Chalcot Eco - Learning Space

In the Adventurers Unit we have been working on our school’s Outside Eco-space Learning area. We have been researching sustainability and local wildlife and have decided to design and construct an eco-friendly learning area for the school. Our plan is to provide a space to learn but also preserve and sustain the birdlife within our school and local area. We will keep you posted on our progress.

by Amy Williams
3/4RS
A child needs to feel valued and accepted to be resilient. They need to know that you are there and they can get help and support. This encourages them to take risks and try new things. The more things your child tries, the more experience they have of problem solving, learning from their mistakes and persevering.

As your child’s first and most important teacher, you play an important role in supporting your child to be resilient.

- Notice and acknowledge your child’s efforts: say things like: I liked the way you kept trying until you were able to finish that puzzle.
- Treat mistakes as learning. Avoid fault finding or criticism as this will stop your child from trying new things. Talk about the things your child has learnt (as well as what you have learnt) through their mistakes.
- If your child is old enough, explain that now and then everyone has a difficult or unhappy time. It’s a normal part of life and most problems can be worked out.
- Give your child time to do the things they are good at. They’ll develop a sense of achievement and learn that we get good at things by practising and persevering.
- Help your child to have realistic expectations. If your child is learning to ride a bike without training wheels, let them know that this will take time. Unrealistic expectations will cause disappointment.
- If success is achievable, encourage your child to keep trying (but don’t pressure them). Acknowledge their frustrations: It will get easier the more you do it.
- If your child is struggling, break the task into smaller steps, or make it easier so your child can experience some success.
- You don’t need to look for chances to build your child’s resilience – they’ll occur naturally.

**Footy Predictions (SPLIT ROUND)**

POWER by 22 points
DOCKERS by 100 points
EAGLES by 50 points
NORTH by 10 points
PIES by 25 points
MELB by 1 point

Paul Poliviou
**ACTING PRINCIPAL**
FROM THE

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

DADS MATTER CAMPFIRE NIGHT
Calling all dads, grandfathers and father figures! Bring your child along to the ‘Dads Matter’ campfire night for a night of fun, dancing with your child and drumming around the fire pit. There will be Wurundjeri dancers, African star dancing and a drumming band. Plus a free sausage sizzle!

Date: Thursday 18th June
Time: 6.00pm – 9.00pm
RSVP: Wednesday 17th June to the City of Casey on 9705 5200 or dadsmatter@casey.vic.gov.au

PROBLEM SOLVING
Occasionally, situations arise at school that you, as parents, feel that you need to follow up on behalf of your children. Sometimes it may be a concern with another child or with how a teacher has handled a situation involving your own child. In following up these matters, we would suggest you contact:

- the teacher concerned;
- your child’s class teacher;
- the year level coordinator; or if necessary
- Paul or myself

It is usually best to make an appointment to talk to the teacher concerned to check the circumstances so that you can get a full picture of what has occurred. An appointment will also allow the teacher time to collect any additional information necessary to make the best of the appointment time.

We would very strongly advise parents not to approach students to sort out problems themselves.

I know when I follow up incidents it can sometimes require speaking to a number of people to get the full story. One of the first things I ask students to tell me is if they may have done anything to contribute to the problem. You’d be surprised the number of times that I’m told quite definitely NO. However, that is rarely the case.

Occasionally, students tell us that “My Mum and Dad just said to hit anyone who gives me a hard time.” or “My Mum and Dad said I could hit back”. The trouble is that this doesn’t solve a problem - instead it can make it much worse.

PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT
It has been reported that a person is selling DVD’s from a station wagon, in Haverstock Hill Close, near the entrance to the kindergarten car park. We highly discourage anyone from purchasing these items. If you see someone selling DVD’s, please contact the school directly, do not approach them.

Dean Napier
ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Monday 15th June UNSW Writing Competition
Monday 15th June Southern Metro Regional Cross Country
Tuesday 16th June UNSW Spelling Competition
Tuesday 16th June Assembly – Froggy Awards 2.45pm - Hall
Wednesday 17th June Year 4 Production – Conundrum 9.10am - 11.30am
Wednesday 17th June School Council Meeting 7.00pm - Staffroom
Friday 19th June Year 5/6 Sport - Hallam Away
Friday 19th June Year 3/4 DRI Visit
Tuesday 23rd June Year 5/6 Invention Convention
Thursday 25th June Years 1/2 Scienceworks Excursion $20 due by 19th June
Thursday 25th June Parent Club Shopping Tour Payment Due today
Friday 26th June Year 5/6 Sport – Southern Cross Away
Friday 26th June Parent Club Term 2 Day Disco Junior School 10.00am - 10.45am
                        Senior School 11.00am - 12.30pm

FRIDAY 26th JUNE CSEF APPLICATIONS CLOSE TODAY
Friday 26th June END OF TERM 2 2.30pm dismissal
Monday 13th July COMMENCEMENT TERM 3 9.00am start
Monday 13th - Frid 17th July No Cooking this week
Tuesday 14th - Frid 17th July Life Education – Whole School $9 due 25th June
Tuesday 21st July Assembly – Student Awards 2.45pm – Hall
Wednesday 22nd July Finance Committee Meeting 3.45pm – Conference Room
Friday 24th July Parent Club – Cadbury Fundraiser Drive Payment/Chocolates Due
Monday 3rd August Annual Choir Visits $8 due by 27th July

FRIDGY AWARDS

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

- A new fund, the CSEF, will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.
- **If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.**
- The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.
- The annual CSEF amount per student will be:
  - $125 for primary school students
  - $225 for secondary school students.
- CSEF payments to schools will be made from the commencement of Term 3.

**Eligibility**
To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must: on the first day of Term two, or; on the first day of Term three;
1. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
2. Be a temporary foster parent, and;
3. Submit an application to the school by the due date.
Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

**Eligibility Date**
CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either Term two (13 April 2015) or Term three (13 July 2015).

**How to Apply**
Please contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form.

**Closing Date**
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by **26 June 2015**.
BOOK CLUB
By now all students have received a copy of the current Book Club brochure. All orders and money are to be returned to school by 12th June.

Please note, late orders may not be accepted.

Cash orders must be in a clearly marked envelope and must include correct money. If paying by credit card or over the website, the credit card receipt coupon must be completed and the order must still be returned to school by the due date.

Only the youngest in the family will receive Book Club forms.

Happy Reading!
Miss Rowntree & Mrs Scandolera

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.

Welcome to another exciting week of before and after school care.

This week’s activities:
- Active indoor activities (octopus, obstacle courses and basketball)
- Dramatic play
- Puzzles and board games
- Outdoor sports activities reading material

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 in their weekly deposit.

ORDERING REWARDS: The Term 2 rewards are now available to be ordered. Term 1 rewards are also still available, as well as an assortment of rewards from the past 2 years. Rewards may be ordered any time, when you return 10 tokens and the order slip. Tokens must not be shared with siblings or other students.

DISNEYLAND: Throughout 2015, any student who makes 25 or more deposits goes automatically into a draw for a family trip to Disneyland. If you haven’t started banking yet this year, there is still time to get 25 deposits in. Good luck!
Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator

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.

TRIVIA NIGHT
Tables filling fast, only 4 left. First in best dressed.

Primrose Hill Close, Endeavour Hills 3802. Telephone 9700 4455
chalcot.lodge.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Website Address: www.chalcotps.vic.edu.au