CHALCOT WEEKLY

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Year 6 Presents:

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BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Beauty and the Beast**

This week, our Year 6 students shone on stage as they presented the production, ‘Beauty and the Beast’, at the Hallam Secondary College theatrette. It was a full house, with families enjoying the wonderful evening. Students did an outstanding job, singing, dancing and acting out their roles.

Being part of the Year 6 Production enabled students to grow personally and to show yet another beautiful facet of themselves.

It took many members of the Chalcot family to bring Beauty and the Beast to life. Many thanks to the staff and parents for all that you did in the weeks prior to and on the day of the show. Special thanks to our very talented Performing Arts teacher Ms Natoli who has worked for many months preparing, during school and in her own time, for this very important day. The performance was certainly a credit to Ms Natoli!!!

Thank you also to the Parent Club, everyone appreciated the refreshments made available.

No wonder I am such a proud Principal!

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**2016 School Captains**

I am pleased to announce that the selection process for the 2016 School Captains has been completed. Mr Poliviou and I feel extremely proud of each and every one of the applicants and found making a final selection very difficult, as all of the applicants are terrific young members of the Chalcot family.

It is with great pleasure that I announce the 2016 School Captains are Priyanka Suja Rani & Marko Kovac, the 2016 School Vice Captains are Catharina Truong & Tyrion Huon.

Mr Poliviou and I look forward to working with these students as part of our Student Leadership Team in 2016.

I also wish to thank and acknowledge the 2015 School Captains, Nyarath Gatkuoth & Vishal Pandirathatne and Vice Captains Dyamond Cummings & Kaelen Mackinnon.

They have fulfilled all aspects of their leadership roles with pride and to a very high standard. I greatly appreciate their support and know that their experiences will put them in good stead for the future.

The following Leadership positions for 2016 have also been finalised. Congratulations to the following students:

- **ICT Leaders**
  - Priyanka Suja Rani
  - Campbell Newton
  - Tyrone Huon
  - Cherie Hanz
  - Andy Di Pascale
  - Jackson Hamilton
  - Ashleigh Barnes
  - Navkaran Sahni
  - Marko Kovac
  - Janet Ross
  - Diyana Nagahawatta
  - Jordan Leveque
  - James Ozols

- **The Green Team Leaders**
  - Diyana Nagahawatta
  - Catherina Truong
  - Caitlyn Elliot
  - Noah Mraz
  - Jelena Peric
  - Jemilla Simpson
  - Casey Fullard
  - Troy Kanapathy
  - Justyna Komar

- **Art Monitors**
  - Izabella Hernandez
  - Jelena Peric
  - Natasha Anselmi
  - Sarah O’Callaghan
  - Amy Williams
  - Deeya Reddy
  - Michael De Rossi

- **The Green Team Friends**
  - Jelena Peric
  - Casey Fullard
  - Jemilla Simpson
  - Troy Kanapathy

- **Garden Monitors**
  - Jackson Hamilton
  - Caitlyn Elliott
  - Jelena Peric
  - Leah Starecki
  - Latif Naderi

The House Captains selection process will occur early next week. This will involve Years 4 and 5 students presenting a speech to the other members of their House in Years 2 to 5. House members then vote to select boy and girl Captains and Vice Captains.

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**Thankyou Helpers Morning Tea**

This week, the staff were able to thank members of the Chalcot family who have helped our students in so many different ways throughout the year. Staff put on a lovely morning tea and it was a great opportunity to sit and relax together.

I know that many of our helpers were unable to attend and I just want to say a very special thank you to everyone who has donated their time and effort; we really do rely on your support which comes in many shapes and forms.

Basically, it’s all about the children, and we are so grateful for the significant contributions that you make. On behalf of the staff and students, THANK YOU!!!!!!

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**Assistance for Secondary School Uniforms**

For the first time State Schools’ Relief (SSR) has received government funding so that it can help more families in need. As part of the Victorian government’s Affordable Uniform Program, SSR will offer a free uniform pack to all 2016 government school Year 7 students who are Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) recipients. Almost 14,000 students will be able to apply for the package from 1 December, and applications will be handled through their 2016 secondary school.

Once the application is approved, a voucher is dispatched electronically to the uniform retailer, uniform supplier or school. The school will then provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (not at SSR).

Orientation Day for new 2016 Year 7 students is 8 December, and eligible parents who have already purchased their child’s uniform for 2016 are entitled to a winter package available next year. A parent fact sheet has been included.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal
DIARY DATES

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<td>Commencement Term 1 (Years 1 – 6 students)</td>
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CANTEEN IS OPEN FOR LUNCH ORDERS AND COUNTER SALES ON WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
CLOSED MONDAY, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
YR 6 DANCE CREW
State Schools’ Relief
Year 7 uniform package initiative

Fact sheet for parents

The Affordable School Uniform Program

Program background
Each year, State Schools’ Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind. As part of the Victorian government’s uniform expansion program, every Year 7 (in 2016) government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a free uniform pack.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

What’s included in the uniform pack?
The uniform pack includes all basic uniform items needed to start secondary school (approx. value $225):
- Jumper x 1
- PE shirt x 1
- PE shorts x 1
- For girls: a dress (or shorts or trousers)x1 and a shirt x1 (long or short sleeve)
- For boys: shorts or trousers x1 and a shirt x1 (long or short sleeve)

How can parents apply for the packs?
The 2015 CSEF recipients can apply for a pack from 1 December 2015 by contacting the secondary school where their child will attend. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents at www.ssr.net.au/schools. Parents who missed this year’s CSEF applications or were ineligible in 2015, can apply in 2016. The 2016 program will be promoted via school newsletters and websites.

What if parents have already purchased their child’s uniform?
Eligible parents who have already purchased their child’s uniform for 2016 are entitled to a winter package available next year.

Can parents who are ineligible for the Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund or who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?
Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, text books or shoes are encouraged via the regular SSR services – www.ssr.net.au/schools. SSR only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly). Parents are encouraged to talk to their school principal, assistant principal or student welfare coordinator about their situation and they will assess their eligibility.

Terms and conditions
- Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
- Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
- A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
- The order is valid for 75 days from date of issue.
- Once expired, a new application must be lodged. Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
- Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
- No change to the items can be made unless through the school.
- Changes made in store will not be honoured by SSR.
- The maximum voucher value is $225 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.

More Information
Parents: For CSEF application details please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

State Schools’ Relief
1/8 Johnston Court Dandenong South, VIC 3175
Telephone: 03 8769 8400   Email: contact@ssr.net.au   Website: www.ssr.net.au
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 in OSHC:

Monday: Christmas craft activities
Tuesday: Painting and printing
Wednesday: Tennis and Soccer games
Thursday: Dramatic play
Friday: Loom Band Bracelets

If you have any concerns, please feel free to call Mahnaz Mobedi on 0400 194 859 during session times or come in and have a chat!

Y.L.V Team

SCHOOL BANKING
Don’t forget that EVERY FRIDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

IMPORTANT DATES:
11/12/15: Last day of school banking for 2015
05/02/16: First day of school banking for 2016
12/02/16: First day to order rewards (to be confirmed)

REMEMBER TO BANK IN JANUARY:
If your child has made a School Banking deposit at least once in each month, AND if you make a deposit at any Commonwealth Bank branch during January, your child will earn bonus interest added to their account at the end of the year.

Ingrid Williams
School Banking Coordinator

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Moonlit Sanctuary
January School Holidays
Moonlit Sanctuary Junior Ranger Program
Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care. Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities, fun and games for ages 7 – 14 years.

January school holiday dates:
Week 1: Monday 4th - Friday 8th Jan 10am – 4pm
Week 2: Monday 11th - Friday 15th Jan 10am – 4pm
Week 3: Monday 18th - Friday 22nd Jan 10am – 4pm

Cost: $65.00 per day, or $175 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days.)

Bookings essential as spaces are limited.

Moonlit Sanctuary
55 Tyabb- Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Phone 5978 7935
Open daily between 10am and 5pm

BELEZA
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.