



CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Getting Along Resilience Organisation Persistence Confidence Achievement

2015 PREPS MEET THEIR BUDDIES

What a fun and exciting afternoon we had last Wednesday.

Our Chalcot Buddies happily welcomed their little buddies – our new Preps for 2015!

A great time was had by all as they sang and planted tomato seedlings as a gift to take home.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2015 Curriculum Days

School Council has approved the four allocated Curriculum Days for 2015.

- Wednesday 28th January – Team Building/Preparation for School Review
- Thursday 29th January – Whole School & Cohort Data Analysis and Collaborative Planning.
- Tuesday 10th March – Seven Steps Writing Program
- Friday 18th December – 2016 Organisational Day

2015 School Year

Students from Years 1 to 6 will commence school on Friday 30th January.

Prep students will commence on Monday 2nd February starting at 9.15am until 12.30pm.

Tribute to our Teachers

Today the work of our dedicated teachers was acknowledged across Victoria through World Teachers' Day. Today, to signify our school community's admiration and gratitude to our teachers, a special morning tea was organised by our Educational Support Officers and Administration staff. All our teachers, Educational Support Officers and Administration staff received badges with the message - 'We dream, believe & achieve....together'. These words capture the fantastic Chalcot spirit, which emanates from our teachers and which makes them a very successful and wonderful Chalcot team. Many thanks to students and parents who showed their appreciation to our teachers; it means a lot to them!

International Silent Film Festival 2014 What an AMAZING Night!!

Last Saturday night Mrs Bearsley, Mrs Tynan and I had the great pleasure of attending the International Youth Silent Film Festival, held at the Moorabbin Town Hall. What a fabulous night it was. The theme for the evening was the roaring twenties and everyone looked great! Priyanka Suja Rani, Trazia Abona, Maleisha Fernando, Logesh Naresh Kumar, Campbell Newton, Zac Tems and Ollie Mraz's film tilted 'Never to Be' was shown to a huge audience and we were so proud of our students for producing such an entertaining film. Congratulations to our filmmakers for an outstanding effort!!

A big thank you to Mrs Bearsley for giving our students this amazing opportunity.

A Great Success – PFA Bunnings Barbeque

The PFA and their team of helpers were hard at work on Sunday at our Bunnings Barbeque Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser. The Chalcot team was there from 8.00am to 4.00pm cooking and selling over 270 sausages on the day. Thank you to all the PFA members who worked so hard in preparing for the day and to all those who gave up their Sunday to assist. What a team we are at Chalcot!!!!

Remembrance Day

The Chalcot family will be commemorating Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11th November, commencing at 9.15am in the hall. Sergeant Nicolle Morgan will be addressing the assembly and our Chalcot Choir will be performing as part of the ceremony.

It would be much appreciated if parents would send along a few flowers or small posy for their children to place under the Australian flag during the assembly.

Poppies are available for purchase in the classrooms for \$1.00. All proceeds are used in the welfare work carried out by the RSL for ex-servicemen, women and their families who are in necessitous situations.

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

LEST WE FORGET!

Public Holiday

Just a reminder that Tuesday 4th November is the Melbourne Cup public holiday for all Victorian schools.

Commonwealth School Banking Program

Our School Banking Program continues to grow with many of our children participating in the program and learning valuable saving habits.

Each time a child makes a deposit they receive a silver coloured Dollarmite token which they can redeem for Dollarmite reward items. These fun and enjoyable rewards are a great way to keep our children motivated and to demonstrate the value of saving.

The school also receives a commission from the School banking Program. So far this year, the school has received \$854.26 for participating in the program. Thank you to all our families that support the School Banking Program and a big thank you to Ingrid Williams and Jill Robertson for organising this great opportunity for our children.

Monica Ghirxi

Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Student Safety

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 9am.

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, so that we know that the parent or guardian IS aware that their child is late; otherwise it could be the case that a parent THINKS their child is at school, but they are not.

Also, 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.

STAFF CAR PARK SAFETY

I would like to remind parents that the staff car park is not to be used for parking, picking up or dropping off their children. Parents using Primrose Hill Close are also asked to remind their children of our Think Safe rule and that the safest entry to the school is via the pedestrian gate in front of the school. Students are not permitted to enter the school ground via the staff car park gate.

Parents are also 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.

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 8.45 and 8.55 am. This will allow them time to meet their friends and line up ready for the 9.00am bell.

Students can feel embarrassed and miss important instructions if they have to come in late when 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 contacts 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.

Paul Poliviou

Assistant Principal

CANTEEN IS OPEN FOR LUNCH ORDERS AND COUNTER SALES ON WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
CLOSED MONDAY, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS



DIARY DATES

Friday	31 st	October	PFA Chocolates/Money due	
Tuesday	4th	November	Melbourne Cup Day	No school for students
Wednesday	5 th	November	PFA Meeting	7.30pm – Staff Room
Thursday	6 th	November	Cookery OAC and 3/4RS	
Tuesday	11 th	November	Remembrance Day	9.15am
Wednesday	12 th	November	Finance Committee Meeting	3.45pm – Conference Room
Thursday	13 th	November	Chalcot Movie Night	7.00pm Maranatha Christian School Auditorium Doveton Campus
Saturday	15 th	November	Cheer Squad Performance at Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre	
Tuesday	18 th	November	Year 6 Mini Carnival	
Wednesday	19 th	November	Prep Transition – Fashion Parade	2.30pm
Wednesday	19 th	November	School Council Meeting	6.30pm – Staff Room
Tuesday	21 st	November	PFA Day Disco	
Tuesday	25 th	November	Assembly	2.45pm – School Hall
Wednesday	26 th	November	Year 6 Production	

2015 PREPS WITH THEIR BUDDIES



COOKERY TIME TABLE CHANGE

Please note that due to the Melbourne Cup Day public holiday, cookery for 0AC and 3/4RS will be held on Thursday 6th November.

Prep AC will be cooking from 9.00am until 11.00am and 3/4RS from 11.30 until 1.30.

PFA NEWS

Cadbury chocolate drive

We wish to remind parents/guardians that all unsold chocolates and money collected must be returned back to school no later than Friday 31st October. Money should be in the named envelope provided and unsold chocolates in the original box/bag. There is certainly no obligation for families to buy any chocolates that they are unable to sell.

PFA Committee

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 to the school.

BELEZA VIP 3-DAY SALE

Up to 20% OFF – Monday 17th until Wednesday 19th November, 9.00am – 5.00pm at Hallam Store, Shop 7, 151-159 Princes Hwy, Hallam.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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.

This week's activities include:

- * Beading
- * Paper Plate – Egyptian Fan (Continuing)
- * Dramatic play
- * Free Play

Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate available for all families.

Please feel free to speak to Iris or Alex if you have any concerns. Call 0400 194 859 during session times or come in and have a chat!

Y.L.V Team

SCHOOL BANKING

Don't forget that FRIDAY is School Banking day and students should bring their weekly deposit to school.

COMPETITIONS:

1: A competition to support regular saving. Prizes up for grabs are one of 40 Go Pros and 150 Slip and Slides. This competition starts next week.

2: "Search for Australia's Smart School Savers". This competition is open till the end of October, and winners will receive an iPad (plus one for their school), with the top winner receiving \$1000. More information to come!

Ingrid Williams

School Banking Coordinator

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MARAMBA NETBALL CLUB

Maramba Netball Club is now recruiting new players that would like to join our club for the autumn 2015 season, starting late January 2015.

We have teams entered through Casey Netball Association on Wednesdays after school and Saturday mornings. Most games are held at Cranbourne Life Be In It Stadium, located at Cranbourne. Training is on Tuesday afternoons at Maramba Primary School Gymnasium (Maramba Drive, Narre Warren).

If you are interested, please come to our Registration Day on Sunday 23rd November from 10am until 12noon at Maramba Primary School Gymnasium. There will be a sausage sizzle, coaches available for meet and greet and coaches running drills.

For further information call Kris Finlay on 0418 402 819 or send an email to the president, Mike Hastings: spikehastings@gmail.com

VICSWIM SUMMER KIDZ PROGRAM

The VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program is offered to all Victorians, with nearly one million having participated over this time. This long standing, proven program is offered for one, two or three weeks during the January school holidays, at pools and open water locations throughout Victoria.

For dates, locations and times:

- Visit www.vicswim.com.au
- Enrol your child/children
- Proceed with payment by credit card
- Log out
- Check email for confirmation of enrolment