

# CHALCOT WEEKLY

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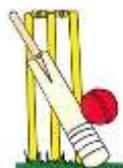
***Growing a Supportive Community of Active Learners***

## Year 1/2 Cricket Clinic

Over the last week, Year 1/2 students took part in a Cricket clinic run by Adrian Jones from Cricket Victoria. The sessions were fun, interactive and featured a variety of game based activities. If you would like more information about the **MILO in2CRICKET** Program run at Endeavour Hills Cricket Club, please visit

**[playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au)**

Amanda Thomas,  
Sports Coordinator.



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## **Remembrance Day**

Today, the Chalcot family commemorated Remembrance Day with special visitors, Sergeant Nicolle Morgan and Roy Condeza, our School Captains addressed the students and the Choir sang 'A Wish for Peace'. Thank you to our Year 3/4 students for displaying their poetry they had created. Many students brought flowers to place respectfully on our Commemoration table as we remembered those who have given their lives for us to live in a free, prosperous and happy country.

A snippet of today's ceremony can be viewed on our school website: [www.chalcotps.vic.edu.au](http://www.chalcotps.vic.edu.au)



## ***LEST WE FORGET***

### **2017 Book Lists**

During this week, each student received their book list for 2017, along with information about Parent Curriculum Payments and Voluntary Contributions. Please contact the office if you did not receive your child's book list this week.

### **Our Wonderful Year 6's**

Our Year 6 students and teachers are frantically preparing for the Year 6 Production to be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November and the Graduation Ceremony to be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Everything is going really well and my sneak preview of the students practising their dances for the production really brought a happy and proud tear to my eye!

### **Concert under the Oaks – Special Effort**

Each year, Parent Club hold a Special Effort on the night and are inviting the school community to donate small items to assist in making up hampers for prizes. The Parent Club would greatly appreciate any contribution you can give. Items could include: boxes of chocolates, mince pies, Christmas decorations, plum puddings, shortbread biscuits or anything you think will relate to the Christmas theme for the hampers.

Any donations can be dropped off at the school office between now and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Thankyou Morning Tea**

There will never really be enough words to thank all of the parents, grandparents and friends who help the students and teachers at our school. So much support has been generously given such as, School Council, Parent Club, helping with School Banking, during excursions, helping out with sporting activities and swimming, gardening, kitchen, and the list could go on and on!

It would be wonderful if all of our helpers would accept our invitation to attend the special morning tea we have planned for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. It's our way of showing our appreciation for your magnificent support for our students, teachers and school. An invitation for our Helpers Morning Tea will be sent home in the coming weeks.



### **2017 Student Leadership Program**

The selection process for the 2017 student leaders has commenced.

School Captains are involved in being positive role models, assisting with whole school assemblies, being an integral part of special commemorations such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day and carrying out a variety of tasks such as changing the notice board at the front of the school.

The School Captain selection process is designed to reflect workplace selection processes. Over the past few weeks, senior students have been involved in a Leadership Program, during which qualities of leaders have been explored. Aspiring students have written applications, which will be shortlisted by myself and Paul Poliviou, in consultation with the class teachers. Shortlisted applicants will take part in group interviews, from which girl and boy Captains and Vice Captains will be selected.

House Captains act as positive role models, demonstrating good sportsmanship and being involved in a variety of sports. They encourage others to also be actively involved in sports and assist with preparations for Interschool Sport, House Sports and Environment Duty. Students who wish to be House Captains must be good role models and have a particular interest in sport and good health. The selection process involves Year 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. House meeting will be held in the next few weeks.

ICT Captains also act as positive role models, demonstrating excellent ICT skills and assisting teachers and students with the development of their ICT skills. They are also responsible for caring for our equipment. The selection process involves Year 4 and 5 students preparing a written application for consideration by Mr Suttie.

The Green Team Leaders and Friends selection process involves Year 4 and 5 students preparing a written application for consideration by Ms Keay and Ms Osborne. The Green Team leaders are involved in the Dolphin Research Project and Leaders and Friends implement the school's Environmental Sustainability project focusing on our recycling and gardening programs.

The names of the 2017 School Leadership team will be announced in December.

### **Food for Families**

We invite the Chalcot Community to support the Food for Families 2016 Annual Appeal. Your collections will make a great contribution to feeding Melbourne families experiencing or at risk of homelessness this Christmas. Whether it's a can of baked beans or a shopping bag full of essential items, every donation makes a difference to families in need. Items can be placed in the Food For Families collection box at the front office.



Monica Ghirxi  
**Principal**

## ***FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL***

### **Children Playing on the Road**

It is that time of year again where we find more and more people both young and old, utilising the footpaths and roads, taking advantage of the warmer days and longer evenings. Please discuss with your children the dangers of playing on the roads and riding bikes without helmets. We all want to see our children growing up in a safe and enjoyable environment so both school and home need to work together to ensure their safety.

### **Parking Safety**

Parents are 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.

### **Never Leave Kids in Cars**

It is important to remember that you should never leave your child in a car. The temperature inside a car begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside. Leaving children in cars – even for several minutes – can result in injury or death. Young children's smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks. Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence.

Penalties have recently been increased and now range from fines of \$3690 and/or six months in jail.

If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.

### **Mental Health**

Emotional distress affects children and young people and school communities every year. This may include mental health issues such as anxiety and depression, and self-harm behaviours. These issues have a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of children and young people, including their educational, developmental and wellbeing outcomes.

To support school communities to effectively identify and intervene early with the mental health needs of children and young people, the Victorian government has partnered with headspace, the National Youth Mental Health Foundation to deliver SAFEMinds: Schools and Families Enhancing Minds.

## What is SAFEMinds?

SAFEMinds is a learning and resource package for schools and families that aims to:

- enhance early intervention mental health support for children and young people in schools; specifically regarding mild mood disorders (anxiety and depression) and self-harm
- increase engagement of parents and carers with schools to more effectively support their child's mental health; and
- develop clear and effective referral pathways between schools and community youth and mental health services.

It provides a suite of online materials for the whole school community, including teachers, school support staff and parents and carers, as well as a range of targeted face-to-face professional learning opportunities.

## How can SAFEMinds help me?

**SAFEMinds: Online** uses an immersive, video-based experience, to tell a series of personal stories of children and young people, their families and teachers. The "Parents and Carers" section of this resource provides videos and a toolkit of supporting resources specifically for parents and carers, to develop their knowledge and understanding about the many different forms of emotional distress children and young people may experience, and how these might be presented.

To access the full suite of SAFEMinds resources, please go to the [SAFEMinds website](#) When prompted for a password, enter "SAFEMinds-Guest".

Once you are in the SAFEMinds site, click the 'SAFEMinds Online' tab to access the parent and carer videos and toolkit resources.

**SAFEMinds: At Home** will offer a series of parent information forums in various locations across Victoria to support connections between parents and carers and schools and local mental health services. Parents and carers will be invited to attend forums in which headspace will provide useful information about supporting children and young people experiencing emotional distress, along with a panel of local mental health agencies who will provide information and answer questions from families about the services they provide. Further information about these forums, including dates and venues, will be made available on this site soon.

For more information about student mental health, see: [Mental Health](#)

For information about referring your child to appropriate mental health services, see: [Victorian System of Care Referral Matrix](#).

Paul Poliviou  
Assistant Principal

## Breakfast Club SMOOTHIES

Breakfast Club is having 3 more SMOOTHIE BREAKFASTS! Make sure you are there at 8:30, with your friends, on **25<sup>th</sup> Novemeber** **and 9<sup>th</sup> of December**. Don't forget you must have a signed permission slip to participate.

Our normal breakfast is still available on this day.

Can't wait to see you there!

Mrs Kropp and Miss Ablitt



## CHALCOT LEGEND AWARD – NATARSHA ANSELM

Congratulations to Natarsha for being selected to receive the Chalcot Legend Award.  
Natarsha is an excellent student who cares for others and works co-operatively at all times  
Keep up the great work Natarsha!  
You are a superstar!!!

### CHALCOT ACHIEVER AWARD

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their teachers to receive Chalcot Achiever Awards. Chalcot Achievers will receive their certificates at assembly on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

0K	Archie Dickon	0C	Jayden Singh
1/2B	Cameron McAlpine	1/2C	Emma Suhr
1/2O	Sjariel Piho	1/2V	Nisha Naresh Kumar
3/4E	Jeremy Hargreaves	3/4K	Gaven Ross
3/4N	Allegra Murphy	4/5T	Sophie Yem
5/6A	Jason Ockenden	5/6P	Ryan McAlpine



**TIP OF THE WEEK**

### Q. How do I keep track of my Qkr! payments?

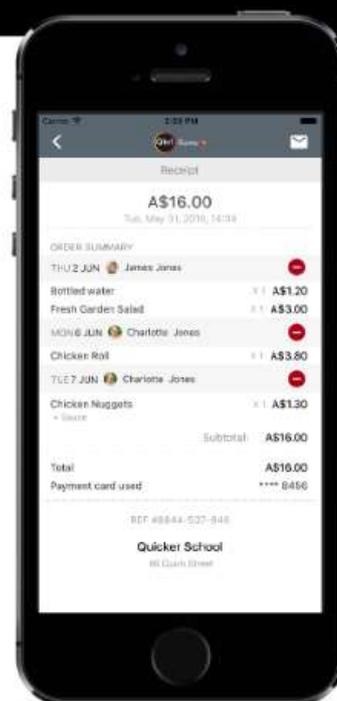
**A.** Itemized Qkr! eReceipts provide a record of purchase and are a convenient way to keep track of your Qkr! payments.

To view your eReceipts:

1. Open Qkr! and tap 'Activity'.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and tap 'Receipt' to view your eReceipts.

Never lose a receipt: email selected receipts to your preferred email account:

1. Select the eReceipt you wish to email to yourself.
2. Tap on the mail icon at the top right of your screen
3. Tap 'Send' to email the eReceipt to your email address, or enter another email address, and tap 'Send'.





# DIARY DATES

Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	November	Parent Club Meeting	2.30pm – Staffroom
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	November	Assembly	2.45pm – Hall
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	November	Parent Club Hot Dog lunch	\$5 payment due via QKR by 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	November	DRI Excursion	Green Team
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	November	Yr 6 Graduation Photos	9.00am
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	November	Little Frogs Playgroup	Final day for 2016
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	November	School Council	7.00pm – Staffroom
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	November	Nude Food Picnic	TBA
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	November	Yr 6 Production Rehearsal	School Hall – 9:30am & 11:30am
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	November	Assembly	2.45pm – Hall
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	November	Yr 6 Production	Hallam Senior College
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	December	Dance Crew at End/Hills S.C	10am start
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	December	Prep Transition Day	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	December	Yr 6 Transition to Sec. School	
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	December	Choir Excursion	\$11 payment due via QKR by 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	December	Thank You Morning Tea	11.00am – 11.45am
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	December	Concert Under the Oaks	TBA
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	December	Assembly	2.45pm-Hall
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	December	School Council	6.30pm – School
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	December	Walk up Day	
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	December	Yr 6 Graduation	
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	December	Yr 6 Big Day Out	Gumbuya Park
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	December	Parent Club Disco	9.30am - 10.50am
<b>Monday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Term 4 Ends</b>	<b>2.30pm finish</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Curriculum Day</b>	<b>Student Free</b>

Our Garden Angels Nicole and Dean Svendsen have been at it again. The top gate garden area has had a facelift and looks amazing, thanks to the effort of these two wonderful people.

Thank you so much, we appreciate all your help!





# ~ After School Activities ~



# Kids Handmade Christmas Gifts

Tuesday 22, 29 November 2016

Tuesday 6 December 2016

4pm - 5pm

Cost: \$7.50 per child, per session

• Handmade soaps / or bath bombs

• Cookie Christmas houses

• Make & decorate wooden pencil case



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# IT'S TIME TO PLAY!



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Participation Partner

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## **LITTLE FROGS PLAYGROUP**

The Little Frogs Playgroup will continue every Wednesday at 9:15am for the rest of the year except school holidays. If you would like to take part in this wonderful program, please contact the office on 9700 4455.

Final Playgroup for 2016 will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

## **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.

Next week's activities include:

- Blow painting
- Animal masks
- Craft using Recycled. Materials
- Dodge ball and
- 40 - 40

For program information, bookings or cancellations, please contact Emily or Lauren on 0400 194 859 on weekdays.

**Y.L.V Team**



## **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 the school.

## **SCHOOL BANKING**

Don't forget that EVERY FRIDAY is School Banking day and students should hand in their deposit book first thing on Friday.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

2/12/16 Last date for ordering rewards (to allow time for delivery by end of year)

9/12/16 Last day of school banking for 2016

### **REMINDER TO GRADE 6 STUDENTS:**

Don't forget to use up those tokens before the end of the year! You can order multiple items at a time if you have sufficient tokens. And remember, you can still do School Banking with us once you begin high school, if you wish to send your book along with a sibling or parent/carer.

**REWARDS NEWS:** AVAILABLE WHILE STOCKS LAST: Bush Fly Fan, Dollarmites Money Box, ET DVD, Outback Pat Bag Tag, Outer Space Savers Money Box and Wiggly Glow Worm. VERY LOW IN STOCK: Backtrack Eraser Pen and Jump & Skip Rope (please also show a second choice, in case we run out). NO LONGER AVAILABLE: Mud Splat Handball, Flying Snake Tail and Wildlife Writer Set. If you don't have an order slip for the item you wish to order, just supply a note along with your 10 tokens.

Ingrid Williams  
School Banking Coordinator

