WHILE DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I don't know how to make it any clearer. It is only some people that are certainly putting our children at risk. To all the parents doing the right thing, I thank you. Please ring the City of Casey Council and notify the bylaws office of anyone who is double parking and putting the safety of our students at risk.

Anaphylaxis Safety Measures



Currently at Chalcot Lodge we have four students who suffer anaphylactic reactions: These students are in Foundation, Year 4 and Year 6. These students suffer severe, rapidly progressive allergic reactions to certain foods and factors in the environment that can potentially be life threatening.

All four students have an extreme allergic reaction to nuts and one student is also allergic to eggs and coconut. **EpiPens** are required for these students when an allergic reaction occurs.

In light of these serious conditions, formal Management Plans have been developed for each student and staff have been trained on how to respond in an emergency situation.

Unfortunately, whilst some foods are obviously nut based, such as Peanut Butter and Nutella, many other foods also contain traces of nuts. It is for this reason that we are urging the school community to assist us in keeping these four students safe from harm by reinforcing the message to your own children that, under no circumstances should food be shared or swapped with any other children at school.

We strongly urge parents of children in 5/6P, 3/4T, 3/4K and Prep CB to refrain from sending nuts or nut products such as Peanut Butter, Nutella & nut confectionary products to school (including seafood in 3/4T).

Parent Club News

The Parent Club are holding their first meeting for the year next Monday, 26th February at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

The Parent Club is made up of a group of wonderful people from our school community who assist with whole school activities and organise fund raising events. Joining the Parent Club provides a wonderful opportunity to get to know other parents within our school community and make new friends.

The Parent Club Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 19th March at 6.30pm in the staff room. During this meeting our new office bearers including a President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected. After the Parent Club AGM, a Parent Club Executive Committee will be formed consisting of the newly elected President, Secretary, Treasurer, Principal (or nominated DET Rep) and a Principal elected Parent Nominee.

Executive Meetings will be held twice a term, during school hours to assist the school with organising school community events and fund raising activities. During each term, members of our Parent Club will be called upon to assist with these events and activities.

If you would like to be placed on our Parent Helpers email list, please fill in your name, telephone number and email address via the Flexibuzz notice send out today.

No Jewellery or Makeup Please

In line with our Student Dress Code Policy, students are not allowed to wear jewellery to school with the following exceptions; a necklace of a religious nature which must be worn under clothing; a watch; stud or sleeper earrings; and medical bracelet. NO other jewellery is allowed.

Similarly, students are not allowed to wear any makeup, including nail polish, and hair must be of a natural colour.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Friday 2nd March. All families will have received a hard copy Schoolpix order form earlier this week. Please only send cash to school on photo day and don't forget to wear your Chalcot grin to school!

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Every day counts

School is better when you're here
Attendance fact sheet for primary school students

Do I have to go to school?

Yes, in Victoria everyone aged from 6 – 17 has to go to school.

Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school a year. From prep to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school!

School is better when you attend. Your friends and your teachers notice that you're away and wonder if you're OK.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Right now, being at school is the most important thing you need to do for your future. School helps you build good habits for later on in life. You might think school is just about Maths and English but you're also learning about how to work with other people and how to solve problems.

Being at school every day also means you are becoming more independent as a learner and interacting with your friends and teachers. If you're at school you can get help from your teachers and friends and won't have to try to learn things in your own time.

Being an adult probably seems far away but we know that young people who attend school more frequently have better outcomes after school too. This means they earn more money, have better job opportunities and are generally healthier. So being at school really does make a difference!

Do my parents need to let the school know if I'm going to be away?

Yes. Your parents need to notify the school by 10.00am the morning of your absence.

If you're away from school too much and don't have a reasonable excuse like a serious illness, your parents can also get in trouble.

Are there any good reasons to be away from school?

No. Unless you are so sick you can't get out of bed or there is an event like a funeral, you should be at school. Every day you are away is a day of classes and social connection you miss out on. Taking a day off for your birthday or go shopping isn't a good reason to miss school.

Even medical and health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays. This includes family holidays. Your parents are encouraged not to plan holidays during the term but to organise these during the school holidays.

If you do have to be away for some reason, your parents need to contact the school and let them know what's going on. Depending on the situation, the school might provide schoolwork for you to complete.

What do I miss out on if I'm not at school?

You miss out on all the big stuff – class discussions and all the interaction that happens in a classroom, the chance to get help from teachers and the opportunity to practice skills and gain knowledge. Being away means you might miss out on a lot of learning or that you need to catch up in your time.

If all of that isn't enough to convince you to be at school every day, being away also means you also miss out on playing with your friends. Being away from school a lot can be lonely. It has a big impact on relationships and social connections. Believe it or not, everyone wants you at school and it really is better when you attend.

What if I'm having problems getting to school?

Getting to school on time everyday can be about having a good routine. If you find yourself running late or missing school because you're disorganised, try:

Asking your parents for help getting ready

Having a set time to go to bed

Leaving all technology out of your bedroom

Packing your school bag the night before with everything you need

Having a set time for breakfast

Planning to meet up with a friend so you can travel to school together.

Sometimes though it can just be hard to go to school. You might feel overwhelmed by the work or things might be tough with your friends. Whatever the situation is, staying away from school isn't the answer.

There are lots of people who want to help. Try talking to:

Your parents or another adult family member

A trusted teacher

Wellbeing Coordinator

Useful websites/contacts

Kids Matter - www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Youth Beyond Blue - www.youthbeyondblue.com.au

Headspace - www.headspace.org.au or e-headspace www.eheadspace.org.au/ for online counselling & support

Reach Out – www.reachout.com

Kids helpline - 1800 55 1800 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or [web counselling](#)



**School success starts
with attendance**

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal



School Crossing Safety

There are over 70 Schools in the City of Casey, serviced by over 240 school crossing supervisors. Over 35,000 students attend these schools each day, travelling by foot, private vehicles and public transport.

The City of Casey encourages drivers, parents and others responsible for children, to carefully read the information below to minimise the risk of accident or injury at and around school crossings.

Why are school crossings important?

Children do not have a well developed sense of danger. They also do not have well developed peripheral (side) vision or spatial sense. This makes it difficult for them to properly judge the safe time to cross a road. Supervised school crossings were formally introduced in the 1970s to protect children from this risk.

Why do we need parking and traffic controls around school crossings?

Crossing supervisors need to have a clear field of vision in all directions around their crossing, so that they can spot approaching children and vehicles as soon as possible.

Because children are often very small, cars parked or stopped too close to crossings can completely obscure them from the view of supervisors and drivers. Coupled with children's limited ability to identify danger, this can create a very hazardous situation.

Parents and other people who are dropping off/picking up children also need reasonable access to parking for that purpose.

What sorts of controls can I expect to find around schools?

A range of restrictions may apply according to the needs of the particular area. The following restrictions may apply at and around your school:

No stopping



What does no stopping mean?

No stopping means you cannot stop your vehicle for any purposes, no matter how short the time.

No parking



What does no parking mean?

No parking means that the area is a pick up/drop off zone and that you cannot leave your vehicle un-attended and you cannot be parked for more than 2 minutes.

Bus Zone



What does bus zone mean?

Bus zone means that this area is for buses only. You cannot stop there at all.

Disabled Parking



What does disabled parking mean?

Disabled parking means that only vehicles displaying a valid Disabled Person's parking permit may park in these spaces.

As a driver what am I required to do around school crossings?

When approaching school crossings, slow down to 40km/h or less, watch for children and remember not to stop too close to the crossing. You **MUST** stop before the STOP LINE marked on the road once the stop sign is displayed to you

The crossing must be completely vacated of all pedestrians before proceeding, including the supervisor

Also watch for, and obey, the instructions of the School Crossing Supervisor.

Look for parking restriction signs and make sure to obey them or you may be fined

For further details call 9705 5200, log onto www.casey.vic.gov.au or visit one of our customer service centres at Bunjil Place Narre Warren, or Centro Cranbourne.



DIARY DATES

Monday	26 th	February	Parent Club	6.30pm – Staffroom
Tuesday	27 th	February	Choir Visits Kindergartens	9.00am – 1.30pm
Wednesday	28 th	February	Kinder Club	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Friday	2 nd	March	School Photos	
Wednesday	7 th	March	Playgroup Begins	9.15am – 10.45am
Wednesday	7 th	March	Junior Assembly	2.45pm – Library
Thursday	8 th	March	Angel Light - Yr 5 girls	
Friday	9 th	February	Senior Assembly	2.45pm – Hall
Monday	12th	March	Labour Day Public Holiday	No School
Thursday	15 th	March	Family Carnival 4.30pm – 7.30pm	Wristband orders via QKR by 12th March
Sunday	18 th	March	Environmental Bunnings BBQ	Dandenong 8.00am – 4.00pm
Monday	19 th	March	Parent Club AGM	6.30pm – Staffroom
Wednesday	21 st	March	Junior Assembly – Froggy Awards	2.45pm – Library
Thursday	22 nd	March	School Council AGM	6.00pm – Staffroom
Thursday	22 nd	March	School Council	6.30pm – Staffroom
Friday	23 rd	March	Senior Assembly – Froggy Awards	2.45pm – Hall
Monday	26 th	March	Fun Run	
Wednesday	28 th	March	Resilience Student Session	TBA
Thursday	29th	March	End of Term 1	2.30pm dismissal
Monday	16th	April	Term 2 Commences	9.00am start
Monday	23 rd	April	Parent Club	6.30pm – Staffroom
Tuesday	24 th	April	Senior ANZAC Day Assembly	9.15am
Tuesday	24 th	April	Junior ANZAC Day Assembly	2.45pm
Wednesday	25th	April	ANZAC Day	No School
Monday	30 th	April	Resilience Parent Session	TBA
Wednesday	2 nd	May	Junior Assembly	2.45pm – Library
Friday	4 th	May	Senior Assembly	2.45pm – Hall

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 Annabell on 0400 194 859 on 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.

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

AVAILABLE WHILE STOCKS LAST: Secret Scratch Pad & Twister Power Handball. **OLDER REWARDS STILL AVAILABLE:** 3D Chalk Set (1 left), Colour Change Markers, Deep Sea Savers Money Box (1 left), Epic Earphones, Outback Pat Bag Tag, Outer Space Savers Money Box (2 left), Pencil + Tech Case, Smiley Emoji Keyring, Tablet Case & Volt Handball.

REWARD NO LONGER AVAILABLE: Shark Keyring. Rewards order slips for the new Term 1 items are in the "For Parents" leaflet. 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> for the new items. Please use the separate slip which has been distributed for ordering older items.

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 Hawaii** 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.html>.

SCHOOL BANKING CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED:

If there are any parents who are interested in volunteering their time 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.

NEW ACCOUNTS: Our School Banking program is a fun way for your child to develop the knowledge and confidence to handle their money, combining a savings Rewards Program with great activities throughout the year. If you would like your child to participate in our School Banking program please follow the links to open an account at

www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking, or by visiting a Commonwealth Bank branch. We do not keep application forms at the school office. If you've signed your child up online, and their book hasn't arrived yet, we can still get them going if you have been given the account number by the bank. Just ask the school office for directions as soon after 9 am as possible on a Friday morning, or leave a message at the school office.

Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator