

Growing a Supportive Community of Active Learners

Prep – Year 2 Swimming



Gleneagles Cup



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Arriving to School on Time

Unless arrangements have been made with our Before School care service, it is expected that students will arrive at school at approximately 8.45am, as there are teachers on yard duty from this time until 9.00am.

It is particularly important for safety reasons that children are not walking to school alone after 9.00am. Students who arrive after the 9.00am bell has rung, must be brought to the office by a parent or guardian to be signed in.

Arriving late is disruptive to the child, as well as to other students, and negatively effects the organisation of the class and the ability of the child to quickly settle to set tasks for the day.

Prep Transition Program - Wednesday 7th November

As part of our Prep Transition Program, children commencing Prep in 2019 will meet their 'Chalcot Buddies'. Meanwhile, their parents will hear about ways to prepare the children for school. Each parent will receive a copy of the booklet called "Starting School at Chalcot Lodge PS" and information regarding COMPASS. This meeting is also a good opportunity for parents to ask any questions they may have.

Family Holidays

As the holiday season fast approaches, many families have begun organising extended family holidays. If you intend taking an extended holiday before the end of this year or early in 2019, could you please inform the office in writing as soon as possible.

Riding Bikes to School

Just a reminder to all parents that our Years 4 to 6 students are permitted to ride their bikes to school with parental permission. We urge parents to check their children's bikes to ensure they are safe to ride and that children wear Australian approved helmets.

Remembrance Day – Sunday 11th November

The Chalcot family will be commemorating Remembrance Day on Friday 9th November, commencing at 9.15am in the hall for Years 3 to 6 students and at 2.30pm for Years Prep to 2 students. 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.

Poppies will be available for purchase in the classrooms for 50 cents. All proceeds are used in the welfare work carried out by the RSL for ex-servicemen, women and their families in necessitous situations.

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



Policy Review

We are currently reviewing the school's Parent Payment policy. This policy is in line with Department of Education and Training Guidelines. The policy has been attached for your perusal.

Gleneagles Cup Win

Congratulations to our Year 3/4 students who came back carrying the 2018 Gleneagles Cup on Monday afternoon. We are just so proud of all of you - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

'Write 4 Fun' Competition

We have some talented future authors at Chalcot Lodge Primary School! A number of students entered the 'Write 4 Fun' competition earlier this year. Students were asked to write a short story or poem about a topic of their choice.

Christy Allsopp, Jasmeet Kaur and Lara Correia were selected as stand out writers. Their stories and poems have been printed into the official 'Write 4 Fun' book for 2018. This is an incredible achievement as thousands of students across Australia entered this competition.

We are so proud of our budding writers. Congratulations girls!

Ally Keay

Literacy Coordinator



Gleneagles Cup

“Yes! We won the 2018 Gleneagles Cup,” we all shouted!

On the 15th of October, the 3/4 students went to Gleneagles High School to verse other schools in different sports. The sports we competed in were Netball, Basketball, Soccer and Vollystars. In Netball, they won their section. In Basketball, they made it into the finals and played a great game.

We also had a delicious lunch with icy-poles!

There was an award ceremony and they announced that we were the winners of the Gleneagles Cup.

We headed back to school with the trophy and took pictures with all the 3/4 teachers to celebrate.

by Marielle and Mira



Year 6 Production – Items required

We are in need of the following items for our Year 6 production.

- Animal onsies (we only need 3 or 4)
- 2 old bed pillows
- 2 old blankets

If you are able to assist, please see me.

Angie Dicio

Year 6 Production Coordinator

October is Walk to School month!

Chalcot Lodge is taking part in Walk to School month 2018 from **October 8th - November 2nd**. It has been amazing seeing our students walking, riding and scooting to and from school every day. Walk to School month encourages students to lead a healthy and active lifestyle.



Prizes!

The City of Casey Council has provided fantastic prizes for the month. Students participating will go in the draw to win each of these prizes weekly:

- 4 x YMCA Aquatic Centre Passes (valid at Casey RACE, Casey ARC and Doveton Pool in the Park)
- 8 x Casey Stadium and/or Endeavour Hills Leisure Centre Passes (depending on your closest stadium)
- 4 x The Shed Skatepark Passes

Congratulations to our first group of prize winners: Albin George 56P, Serenity Summonds 56N, Sophia Appleton 56S, Isaac Landman 45Q.

Live too far from school?

Part way is okay! If you can't walk the whole way, try parking a few blocks from school and walk the rest. Tip: Did you know it takes less than 7mins to walk 550m?

Some Helpful Reminders:

- Dismount off your bike/scooter at the gate- no riding on school grounds
- Store your bike/scooter in the bike shed
- **Students must wear a helmet when riding to school**
- Students in Prep - Year 3 must ride with an adult to keep them safe.



Amanda Thomas
Sports Coordinator



CHALCOT LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

POLICY: Parent Payments

INITIAL COPY

RATIFIED /REVIEW

17/ 09 / 2008

17 / 10 / 2018

PURPOSE

To ensure that the school community has a clear understanding of their rights and responsibilities in relation to provision of items and services required by students.

GUIDELINES

- Principals, as executive officers of School Councils, need to ensure that the school-level policy complies with the requirements of the Department of Education and Training (DET) policy and is communicated within the school and that staff adhere to the requirements.
- There are three categories of education items or services that School Councils can request payments from parents and guardians for students in Victorian government schools: essential educational items which parents and guardians are required to provide or pay the school to provide for their child (for example, for stationery, text books and school uniforms where required); optional educational items which are offered on a user-pays basis and which parents and guardians may choose whether their child accesses or participates in (for example extra curricular programs or activities), and voluntary financial contributions which parents and guardians may be invited to donate to the school.
- All students must have access to the standard curriculum program and must not be denied access to enrolment or advancement to the next year level as a condition of payment of essential education items, optional extras or voluntary financial contributions.
- School councils may invite voluntary financial contributions.
- School councils and principals need to clearly identify when a voluntary financial contribution is being requested and can only request once, with one reminder.
- Principals must ensure any record of payments or contributions is confidential.
- Schools must not coerce or harass parents and guardians to obtain payment, send invoices for unpaid essential education items or optional items accepted by parents more than once a month.
- Schools are prohibited from using collectors of any type, including debt collectors, to obtain any funds from parents and guardians.
- Trust funds must be approved by the Australian Taxation Office and are tax deductible.
- Whilst Victorian legislation provides that instruction in the standard curriculum program must be provided free to all students in Victorian government schools, parents and guardians are expected to pay for essential education items, including: items which students take possession of, including text books and student stationery; materials for learning and teaching where the child consumes or takes possession of the finished articles (for example, home economics, ceramics, photography, catering); school uniform; travel costs incurred in the course of receiving the instruction from a teacher or other person; essential services associated with, but not considered to be part of, 'instruction' in the standard curriculum program, such as costs associated with camps and excursions which all students are expected to attend (for example, transport and entrance costs).
- Optional extras are those that are provided in addition to the 'standard curriculum program', and which are offered to all students. These optional extras are provided on a user-pays basis and if you choose to access them for your child you will be required to pay for them. These items include: instructional supports, resources and administration beyond the provision of the standard curriculum program (for example, student computer printing for personal use, internet access for recreational or non-school use, and religious education materials); extra-curricular programs or

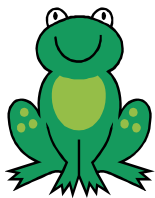
- activities offered in addition to the standard curriculum program (for example, instrumental music tuition); entry fees for school run performances, productions and events; materials for subjects where the payment sought is the difference between the basic materials or services required for the standard curriculum program and higher cost alternatives which may be more desirable; materials and services offered in addition to the 'standard curriculum program' (for example, school magazines or school photographs); and school facilities and equipment not associated with provision of the 'standard curriculum program', and not otherwise provided for through the School Resources Package (for example, student accident insurance, and hire/lease of equipment such as musical instruments or notebook computers).

IMPLEMENTATION

- Parents will be requested to pay for essential education items and will be given the option of purchasing equivalent materials from other sources;
- The school will purchase student essential items in bulk in order to keep parent payments to a minimum;
- Parents and guardians will be provided with early notice of requests for payment of essential education items and optional extras in the term prior to the commencement of the new year;
- Advice issued to parents/guardians will provide a clear description of the payment categories and which category items fall under;
- The status and details of any payments or non-payments by parents and guardians will be strictly confidential;
- Parents will be informed of alternative payment options and invited to contact the principal if they wish to discuss these options;
- Details of how funding collected will be spent will be provided by the school;
- Parents will be provided with a receipt as soon as possible following payment ;
- All payments will be receipted in CASES21;
- Payments will be kept to a minimum and all requests for payment will be fair and reasonable;
- A copy of the school-level policy will be provided to all parents via the newsletter during Term 4;
- School Council will decide whether a voluntary contribution will be requested for a trust fund, a specific purpose identified by the school or general voluntary financial contributions to the school;
- Parents and guardians will be provided with opportunities to make payments prior to and after the commencement of each new school year;
- Requests for voluntary financial contributions will be limited to the initial notice to all parents and guardians and one reminder notice;
- The school will facilitate access for eligible parents to a range of support options, including Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and State Schools Relief Committee support.
- The process for the administration of the CSEF will be clearly articulated via notices included in the enrolment pack and in the newsletter; and
- During Term 4, School Council will review parent payments annually in light of the projected expenditure and income for the following year.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed by the Principal in consultations with the Business Manager every year or sooner if required.



DIARY DATES



Monday	22 nd	October	P-Yr2 Swimming	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Frid
Tuesday	23 rd	October	Bunnings Spring Planting Day	9.30am – 11.00am
Thursday	25 th	October	School Council Meeting	6.00pm – Staffroom
Friday	26 th	October	Yr 5 Interschool Sport	Away – St Paul Nth PS
Saturday	27 th	October	Parent Club BBQ Bunnings	Dandenong 8am – 4pm
Wednesday	31 st	October	Junior Assembly	2.45pm – School Hall
Wednesday	31 st	October	Yr 5/6 AFL Gala Day Excursion	Payment by Compass 26/10
Thursday	1 st	November	Dental Van	
Friday	2 nd	November	Yr 5 Interschool Sport	Home – Mossgiel Park Navy
Friday	2 nd	November	Dental Van	
Friday	2 nd	November	Senior Assembly	2.45pm
Tuesday	6th	November	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday	No school for students
Wednesday	7 th	November	Prep Transition Day	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Friday	9 th	November	Yr 5 Interschool Sport	BYE
Friday	9 th	November	Remembrance Day Ceremony	Jnr 9.15am, Snr 2.45pm Hall
Monday	12 th	November	Parent Club Meeting	6.30pm - Staffroom
Wednesday	14 th	November	Junior Assembly	2.45pm – School Hall
Thursday	15 th	November	School Council Meeting	6.00pm - Staffroom
Friday	16 th	November	Yr 5 Interschool Sport	Home - Thomas Mitchell PS Blue
Friday	16 th	November	Senior Assembly	2.45pm – School Hall
Friday	16 th	November	Year 6 Graduation Photo	
Friday	23 rd	November	Yr 5 Interschool Sport	Away -Fleetwood PS
Tuesday	27 th	November	Whole School Production	Snr 9.30 – 11am, Jnr 11.30 – 1pm
Wednesday	28 th	November	Junior Assembly	2.45pm – School Hall
Thursday	29 th	November	Year 6 Production	Hallam Secondary College
Friday	30 th	November	Yr 5 Interschool Sport	Home – Thomas Mitchell Gold
Friday	30 th	November	Senior Assembly	2.45pm – School Hall
Thursday	6 th	December	School Council Meeting	6.00pm - Staffroom
Friday	7 th	December	Yr 5 Interschool Sport	Home – James Cook PS
Tuesday	11 th	December	Prep Transition	2.30 – 3.30pm
Wednesday	12 th	December	Concert Under the Oakes	TBA
Friday	14 th	December	Yr 5 Interschool Sport	Home – Southern Cross PS

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: \$ 20.00.

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 \$20, Casual \$25.

For program information, bookings or cancellations, please contact Kristy on 0400 194 859 on weekdays.

Y.L.V Team

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Dads Mater Forum

A night for dads, grandfathers and father figures in the City of Casey to come together to enjoy a meal, learn more about fatherhood and connect with each other.

Wednesday, 7th November, 6.30pm – 9.30pm at 7 Selandra Community Hub, Selandra Blvd Clyde North. Complimentary dinner included.

Bookings essential on

www.trybooking.com/XYPC

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.

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 room.

Rewards News: Rewards can be ordered as soon as your child has 10 tokens. **NEW REWARDS AVAILABLE WHILE STOCKS LAST:** Slushie Maker Cup, Zoom Flying Disc, Mighty Boom Handball, Heat Reactor Pencils, Glow Light, Sparkle Glitter Pens, & Twister Power Handball – use the order slips provided in the 'For Parents' leaflet, or you can download and print order slips at <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html>. **OLDER REWARDS STILL AVAILABLE:** Colour Change Markers, Deep Sea Savers Money Box (1 left), Epic Earphones, Outer Space Savers Money Box (1 left), Pencil + Tech Case, Smiley Emoji Keyring, Tablet Case & Volt Handball - use the separate slip (on white paper) which has been distributed. Let us know if you need replacement order slips, for either the new or older items. **REWARDS NO LONGER AVAILABLE:** 3D Chalk Set, Secret Scratch Pad & Outback Pat Bag Tag.

Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator

