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CHALCOT CONNECT

Chalcot Lodge Primary School is committed to creating an environment where Wellbeing, Academic Excellence and High Expectations for all learners is embedded in everyday practice.



Chalcot Lodge Primary School proudly acknowledges the traditional owners and their rich culture and pays respect to their Elders past, present and future.

DIARY DATES

Date	Month	Event	Time
17th	November	Whole School Assembly	2:30pm in the hall
18th	November	Prep Transition	2:15pm - 3:15pm All students enrolled in Prep 2027
26th	November	Parent Club Meeting	2:15pm - 3:15pm
30th - 11th	November - December	Prep to Year 6 Swimming Program	Payment and consent due Via Compass by Friday 27th November
1st	December	Whole School Assembly	2:30pm in the hall
2nd	December	Choir Performance at Endeavour Hills Library	Choir students 1:30pm - 3:15pm

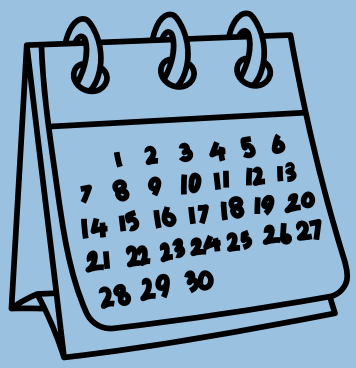
Chalcot Connect No. 35

From Leadership

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Friday 6th November



Dear Families,

We hope our Chalcot Lodge school community enjoyed the long weekend. This is always a nice chance for students (and staff) to have a little break as we near the midway point of Term 4 and start to look forward too many exciting events and activities.

Assembly

Just a reminder that we will have assembly on the following days at 2:30 this term in the hall.
·Tuesday 17th November
·Tuesday 1st December
·Thursday 17th December

Our value for the term is 'Nurture.' On the last assembly of term, we will present our 'Froggy Award' for a student who has demonstrated exceptional growth in their learning.

Colour Run Fun

The weather played its part in ensuring we had great conditions to enjoy some fun after lunch yesterday for our Colour Run. It was great seeing the joy on the faces of everyone running around the oval and being greeted by our wonderful volunteers with bubbles, obstacles and lots of coloured powder (and some slime!)

Thank you to our school community for supporting this and a special thanks to Lauren Prouse for her efforts in ensuring the event ran smoothly.





2027 Parent Payment Contributions

Please see your Compass news feed with details for our parent payment for 2027.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. Thank you for all your support, whether that's through Voluntary Contributions, fundraising or volunteering your time. Collectively your contributions allow us to provide opportunities and support above and beyond the traditional educational experience.





Placement of Staff and Students for 2027

Over the last month our school has been developing our 2027 school structure and staffing. Our staff will begin the task of allocating students to classes for 2027. As per the norm, our staffing allocations and final class structures will then be announced in late December.

As with our teaching teams, class groups are developed after careful consideration, balancing a range of issues and needs. These include factors such as academic ability, behavioural challenges, friendships, and previous teachers.

A valuable part of the process is student and family feedback:
•In the coming weeks students will be given the opportunity to list friends they would like to be with for the following year. They will be placed with at least one friend on that list.

•Family perspective can also add information to support this process. If you have any valuable information, regarding the class placement for your child for 2027, that is above and beyond what we already know please write to me outlining any relevant educational considerations for next year. I ask that written requests are based on educational grounds and reach me by Friday 20th November. Any request received will be carefully considered, but not guaranteed and specific teacher requests won't be considered.

I encourage families to trust our school's judgement and, like I do, value our teachers as high-calibre people that care first and foremost for your children. Ultimately, it is our current class teachers, as professionals with all available information, that are in the best position to place students in classes. Further, I am sure that you would understand that it is not always possible to accommodate all requests and that an important part of any student's journey through their schooling is the development of vital life skills. This includes meeting, getting to know, and working with different personalities.





Transition to 2027

This program is for children who are enrolled in Prep for 2027 and their parents. During this Transition Program, parents will be provided with information in relation to the running of the school, the Prep Program and how they can assist their child to have a smooth successful start to their primary school life.

Our new Foundation students will come to school this term on the following days:
·Wednesday 18th November (2:15pm – 3:15pm)
·Tuesday 8th December (2:15pm – 3:15pm)

Our Year 6 students will have a statewide transition day on Tuesday 8th December for all government schools. Our students who will be moving year levels will also have a chance to taste what next year can be expected to bring as we start the process of our internal transition sessions and 2027 class creation. Always a fun time!

Prep to Year 6 Swimming Program

Just a reminder that our Prep to Year 6 swimming program payments are out on Compass Events.

The Program will be held at Splashes Learn to Swim, Dandenong on Monday 30th November to Friday 11th December. Students participating in the program will be shuttled to and from the venue via bus with the first group leaving school at 10am and the last group returning to school at approx. 1.00pm.

The cost of the 10-session program after deducting department subsidy is $80.00 This includes the bus fare, swimming lessons. Please note that the school must pay a fixed non-refundable price to the pool and bus company and therefore, there can be no refunds.

Please ensure payment and consent is made via Compass Events by Friday 27th November.

Splash's learn to swim

Choir Performance at the Endeavour Hills Library – Wednesday 2nd December

Choir students will walk up to the library with Miss Corrigan and deliver a 20-minute performance as part of the Endeavour Hills Annual Christmas Party. Students walk back to school for the end of the day. Please ensure permission forms are returned to Miss Corrigan if your child is attending.



Year 6 Big Day out and Graduation Payments

As part of our end of year celebrations, we will be holding our Year 6 Graduation at Hallam Theatre and students will participate in a Big Day Out.

To celebrate our Chalcot graduating class of 2026, the Year 6 Graduation will take place at Hallam Theatre Tuesday 15th December from 5:30pm, the ceremony will begin at 6:00pm and conclude at approx 7:30pm. Payment covers venue hire and set up for Graduation, plus our Year 6 student's activities for the week.

Our Year 6 students will also participate in our Big Day Out at Hijinx Challenge Rooms, Strike Bowling and Archie Brothers on Wednesday 16th December! Students will be leaving Chalcot Lodge at 9:20am and will arrive back at school at 2:30pm. Payment covers transport to and from the venue. 1 game of bowling, 10 challenge room at Hijinx, 1 hour of unlimited arcade time and lunch provided with pizza, chips and a drink (Halal and vegetarian options provided).

Students will not need any additional money on the day and will be in full school uniform. Please ensure the payment of $30 and consent is completed via events on Compass by Thursday 10th December.

Traffic Safety at Chalcot Lodge

This update has been available on Compass over the last couple of weeks but it can't hurt to have another reminder as we need to ensure the safety of all our school community, including our neighbours.

Drop-off and pick-up times are always busy around Chalcot Lodge, with our school, the kindergarten and Inspire & Play ELC all sharing the same streets. We've teamed up with the City of Casey to put together a simple guide to help keep everyone safe.

It covers both Primrose Hill Close and Haverstock Hill Close and includes a map showing the recommended one-way exit routes during peak times.

A few quick reminders: drive slowly, keep to the 2-minute limit in the Drop Off/Pick Up Zone, and have children get in and out on the footpath side of the car. The students have learnt all about this in their recent Traffic Safety Incursions.

If you're parking at the Kinder or ELC, please turn left when you leave. And if you can walk, ride or scoot with your kids, even just now and then, that helps too!

Take care,
Dale McInerney
Acting Principal

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The following are preferred options to keep all drivers and pedestrians safe around the Chalcot Lodge Primary School, kindergarten and ELC precinct during the busy school times.

Driving and Parking Around Primrose Hill Close

- Please drive slowly within the school precinct, as children can be unpredictable.
- Use the Drop Off/Pick Up Zone for quick drop-offs and pick-ups only (maximum 2 minutes).
- Always have children exit and enter the car on the footpath side (safety door side)
- Always Park legally and follow all parking signs and restrictions.
- During morning and afternoon busy school times follow the directional arrows and exit the school area in the recommended one-way direction to help improve safety for all road users.
- Where possible, consider walking, riding or scooting to school as a family.

Driving and Parking Around Haverstock Hill Close

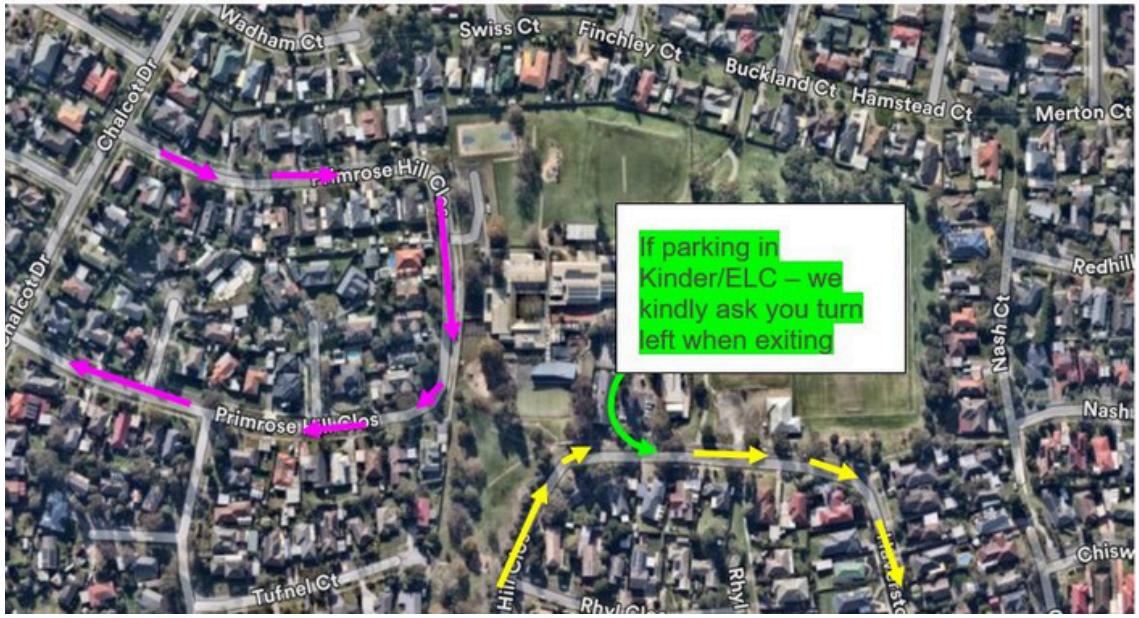
- Please always drive slowly and park legally.
- Take extra care during peak times, as both kindergarten and school-aged children may be present.
- Hold children's hands near the carparks and stay on the footpath
- If exiting the kindergarten car park, remain alert and we encourage you to turn left onto Haverstock Hill Close.
- Always use connected footpaths when walking to and from the kindergarten, ELC and primary school.
- Do not stop in signed No Stopping areas.
- Always have children exit and enter the car on the footpath side (safety door side)
- During morning and afternoon busy school times follow the preferred directional arrows and exit in the recommended one-way direction to help improve safety for all road users.
- Where possible, consider walking, riding or scooting to school as a family.

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Working Together for Safety –

By following these simple safety rules, wecan all help create a safer environment for students, families, and the wider school community.

For more tips on driving around schools safely visit
https://www.casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools

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