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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
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	1:30pm - 3:15pm Choir students
3rd	December	End of Year Concert	4:00pm - 6:00pm Students perform on the stage, outside the hall
8th	December	Prep Transition	2:15pm - 3:15pm All students enrolled in Prep for 2027

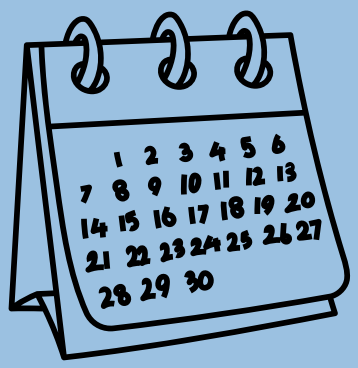
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Friday 20th November



Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we only have 4 weeks left of the school year for 2026.

We have many activities and events coming up so please ensure you are checking compass and providing consent and/or payment by the due dates. It is an exciting time of year; however, it does take some planning and coordination!

Student Free Days For 2027

Last night School Council approved the following student free days for next year as per the new Victorian Government Schools Agreement (VGSA).

There will be 8 student free days that we need families to be aware of:

Term 1 2027
Curriculum Day - Wednesday 27 January
Professional Practice Day - Thursday 28 January
Students will start on Friday 29 January, including the Prep Orientation Sessions
Curriculum Day - Tuesday 9 February

Term 2 2027
Professional Practice Day - Monday 12 April
Curriculum Day - Tuesday 15 June

Term 3 2027
Curriculum Day - Tuesday 27 July

Term 4 2027
Professional Practice Day - Monday 1 November
Professional Practice Day - Friday 17 December



2027 Parent Payment Contributions

Please see the Compass news feed with details for our parent payment for 2027 that will have all the details, due dates and arrangements for books.

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. This makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. Collectively your contributions allow us to provide opportunities and support above and beyond the traditional educational experience.

End of Year Concert

We are looking forward to celebrating the end of the term with our End of Year Concert on Thursday 3rd December, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm!

Families are encouraged to bring along a picnic rug or chairs, as well as some food and drinks, and enjoy a picnic under the oak trees.

There will be a coffee van and an ice cream truck available for families who would like to purchase a treat!

Year 6 Big Day Out and Graduation

We are looking forward to celebrating our class of 2026!

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.

Each student will be allocated a maximum of four tickets. If your family does not require all four tickets, we would appreciate you letting us know by completing the Google Form on Compass. This will allow us to share any extra tickets with families who may need them. Additional tickets will not be guaranteed and will be drawn via a ballot. Please note, graduating students do not require a ticket, the tickets will be for the family members who are attending.

Please fill in the Google Form on Compass, to indicate your attendance, how many seats you will need, and if you have or require additional tickets, by Monday 30th November.

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.

Thanks to everyone who donated items for our end of year raffles yesterday. We are also fortunate to have received some wonderful donations. Raffle tickets are available at the office. Thanks also to our Parent Club members (Carol, Yasmin, Ash, Stacey and Lauren) for sorting all the items and creating the hampers as prizes. Look out for other surprises too



Staffing Update For 2027

As is common most years we will have some staff movement at Chalcot Lodge. This was presented to School Council last night.

Some will be returning, leaving, changing schools, retiring and some staff will change roles. With only a month left of the school year we need to acknowledge some staff who won't be with us to give you the chance to send your well wishes.

Retiring

· Mary Logan-Brown is retiring. Mary has been at Chalcot Lodge PS since 2008. We congratulate and acknowledge her contribution supporting students, staff and families over the years and will miss her.

On Leave

· Rohan Suttie on Long Service Leave this term, will return for 2027
· Sarah Chandler has commenced maternity leave
· Chantelle Rabaut will be taking leave from teaching for 2027

New Roles in 2027

· Cherie Carter is returning from family leave
· Tamsin Bearsley's Assistant Principal contract will end. Tamsin is an ongoing staff member and will revert to a Leading Teacher position next year at CLPS

Contracts Ending

· Natasha Pecoraro
· Isabella Wilson
· Maddie Webb
· James Kelly



Emergency Management – Lockdown Drill

Yesterday, just before recess, we conducted our termly emergency management drill. The focus was a lockdown.

Students and teachers discussed examples where we may need to have a lockdown for everyone's safety. These included security risks, chemical spills, unpredictable or dangerous animals on the grounds (dogs or kangaroos), weather events or when someone shouldn't be on school grounds.

Prep – Year 6 Swimming Program

Just a reminder that Our Prep-Year 6 swimming program payments are out on Compass Events for those who secured their place on the expression of interest google form. 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 will be $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.

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

Choir students will walk up to the library and complete 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.

Smile Squad

The Smile Squad mobile treatment van is running ahead of schedule and will be visiting our school to complete additional work from their initial examinations on Monday 7th December.

They will be at Chalcot Lodge for two weeks, just in time for Christmas!

Assembly

We will have assembly on the following days at 2:30pm this term in the hall. 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.

- Tuesday 1st December
- Thursday 17th December



Take care,
Dale McInerney, Acting Principal