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11 November 2022

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are well into Term 4 and are very busy in our classrooms teaching and getting ready to write each student's report which will be sent home later this term.

We have students ready to perform this Friday at the Shining Stars Showcase at Campbelltown and we wish all our students the best with their performances in Music, Dance and Drama. Some of our student art works will be exhibited to begin the showcase. Students are also busy at D'Arts rehearsals as they come together with students across the state to combine for the 2022 School Spectacular Show!! I will let everyone know when the show is to be screened on television.

Our Trivia Night of fun is this Saturday 12 November 2022 at Strathfield Town Hall. A big thank you to our parents, staff and community who have donated lots of prizes to make this a success. Thank you to the parents who this week will be coming in to wrap the prizes. There is still time to purchase raffle tickets and get your Trivia ticket to join in the fun. The funds raised will be put towards the roof over the pool so we can use it all year round. The sides will be retractable for the warmer months. It is anticipated when we return in 2023, the roof will be on and competed ready for us to use the pool all year.

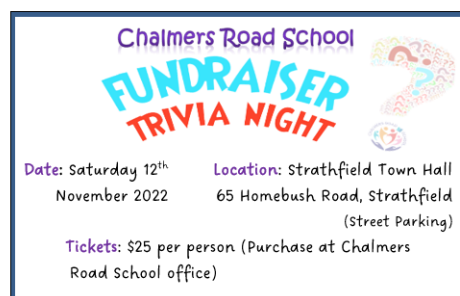
We are looking forward to holding our Presentation Day on Wednesday 30 November 2022 at school and parents and special guests will be invited. Later that evening we will also hold our Year 12 Graduation and farewell our Year 12 students who leave to begin their next pathway after school. Both a happy and sad occasion for all of us as we celebrate with our Year 12 students.

In Week 3 this term Ms Sophie and myself joined principals and teachers from other Strathfield schools and travelled to Menindee Central School for a learning and cultural experience. We both certainly took much away from the trip and look

forward to working with our staff and other schools to support Aboriginal Education across the curriculum.

We all look forward to seeing you on school grounds again where you will see the hard work that has been happening with school improvements throughout Covid.

Michelle Davies
Principal




Upcoming Events

What's happening at Chalmers Road School

Term 4 2022	
Saturday 12 November	Trivia Night
Monday 14 November	Parent Forum – Puberty, Sexuality and Relationships
Tuesday 15 November	Orientation New Students
Monday 21 November	P&C Meeting Zoom 7pm
Friday 25 November	Last Day for Year 12 students

What's happening at Chalmers Road School	
Wednesday 30 November	Presentation Day
Wednesday 30 November	Year 12 Graduation
Friday 2 December	International Day Disability (IDD)
Friday 9 December	Multi-Sport Day
Friday 16 December	Last day of Term 4 Students
Term 1 2023	
Tuesday 31 January	Students Return Term 1

Parent Forum



Puberty, Sexuality and Relationships

An information session for parents and carers of children and young people with intellectual disability.

The transition from childhood to adulthood can be a difficult time for parents and carers of children with intellectual disability. Parents and carers are often concerned about how to prepare the child for puberty. There may be anxiety about how to minimise the child's vulnerability as they develop new relationships with their peers.

To assist parents and carers through this challenging time, Family Planning NSW delivers information sessions on supporting children and young adults with disability in the areas of sexuality and relationships. The two hour session includes information on:

- Preparing for puberty changes
- Decision making and safety
- Private and public
- Sexuality and disability
- Useful resources
- Tips for talking about sex and answering tricky questions

The sessions also provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions and discuss their concerns in a supportive environment with experienced health education professionals.

Sessions can be delivered at your school or venue of choice.

Request a session:
If you would like to request a parent information session you can contact:
P: 02 8752 4388
E: healthpromotion@fpnsw.org.au

Cost:
Available on request

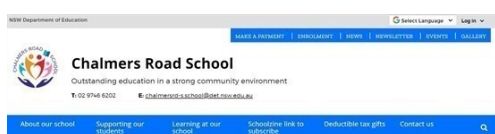
Go to our website for updates and further information
fpnsw.org.au/parentforums

www.fpnsw.org.au | [1300 458 886](tel:1300458886) | [bookshop](#)

Student Accounts

Parents can make payments for school fees and any other expenses through the Make a Payment tab on the school website at the link below. This is an easy and secure way to make payments.

<https://chalmersrd-s.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



P&C Meeting

The next meeting for the P&C will be held on Monday 21 November 2022 at 6.45pm for 7 pm start



All parents, carers and friends of Chalmers Road school welcome.

School Uniforms

School uniforms encourage students to feel part of our community

Our uniform is designed to:

- Meet the requirements of occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination, and equal opportunity legislation
- Include items that are affordable, comfortable, and made from easy-care and easy-wear fabrics
- Be appropriate for the full range of school activities
- Learn more about the NSW Department of Education's School Uniform Policy

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2004-0025>

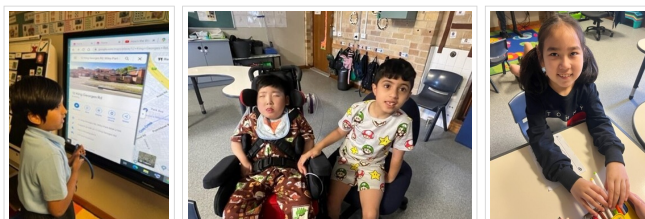
Chalmers Road School uniform supplier is Unison Designs to order the uniform online via the link below or P: 0421 774 394 E: info@unisondesigns.net

<https://chalmersrd.unisondesigns.com.au/>

Green Class

Green Class have made a great start to Term 4 by engaging in a lot of different learning activities. This term we will be exploring Google Maps and learning to make comments about the Fairy Tale stories we read. Green Class enjoy using the Interactive Whiteboard to learn about different Mathematical concepts such as sorting data, addition and subtraction just to name a few. Well done and thank you to the students that participated in Pyjama day. We had lots of fun learning and being very comfortable in our pyjamas. Green Class participated in colouring activities for Diwali- The Festival of Lights. Students have been practising their PBL strategies We are Safe, We Learn and We Care in and out of the classroom.

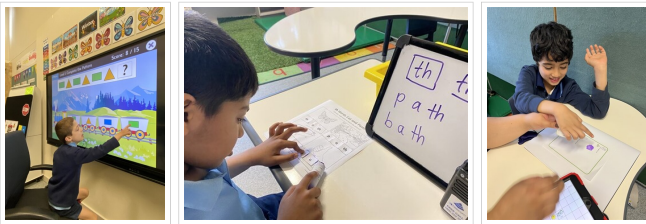
Tania and Shelly



Yellow Class

Yellow Class are having an exciting start to Term 4! In English, students have been working towards identifying different digraphs as part of their phonics and spelling program. They have enjoyed using letter tiles, cut and paste activities and mini whiteboards to complete their work. In PDHPE, students in Yellow Class have been learning about what makes them different and unique through identifying their strengths. Yellow Class enjoy a range of Mathematics activities, with sorting items and patterns being a favourite. Students like to make patterns using interactive whiteboard games and concrete objects. We are looking forward to the remainder of Term 4 and working towards our learning goals!

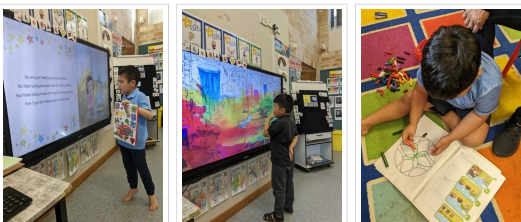
Celine and Helen



Red Class

Red class have been having lots of fun this term already, celebrating Diwali and Children's week by creating artworks and engaging in lots of fun activities such as playdough and music with their peers. Red class enjoy music every Friday afternoon, playing and experimenting with an array of instruments. They are engaging in a variety of children's stories and using the visuals yes or no or their communication devices to express their opinions if they liked it and the characters. Red class are collecting lots of data this term by sorting different toys by their colour or shape or using tally marks to collate their peers' favourite foods. It has been a very creative term so far and plenty of fun to come!

Kathleen and Sarah



Blue Class

Blue Class are having a great start to Term 4. They have celebrated Children's Week and Diwali by creating beautiful artworks and participating in play-based learning activities across the school. We were lucky enough to have boys from St. Patrick's College join our Geography lesson and help with our exploration of natural materials from the school playground. Blue Class have been learning about different farm animals through watching videos and completing matching activities. Students in Blue Class enjoy using play equipment during

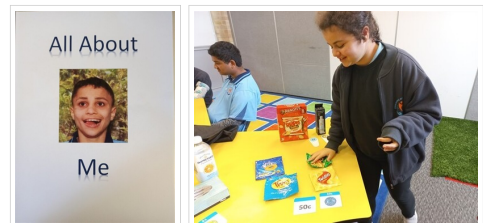
movement breaks and playtimes, they continue to develop their social skills while building their gross motor movement skills. We are looking forward to what the rest of this term brings!

Tamie and Laura



Orange Class

In literacy, the students have been using their commenting skills by using visuals to create a booklet about themselves. In math, the students have been applying their understanding of money by setting up a classroom store and making purchases with pretend money. In cooking, the students have learned how to make pizza and are excited to try out other new recipes.



During community access, the class had fun walking around the perimeter and seeing the new houses being built from beginning to end. The garden project has been a success as well, with the students taking pride in caring for and watching their plants grow. Overall, it's been a busy but fulfilling start to the term for the orange class.



Audrey and Chrissy

Pink Class

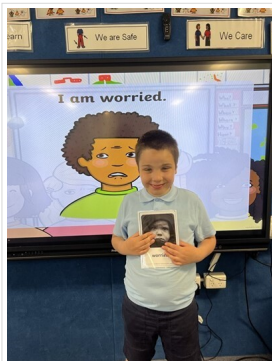
Welcome to Term 4! Pink Class would like to remind everyone that the weather is getting warmer and keep your hat on when you are the playground



On the 24th of October, students in Pink Class painted colourful Rangoli



for Diwali. We learn to identify and match different emotions and feelings in Personal Development and Health



We also use our arms to compare items that are light and heavy in Mathematics



We love movement breaks where we can refine our gross motor skills



Purple Class

Purple Class has worked extremely hard from the start of the term. They wrote incredible recounts about what they did in the holidays which is thanks to all our lovely parents that sent pictures in so we could talk about what they did further. In PDHPE we have been talking about what makes us individuals and each student searched and selected images that define them to create artworks below.

Students have been diligent with their math work. They have been looking at money and making specific amounts. Each student picks out one or two things they would like to get from catalogs, adds them together with the help of the teacher and then makes the total amount with coins and notes. All the Purple Class have really enjoyed this activity and we have found out they all have expensive taste.

It has been a pleasure to have all the students back and we are all looking forward to a fun and educational end to the year,

Ziggy, Bharti and Mary



Magenta Class

Magenta class have been getting creative this term and have enjoyed hands on sensory activities to engage with learning.

A highlight has been students participating in Diwali activities and creating Rangoli designs with rice and paper lantern making,

Magenta class has also been busy working hard during classroom activities exploring measurement and weight during Mathematics and making comments about likes and dislikes during English sessions. It has been good fun learning about each other.

Students have also shown excitement with exploring story and props during Drama and Music sessions.

We are looking forward to the rest of the year together with many exciting events ahead!

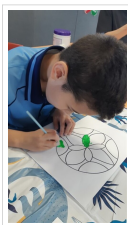
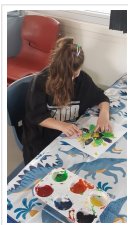
Natalie & Chloe



Teal Class

Teal Class have had an exciting start to the final term for the year. We are looking forward to exploring our environment in Geography. We've been excited to see our houses with Google Maps on the board! We have also had the time to break out our art equipment. Miss Nicole has been helping us to explore mass and practice our handwriting. Her presence this term has been a nice boost for us (Thank you Nikki). We're also happy to have given out some waves for Positive Behaviour (Awesome job Gabriel) and are hoping to give a lot more before the end of the year.

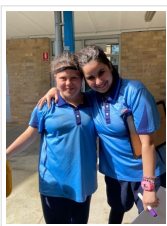
Joel, Nicole and Linda



Banksia Class

Term 4 has been a great start for Banksia Class! Our students have loved regular healthy movement out in the playground, by trying to beat their best running lap time, participating in morning stretches and bike riding. We all enjoyed completing a treasure hunt in our classroom, by following the clues of prepositional words to locate the missing treasure. In History, we are exploring the stories, artworks and cultural aspects of Ancient Greece and have enjoyed decorating our room with Olympic Torches, artworks of mythical creatures and dancing to the Greek Zorba. On Monday mornings, Banksia Class enjoy taking a stroll to middle school to ask fellow students and teachers questions about favourite types of sports, foods, colours and animals to reflect on how we can make comments on things. Eaman and Liam look forward to the rest of a very busy Term 4! Stay well and keep up the hard work everyone!

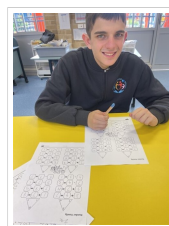
Liam & Eaman



Kangaroo Paw Class

It's been a very productive semester for the students of Kangaroo Paw. We've explored different aspects of Ancient Greece and had a busy time making handicrafts related to different topics. In English, we're studying prepositions and are increasing our skill in locating objects using language. Who knew how easy addition and subtraction can be using our hundred-number charts? Building on our counting skill, we use the chart to solve double-digit Math's problems. We've also been lucky to be able to use easels for art class. It's amazing how we can transform an ordinary paper into our personal masterpiece.

David & Eman



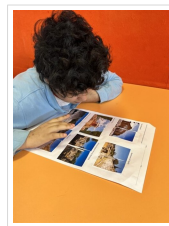
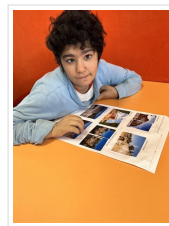
Wattle Class

This term, Wattle Class has been learning about Ancient Greece in our History lessons. Thanks to technology, we've been able to explore some ancient Greek sites, such as the Parthenon, without having to leave our classroom.

In English we have been learning about making comments to express our likes and dislikes. We are practising how to comment on whether we like or dislike something using words, visuals, facial expressions, or gestures.

Now that we're nearing the end of the year, we are about to start doing some craft to celebrate the holiday season! Then, before we know it, the year will be over again!

Sophie, Lubna, and Erica



Cafe

This week in cooking class, we focused on Asian cuisine as we made Singapore noodles and learned about the flavors and ingredients that make this dish so unique. We also indulged our sweet tooth with homemade chocolate brownies, perfect for a tasty treat. Students were able to hone their skills in measuring, mixing, and frying as they worked in the kitchen.

Stay tuned for more delicious creations from our cooking class!



Audrey

Children's Week

In celebration of Children's Week, the students at our school participated in various activities throughout the week and events. On Friday the 28th of October 2022, we had Pjames day and raised money for the Westmead children's hospital.

We would like to thank all the parents and staff who helped make this event possible and memorable for our students. We hope to continue celebrating the joys of childhood and fostering a positive environment for growth and development. Happy Children's Week!

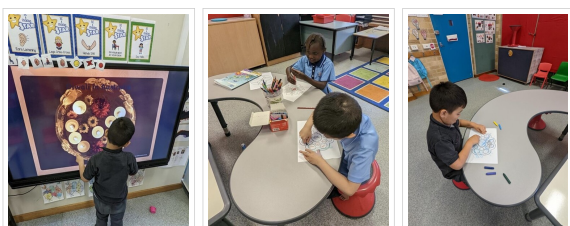


Audrey

Diwali

Chalmers Road School students celebrated Diwali this year by decorating Rangoli designs with crayons or coloured rice as well as making colourful paper lanterns. Students also enjoyed the read-aloud story, 'Dipal's Diwali' and learned about this celebration of New Year in India often called the Festival of Lights.

Natalie (Teacher)

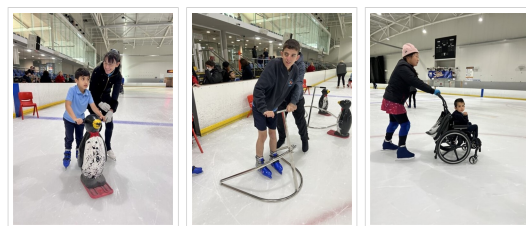


Ice skating

The Ladies of Variety hosted an Ice-Skating event which some of our Chalmers Road Students attended. All students regardless of their mobility got to participate in the ice-skating fun. Some skated independently using their skates, they could use balancing devices such as penguin stands, and others got to go straight onto the ice in their wheelchair or sitting in a plastic chair. It was fantastic to see all the students and staff getting involved and have big smiles on their faces whilst doing it.

Big thank you to the Ladies of Variety and the Liverpool Catholic Club Ice Rink for hosting us.

We hope to attend again soon.



Ziggy, Liam, Laura and Helen

Schools Spectacular

Chalmers Road School students have had a spectacular time so far at rehearsals for the Schools Spectacular 2022.

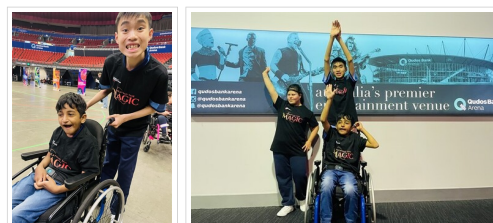
Performances are Friday 25th and Saturday 26th November at Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park.

Come and celebrate the magic!!

See link below for tickets:

<https://www.schoolsspectacular.com.au/>

Natalie (Teacher)



Shining Stars

Students from Chalmers Road School have been busy participating in final rehearsals towards the Shining Stars Showcase 2022!

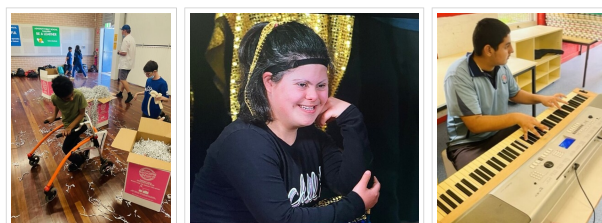
We look forward to seeing familiar faces in our audience on Friday 11th November at Campbelltown Arts Centre. Please come along and support the amazing contribution our students have made towards the creative arts!

Shining Stars is a student performance showcase and visual arts exhibition celebrating the talents of students with disabilities in Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts.

Audience tickets to Shining Stars must be purchased through Try booking. The direct ticketing link is below:

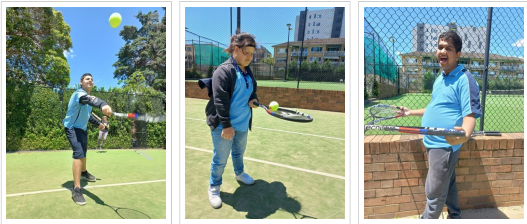
<https://www.trybooking.com/CDBNX>

Natalie (Teacher)



Tennis

In our latest round of tennis at Strathfield Sports Club, it was great to see our returning students putting their skills into action as they played on the team courts. The camaraderie and sportsmanship among the players were evident, making for a fun and enjoyable session.



Not only do these activities keep us physically fit, but they also provide opportunities for social interaction and teamwork. Let's continue to have a healthy and active semester.

Audrey

Community Announcement

LAMP Training 2023



The Center for
AAC&Autism™
Learn. Hope. Share. Succeed.™

LAMP
Congress

Join John Halloran in the flesh & learn about LAMP™ from the very man who developed this unique blend of therapeutic approaches.

Join with LAMP™ maestro Lance McLemore in person & gain insights into the mindset of someone whose communication has been liberated through LAMP.

Join with the best LAMP™ practitioners in case study evaluation.

Join with those who use LAMP™ on a daily basis and with families whose lives have been transformed via LAMP™.

When
13th and 14th March 2023

Where
Novotel, 350 Church Street Parramatta, NSW

Price
Early Bird Professional \$490 | Early Bird AGOSCI Member \$470
Carer Rate \$390

For more information and to register, head to:
<http://tix.yt/lamp-congress>

