Art News

Students in 45AT, 56DN and 56AA have been learning about ‘mark making’ using oil pastels.

The unique qualities of the oil pastel allows artists to make several unique makers with them.

Students used a black oil pastel to draw a dragon. By combining several different marks they were able to create texture in the dragons scales and faces.

Connie Liapis
Art Teacher
**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Half-Mast**
In response to the Malaysia Airlines tragedy in the Ukraine, the Premier of Victoria has requested all government and affiliated buildings fly their flags at half-mast. Our School's flag has been at half-mast during this week as a sign of mourning and respect.

**MS Readathon**
MS stands for multiple sclerosis, an unpredictable and mysterious disease of the central nervous system (the brain and spinal cord). The healthy body's immune system normally defends the body from attack by viruses or bacteria. However, in the case of MS, the body's immune system attacks its own myelin, causing disruption to messages being sent to and from the brain. The myelin becomes scarred and the damaged areas are called 'sclerosis'.

The MS Readathon is a reading-based fundraiser run by Multiple Sclerosis Limited (MS). Now in its 35th year, the MS Readathon encourages children to read books and improve their literacy whilst at the same time raising awareness.

Children read as many books as possible during the month of August. Friends and family sponsor participants by the number of books they read, the time they spend reading or by giving a flat donation. These sponsorship funds go to providing essential support services for people living with MS, their families and carers as well as continuing the search for a cure.

The MS Readathon is open to all children from Prep to Year 6. Next week, Mrs Velasquez will be distributing information and registration forms to those children who would like to participate.

**Celebrating Preps’ 100 days of Schooling**
Next Tuesday, 29th July, is a very BIG day for our youngest students, as they celebrate 100 days at school. Teachers Cathy Bracegirdle, Anastasia Christopoulos and Stephanie Causts have organised some fabulous activities including a jumping castle, to celebrate the day.

**Program Management**
It is already that time of the year when we start planning for 2015. We are now seeking the school community’s suggestions on priorities for our spending for 2015. Please write your suggestions on the slip included in this newsletter and return it to school by Friday 1st August.

**ICAS English Competition**
Good luck to all students who are participating in the ICAS competition next Monday 28th July. The test will look at skills such as grammar and punctuation. Thank you to the wonderful Mr Evans for all his hard work and organisation.

**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**
In this week’s newsletter, I have included information regarding EMA eligibility for instalment 2.

**Your Opinion Please**
Currently the Excursion, Perceptual Motor Program and Homework policies are currently under review. Your input is welcome using the reply slip in this week’s newsletter.

**Trivia Night**
If there are any parents/guardians that own or know of a business that could donate prizes to our upcoming Trivia night could you please contact Narelle in the front office of 9700 4455.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal

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**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**Supporting Children’s Learning @ Home**
We see “Learning @ Home” as a shared responsibility between parents, teachers and students. All students from Years Prep to Year 6 are expected to do Learning @ Home tasks. This is of an informal nature in Years Prep - 1, becoming more formal from Years 2 - 6. It may involve reading or sharing a book with a family member, practising some spelling, writing, maths, tables or, when more formal Learning @ Home tasks commence, research work or projects.

**Sniff, Sniff**
During these cold, winter months our classroom supplies of tissues have quickly disappeared. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could send along a box of tissues to help with the sniffles.

**Life Education In Visit**
During next week students from Prep to 6 will be visiting the Life Education Van to learn about personal safety and healthy lifestyles and let’s not forget, to also visit the wonderful and very popular Harold. Over the next few weeks, teachers will be treating the themes covered in the Life Education Work Book as the basis for classroom programs relating to Health and Safety.

**Athletics Trials**
This year, all Year 3-6 students will have the opportunity to use skills being taught this term at the School Athletics Trials, being held at Knox Athletics Track, on Tuesday 29th July. This will be a great opportunity and challenge for Year 3 students to gain experience, and for Year 4-6 students to represent our school at the District Athletics if eligible, which will be held on Monday 25th August.

**Tips for staying active this winter!**
Exercise Induced Asthma (EIA) is a common trigger for asthma. However, it does not need to be a barrier to students participating in sports and physical activities.

**Here are some tips to help prevent EIA in students:**
Before Exercise take reliever medication 5-20 minutes before warming up.

Warm up before exercise as normal.

During Exercise watch for asthma symptoms and administer reliever medication if they should occur. Only return to exercise if symptoms are relieved. If symptoms appear again, administer medication again until they are relieved. It is not recommended that the Student should return to the sporting activity after a second occurrence of asthma symptoms.

After Exercise cool down as usual. Note that asthma symptoms could present up to a half an hour after exercise has stopped. Ensure reliever medication is still easily accessible should it be required.

Other things to remember:
- Ensure all students have current Asthma Action/Care Plans;
- If possible make activities that are scheduled for the night indoors, as the drop in air temperature makes air colder to inhale and acts as a greater trigger;
- Encourage students with asthma to participate fully!

**Mr P’s Footy Predications**
Hawks - by 15 points  
Coll - by 13 points  
WCE - by 3 points  
Gold Coast - by 12 points

Paul Polivio
Assistant Principal
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**Chalcot Lodge Primary School - ‘Excursion/Invisit Policy’ – Comment Slip**

SIGNED: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Name: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________

**Chalcot Lodge Primary School - ‘Homework Policy’ – Comment Slip**

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**Chalcot Lodge Primary School - ‘Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) Policy’ – Comment Slip**

SIGNED: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Name: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________
**PFA NEWS - ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**
The Entertainment Book and the brand new Entertainment Digital Membership are now available to purchase. It’s your guide to popular restaurants, attractions, shopping, travel and more, all with valuable up to 50% off and 2 for 1 offers. You can head to the website to check out the great deals that are available.  

Only available until middle of August.

**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.

**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.

**Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebat e 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**

**MILESTONE CERTIFICATES:** Congratulations to the 4 students who received Silver Certificates last week for 20 deposits so far this year. Well done also to the amazing 59 children who have been awarded Bronze Certificates (for 10 deposits) this year! What awesome bankers we have at our school!

A reminder to return the pink slips which were handed out last term, so that we can ask the bank to amend their records if the token tally is incorrect. We need to do this so that each child’s name appears on the list when they are eligible to claim rewards.

Thanks again to school banking helpers, Jill and Jenna, your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator

**UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPUTER SKILLS COMPETITION RESULTS**
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the UNSW Computer Skills Competition. Good work to Jordan Leveque, Charlie Ockenden, Jayce Ockenden, Leyon Mamuhewa, Catharina Truong, Claire Goodall and Sebastian Stanciu who were all awarded participation certificates. Well done to Katelyn De Savery, Ollie Mraz, Bailey Adams, Ethan Adams and Deeya Reddy who achieved credit certificates. Congratulations to Lucy Mayes, Michael Morgan, Kaelen Mackinnon, Jacob Pellowe, Priyanka Suja Rani, Pooja Reddy and Vishal Panditharatne who all received Distinctions. Certificates will be handed out at the next assembly.

Mrs Tamsin Bearsley
Computer Skills Co-ordinator

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**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JANUARY 2015**
In January 2015 we will be receiving exchange students from Europe and Japan. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331. No obligation.