Prep Transition 2015

On Tuesday 8th December, the Year 5’s had a wonderful time with their buddies for 2016.

We had a Teddy Bear Picnic and a delicious sausage sizzle. We played games and sang songs. The game stations were: Hop, Skip, Jump, Bean Bag Throw, The Running Race and singing Nursery Rhymes.

You could see by their faces filled with laughter and joy, that everybody had a great time. We can’t wait to see our buddies again!!!

By Marko Kovac & Priyanka SujaRani
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tonight’s Concert under the Oaks
Our ‘Concert under the Oaks’ is on tonight. The evening starts at 6.00pm with a Chalcot family picnic. All families will need to bring along their own food and drinks for their family as there will be no sausage sizzle provided this year. Please also provide your child with a towel or small cushion to sit upon and chairs or a rug for yourselves.
Staff will be selling lolly bags and a limited amount of soft drinks prior to the commencement of the concert. The concert will commence at 6.45pm and we anticipate the evening will conclude at approximately 8.30pm.

In line with the Department of Education policies and procedures, this Chalcot Lodge family night is strictly an alcohol free evening. Smoking is banned within four metres of any entrance and within the school grounds.
See you tonight!!!!!!

Santa Clause is coming to Chalcot!

Class Parties
A reminder that, end of year class parties will be held next Monday 14th December from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Everyone will need to bring along something to share and their own disposable cup and plate. Students may wear casual festive dress on this day, but please note NO hair colouring spray or face paint is permitted and appropriate footwear must be worn. There will be no charge for free dress on this day.

Reports Coming Soon
All students will be receiving their December reports next Tuesday 15th December. These reports will highlight to parents their children’s achievements, areas for improvement and future learning directions. The reports will also provide assessments in relation to effort, behaviour and attendance. Included in the envelope containing the reports will be a slip to inform parents of classes and teachers for 2016.

On Tuesday, from 10.30am to 11.00am, students will be meeting their 2016 class teachers and talking about the new school year.

Year 6 Graduation
The Year 6 Graduation marks the pinnacle of life at primary school for students and we will be holding our graduation ceremony next Tuesday 15th December.

I am greatly looking forward to listening to the students’ individual speeches, celebrating the highlights of their seven years of achievement at primary school and to presenting them with Graduation Certificates. Parent Club will be giving a graduation bear to each graduate and I know that these will be treasured forever.

2016 House Captains
The House Captains selection process has been completed. The process involved the Years 4 and 5 students presenting a speech to the other members of their House in Years 2 to 5.
Congratulations to the following students for being selected by your peers and teachers.

Bluegum Captains: Emily McPhail & Andy Di Pascale
Bluegum Vice Captains: Justyna Komar & Jake Pellowe
Eucalypt Captains: Chanell Samson-Kite & Tyrone Huon
Eucalypt Vice Captains: Cherie Hann & Jordan Leveque
Banksia Captains: Ella Ryan & Noah Mraz
Banksia Vice Captains: Jelena Peric & Mert Baydemir
Acacia Captains: Ashleigh Barnes & Campbell Newton
Acacia Vice Captains: Maleisha Fernando & Mashood Ahmed

2016 School Fees
The booklists for 2016 have been distributed to all families and payments can now be made through Qkr. Please contact the office if you did not receive your child’s booklist or would like to make alternative arrangements for payment. All students will receive their box of classroom supplies next year once payment has been made.

Monica Ghirxi
Principal
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

End of Year Concert
See you all tonight (weather permitting) for our end of year concert at around 6.00pm. Don’t forget to bring a picnic rug or chair to sit on. We look forward to seeing you there for a relaxed and entertaining evening. I can’t wait to see if SANTA will make a special appearance!

Lost Property! Lost Property! Lost Property!
If your children are missing any items of clothing, please come and have a look in our lost property box in the hall. All lost property items will be cleared out before the end of the year.

Sharing Hats
To help control the spread of head lice, we do not encourage students who forget their hats to borrow a spare hat from a friend. We would appreciate it if you could reinforce this with your children at home.

Healthy Eating
Healthy eating has a long-lasting and positive impact on a child’s growth, development and health. Foods eaten by your child at school contribute greatly to their daily nutrient intake. These foods considerably influence their eating habits, growth patterns, energy, concentration levels and ability to learn. You have an important role to play in helping to ensure your child eats well and stays active.

Healthy school lunch ideas include:
- sandwiches or pita bread with cheese, lean meat or salad
- cheese slices, crackers with spread and fresh fruit
- washed and cut-up raw vegetables or fresh fruits
- frozen water or milk, particularly in hot weather

Highly processed, sugary, fatty and salty foods should only make up a very small part of your child’s diet. Foods to limit in school lunches include:
- processed meats such as salami and pressed chicken
- chips, sweet biscuits, muesli and breakfast bars
- fruit bars and fruit straps
- cordials, juices containing sugar and soft drinks

Students’ Final Day for 2015
As we have a Curriculum Day on Friday 18th December, students’ last day of school will be on Thursday 17th December; students will be dismissed at 2.30pm. We will be holding our final assembly for the year on Thursday the 17th December at 1.45pm and children will be dismissed from their classrooms.

Time Table for Last Day of School
9.00am to 11.00am          Class time (junior disco)
11.00am to 11.30am         Recess
11.30am to 12.30pm         Class time (senior disco)
12.30pm to 12.40pm         Eating time
12.40pm to 1.40pm          Lunch play
1.45pm to 2.15pm           Assembly
2.15pm to 2.30pm           Class time
2.30pm                      School Dismissal

Parents are advised that school resumes for Years 1 to 6 on Friday 29th January 2016. Prep students will commence on Monday 1st February from 9.15am to 12.30pm.

Canteen News
The canteen will be opened for window and lunch sales next Wednesday and Thursday during the last week of school.
A very big thank you to Leanne Antonielli (Canteen Manager) for providing our students and staff with healthy, yummy lunches and snacks during this year. Leanne has been a member of the Chalcot family for over 20 years and her support to the school and community has been very much appreciated.

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal
Congratulations to our students who beautifully modelled our school uniform before the parents of the 2016 Prep students this week. They did a great job and looked fantastic as they proudly demonstrated our new uniform range. Special thanks to Mrs Inger De Zylva for coordinating the event and practicing with our models leading up to the big day.
GET LOST IN A GOOD BOOK THIS SUMMER!

Discover underwater worlds, alternate universes and mythical creatures depicted across science fiction, historical fiction and fantasy fiction.

Sign up for the Summer Reading Club online or at your local library from 1 December. Borrow some books and read, read, read! Fill out your reading list and collect prizes from your local library as you reach the reading goals. All readers will be entered into the prize draw for an Apple iPad mini 2 and other great prizes. Entries must be returned by Wednesday 20 January 2016.

Register now at www.tinyurl.com/cc1csyrc or at your library!
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:

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

Y.L.V Team

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.

SCHOOL BANKING

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

IMPORTANT DATES:
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, without making any withdrawals during the year, 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 Jan10am – 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