

Growing a Supportive Community of Active Learners

School Leaders

Playgroup Leaders



**Environmental
Leaders**

**Art
Leaders**



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kinder Club Invitation

All 4 and 5 year olds are invited to participate in our Prep Transition Program, which begins with our free Kinder Club sessions. During Kinder Club, children do fun activities in the Prep rooms and experience activities such as Art, Music, Dance, Literature and Physical Education. This is a great opportunity for them to get to make friends with the other children, meet the teachers and become familiar and comfortable about coming to school.

Kinder Club is held on Wednesdays from 2.30pm to 3.30pm during Terms 1 – 3. The dates are Wednesday 17th March, 5th May, 16th June, 4th August and 8th September. In order to facilitate organisation, parents are asked to book their child in for Kinder Club by contacting the office staff. Our formal Transition Program commences in Term 4, for children who have enrolled for Prep in 2022. The program involves children continuing to enjoy fun activities in the Prep rooms and each child will receive welcome letters from their own special Chalcot Buddy, who is a senior student. Parents are provided with information about our curriculum, uniform, school procedures and how they can support their children to make a smooth entry into primary schooling. Our formal Transition Program is held on Wednesday 27th October, 17th November from 2.30pm – 3.30pm and Tuesday 7th December from 2.00pm to 3.00pm.

Emergency Management & Student Safety

All perimeter gates are closed at 9.10am and reopened at 3.15pm. If anyone needs to enter or leave the school grounds for any reason (including attending assemblies or any daytime school activity) between 9.10am or 3.15pm, they must do so via the front office gate. I wish to remind parents that supervision of students commences at 8.45am and concludes at 3.45pm. Between these times, when students are in the playground, they are supervised by teaching staff. Outside these times, students are not supervised and should not be at school. The school does provide a before and after school care program. Please contact Camp Australia if you need supervision for your child/ren before 8.45am or after 3.45pm. I would suggest that if parents are having their children dropped off by carers, that you advise them of the times teacher supervision is available.

How to build your child's literacy skills from birth to Year 2

General tips

You play a key role in developing from birth a child's language and literacy skills. Children starting school with greater literacy skills perform better in school. Literacy in the early years include a range of different activities like music, dance, storytelling, visual arts and drama.

It's never too early to read to your child. Reading should start in the first few months after birth. This stimulates language development and will encourage a love of reading

Talk as much as you can with your child and engage them in conversation often. Your child will learn new vocabulary faster and speak with greater fluency. And remember, literacy in your child's early years can always be fun.

Excursions and playtime are great activities in which to engage and talk with your child. Fun activities can teach your child new vocabulary and ways of saying things.

Reading together is a valuable thing to do. Reading increases your child's vocabulary and understanding of the world. Reading also gives them confidence when using language. Reading is an important way to make the link between spoken words and written words.

Here are some general tips:

Visit your local library to select and read books together, and to attend story time sessions. Library story time sessions are a great way to share the joy of reading with your child in a group setting. Encourage your child to choose reading materials that match their interests. Set aside time for reading every day. Reading before bedtime is a good habit to get into. Position yourself so your child can see the words and the pictures. Run your finger across the page with each word to help your child identify and remember words and sounds.

Develop imagination, ideas and vocabulary by naming and describing elements in picture books. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books. This will help develop your child's love of language. Read stories to your child with expression, or try putting on the voices of characters. This will help make reading fun.

Identify important features about a book. For example, the words and pictures, the front cover, the spine, the contents page, or the title.

Explore words using a dictionary.

Encourage your child to take over some or all of the reading if they feel confident.

If your child is confident, allow them to read without interruption. Fluency increases with confidence.

Discuss mistakes after a block of reading, or in subsequent readings.

Allow your child to read at their own pace. Model good pace when you read to them.

Give your child the opportunity to re-read books.

Encourage your child to join the [Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge](#). Run each year from March to September. Participating services and schools will register your child, otherwise your child can register.

Join the 1000 Books Before School program at your local library.

Paul Poliviou
Acting Principal



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

February has flown by very quickly and its lovely to see all our students settling in to their classes, forming new friendships and focusing on their learning. Our preps will be joining us full time as of next week. We suggest a routine of early bedtimes for our prep students in March:)

Cookie Fundraiser

Parent Club will be baking and selling cookies at recess next Monday 1st March. Don't forget to bring \$1 for fresh baked cookies. This a fundraiser for the Szeliga family.

Connecting Communities Evening - 18th March

We are busy planning our connecting communities night so please put the 18th of March in your diaries. It will be an opportunity for our families to get together, meet new families and explore Chalcot.

Extra Curricula Activities

Our percussion ensemble 'the Bucketeers' have got off to a roaring start. This is a free lunchtime program. It runs on a Thursday between 1:30pm to 2pm. Many thanks to our wonderful music teacher and parent volunteer Julia Trifinov. Choir is also about to start next week and will practise Monday lunchtimes with the talented Mrs Corrigan. Chess Club will be the following week. If you are interested in any of these lunchtime programs for your children please contact Mrs Bearsley.

Parent Club

The first meeting for the year will be held next Thursday 4th March at 2:30pm in the library. All parents welcome.

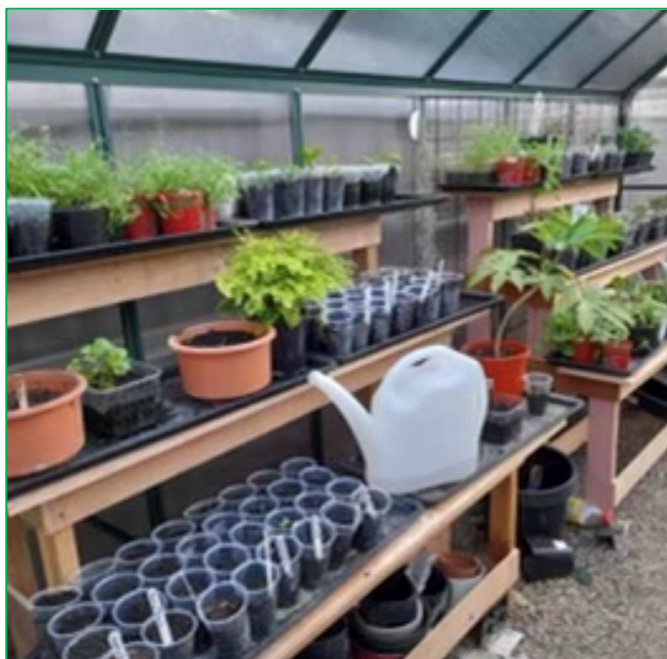
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Thank you to Jacob Nelundeniya's mum Renuka for her generous donation of hand sanitiser.

Icy pole Fundraiser

Thank you to all our amazing parent helpers who volunteered their time on Wednesday for icy pole day. The proceeds will be used to purchase plants and equipment for our garden. The awesome Nicole Svendsen has already begun propagating plants for us in her greenhouse.

Tamsin Bearsley
Acting Assistant Principal





DIARY DATES



Monday	1 st	Mar	Parent Club Cookie Sale	11.00am – 11.30am
Wednesday	3 rd	Mar	Little Frogs Playgroup Resumes	9.15am – 10.45am – Hall
Thursday	4 th	Mar	Parent Club meeting	2.30pm – Library
Friday	5 th	Mar	Icy Pole Day (change of date)	\$1 – Sold during lunchtime
Monday	8th	Mar	Labour Day	Public Holiday – No School
Tuesday	9 th	Mar	Junior Assembly	2.45pm
Wednesday	10 th	Mar	Little Frogs Playgroup	9.15am – 10.45am – Hall
Thursday	11 th	Mar	Senior Assembly	2.45pm
Friday	12 th	Mar	Icy Pole Day	\$1 – Sold during lunchtime
Wednesday	17 th	Mar	Little Frogs Playgroup	9.15am – 10.45am – Hall
Thursday	18 th	Mar	Connecting Community Evening	5.30pm
Friday	19 th	Mar	Icy Pole Day	\$1 – Sold during lunchtime
Tuesday	23 rd	Mar	Junior Assembly	2.45pm
Thursday	25 th	Mar	Senior Assembly	2.45pm
Thursday	25 th	Mar	School Council & AGM	5.30pm
Friday	26 th	Mar	Icy Pole Day	\$1 – Sold during lunchtime
Thursday	1 st	Apr	End of term 1	3.30pm

CANTEEN NEWS – LUNCH ORDERS

Cash orders need to be brought to the school office by Tuesday afternoons 3.30pm.

Online orders need to be submitted by Wednesday 9.00am.

Lunches will be delivered on Wednesdays' at lunch time.

LITTLE FROGS PLAYGROUP IS BACK!

WHEN: WEDNESDAY MARCH 3RD 2021

WHERE: CHALCOT LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

TIME: 9:15-10:45 AM

WHO: MUM/DAD/GRANDPARENT ACCOMPANYING

CHILDREN. 0-5 YEARS OF AGE

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO SECURE A SPOT

DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS PLACES ARE LIMITED SO BOOKINGS ARE VITAL



Coming this March



Whether your child calls it Handball, Downball or 4-Square – it's the game that they all know and love.



Handball, also known as Downball and 4-Square, is every child's favourite sport. The sound of every recess and lunchtime bell signifies another opportunity to compete with friends.

We wanted to give children a chance to prove themselves on the big stage - so we are excited to introduce the Handball Championships.

For more information visit www.campastralia.com.au/handball

Register for Handball now through your Parent Portal

Key Dates

8 - 19
March

Official Practice in After School Care at *Your OSHC*

22 - 26
March

Service Championships in After School Care at *Your OSHC*

School
Holidays

Rocketeers Championships
*More information on our website

2
May

Regional Championships

A message from your Coordinator

Hi everyone ,

our artist of the week is Stella!

We are also looking forward to the handball championship that is coming up! We are practising already!!



It's free to register with Camp Australia

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.

Prizes

Total prize pool of \$12,000 split across all Regional Champions.

Plus, each Your OSHC and Rocketeers Service Champion wins a Trophy!



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