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Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3, it has been a very busy term for our students and staff. We welcomed Ms Aida White to our school and Pink Class and Ms Samantha Dib to the office.

Thank you to all our parents and families who supported the Report and Personalised Learning and Support Plan meeting. It is always nice to share students' achievements with their families and set new goals together for Semester 2.

It was pleasing to see many of our parents come to the Parent Forum where it was clearly discussed how to support families to organise guardianship for your child and the processes families need to work through before your child turns 14, to support decisions around your child regarding health, financial decisions and housing. A big thank you to our P&C in organising this forum. Each term we will again hold a Parent Forum in Week 5. Our P&C have been busy with the Father's Day raffle so don't forget to get your tickets and help support our school.

The Middle School Playground artificial grass has now been completed and the students now have a large playground to run, play sport and play on, which will be more accessible all year round.

We continue to follow updated Department of Education and Department of Health advice around COVID safe practices. With the winter season we continue to experience sickness with students and staff related to flu and colds. If your child is unwell, please seek medical attention as needed and give your child time to rest and recover. If your child develops any of these viruses it is a health regulation that they cannot be at school to help stop the spread of the viruses.

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Shining Stars Drama Festival at Campbeltown Performing Arts Centre. Some students have now participated in Shining Stars Art and Music, and we are looking forward to the Shining Stars Showcase in Term 4.

Education Week has been a highlight of the term with lots of activities across the school. It was exciting to see our parents join us on Zoom to participate in the assemblies with students. We look forward to Book Week and teachers are excited to be dressing up as their favourite characters with the students!

Out Trivia Night will take place on 12 November 2022 where we are raising funds to build a roof over the pool and retractable sides. Thank you to our parents and community that have donated prizes for our Trivia Night. It's a fun night so mark it in your diaries. More information will come and please keep the prizes coming in!

Michelle Davies Principal

Upcoming Events

What's Happening at Chalmers Road School	
Term 3 2022	
Wednesday 24 August	Book Week Dress-up Day (Favourite character)
Monday 29 August	P&C Meeting – evening meeting 7pm start
Friday 23 September	Last day of Term 3
Term 4 2022	
Monday 10 October	Students return Term 4
Monday 19 December	Last day of Term 4

Student Accounts

Parents are able to 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 29 August 2022 at 6.45pm for 7pm start. Meeting will be via Zoom.



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

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Attendance Award

Chalmers Road School would like to acknowledge Kingsley from Green Class for his excellent attendance rate this term – 99.8%. Thank you to Kingsley and his family for showing their continued commitment to learning. Well done, Kingsley!

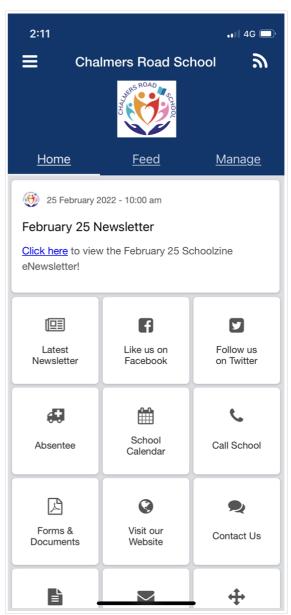


Student Absent – what to do

You can: -

- Ring the school and advise
- · Email the school to advise
- Send the school a message on the Schoolzine App, open the Absentee Tab on the app and send the school a message (see photo).

It is a legal requirement that the school be notified as to why your child is away for more than 2 days and a Medical Certificate is required.



School Therapists

Chalmers Road School have a large number of therapists who work in collaboration with our staff to support student learning and engagement. We work towards building partnerships in working towards students personalised learning and support plans (PLSP). It is important that therapists who wish to work collaboratively with the school follow the correct protocols. This includes parents contacting the school to discuss therapist attending Chalmers Road School, the therapist or provider to then provide all mandatory training and read and acknowledge the school agreement. We look forward to continually building positive partnerships with parents, therapists and the wider community.

Green Class

What a great start to Term 3. Green Class have enjoyed participating in different numeracy and literacy activities. This term we have been participating in a Gymnastics program where students have enjoyed jumping on the trampoline, using the parallel bars and balancing on different types of equipment. We celebrated 100 days of school by dressing up and celebrating in our class. We are learning about emotions through the Worry Woo program. Students are enjoying learning about the Worry Woo Monsters.

Tania and Shelly







Yellow Class

Yellow Class are having a terrific and productive start to Term 3. Students have been discovering features of indoor and outdoor spaces as part of our geography program. In Science, we are learning where food comes from through our cooking program and using ingredients such as eggs and milk to make recipes like French toast. Yellow Class are enjoying our gymnastics program and are having lots of fun exploring different equipment like balance beams and the trampoline. We are so proud of the work Yellow Class are doing as they work towards achieving their learning goals.

Celine and Helen







Red Class

Red class are having a blast this term with Gymnastics in sport, Community Access, Education Week and trying new foods in cooking lessons. They celebrated 100 days of school recently dressing up, singing songs, creating yummy treats and receiving a fabulous award to mark the occasion. Red class are learning how different items can be long or short by measuring the height of their friends or objects around them using chalk, rulers and toy cars. They are having fun using different props to depict characters, people and places in weekly Drama lessons as well as exploring different emotions using WorryWoo puppets. Red class have been watching videos, songs, matching pictures of animals and identifying their favourite foods to understand where food comes from. Term 3 so far has been very exciting, and there are more celebrations ahead.

Kathleen and Sarah







Blue Class

Blue class has made a great start to term three. In our English topic of Entertainment, we are exploring a variety of ways we can entertain ourselves such as reading books, making puzzles, using puppets, playing with toys, and watching movies. Over the past few weeks, the students have enjoyed our cooking sessions in the student kitchen where they were able to mix the ingredients. Blue Class has enjoyed the gymnastics program with the students enjoying jumping on the trampoline and walking on the balance beam. We also celebrated 100 days of school and enjoyed participating in a variety of activities in the classroom.

We look forward to the remainder of the term and engaging in more exciting learning.

Tamie and Laura







Pink Class

This term Pink class is thriving with students attempting different stimulating and challenging activities. We learn the concept of push and pull in science through play



We experience art through painting



and we keep ourselves fit and healthy through Gymnastic



and making fruit salad during the cooking program



We also enjoy Drama and Music on Thursdays



Aida and Daphne

Magenta Class

Magenta class have had a busy start to Semester two!

Students have had a great time stretching, rolling, balancing, and jumping during our Gymnastics program.

Magenta class have been looking at Measurement and Length for Mathematics, types of Entertainment for English and push and pull forces during Science.

Students have very much enjoyed the MAD program (music, art and dance) exploring different musical instruments, mime as well as work by artist Henri Matisse.

We are looking forward to a creative Term and students building confidence with expressing themselves.

Natalie & Chloe







Teal Class

The students of Teal Class have all settled in well this term. Great learning has been taking place in Maths; with a focus on length and the diverse types of units used to measure long and short objects. The students have also really enjoyed community access and exploring the environment outside the school grounds.

Students have had fun participating in Education Week. We listened to stories, practiced writing and drawing, and played games on the interactive white board. Students finished a very busy week by making a thank you card to Miss Michelle for Principal's Day.

There are still event weeks throughout the term, so we are looking forward to more busy times ahead!

Joel and Linda













Purple Class

Term three started off with a bang in Purple Class. Students have been so enthusiastic about learning and engaging well with all the programs. The Purple class especially enjoyed drama and exploring mime. Students have lifted unbelievable weights setting personal and global records...whilst miming.





Purple class have also enjoyed the PDHPE program learning about oral hygiene covering how to brush their teeth, the different areas of the mouth you need to brush and what pressure to use when brushing. It has been fantastic to see how engaged and detailed orientated they are when it comes to hygiene.





Purple class have started their stretch program every morning and has engaged very well. They all attempt all the stretches and love to show off their skills to their peers. Students have also been enjoying gymnastics this term. Attempting all the exercises and showing great balancing skills.







Orange Class

It's been a busy Term 3 for Orange Class at Chalmers Road School! We've been focusing on literacy and numeracy, and we've had a lot of fun learning about entertainment and money. We've also enjoyed Gymnastics, tennis cafe and community access. Key Word Sign has been a great help in communicating with our classmates

Audrey and Chrissy

Banksia Class

Students in Banksia Class have been learning how to construct entertaining stories this term by taking photographs and videos of things they enjoy, and then adding descriptive language using the class iPads. In Numeracy, we have been exploring how to make tallies and construct graphs to represent favourite sports, foods and activities. Banksia Class love getting out to exercise while practicing social skills in asking questions and recording our answers. In free choice time, we love singing and performing on the keyboard and guitar. We have had a lot of fun learning how to rhyme our names to the song Down by the bay! We look forward to an exciting term ahead!

Liam & Eaman







Kangaroo Paw Class

This term we celebrated Education Week. This was a great opportunity to present our work and view some the excellent work completed in other classes.

Kangaroo Paw have enjoyed improving our literacy skills by reading books together and learning to collect data using Tally Graphs.

Students have also enjoyed a range of Creative Arts activities. This term we have focused on drama and art; and our daily Keep Fit activities where students are working on their fitness and practicing movement skills.

Chris and Eman.





Wattle Class

The students in Wattle Class have been so excited to start Drama lessons this term. We have been dressing up in costumes and having a great time. We also completed the Premier's Reading Challenge and the Premier's Sporting

Challenge. We always enjoy visiting the library for a story, and we make sure we are active every day by engaging in a walking program in the playground. We are looking forward to engaging in a lot of fun hands-on activities for Science Week this week.

Sophie and Lubna







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Community Notices

100 days of school

Junior School had a fantastic day celebrating 100 days of school. A great effort by the students dressing up like they were 100 years old. The students had lots of fun participating in different activities based on the number 100.







Book Week

Book Week is upon us once again! This year, the theme is ' Dreaming With Eyes Open', and we're sure there will be

plenty of hidden gems to be discovered in your child's classroom.

On Wednesday 24th of August, all the students are encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite book character. We will upload a video onto our Chalmers Road School Facebook page of our book parade celebration assembly where we will be announcing the winners of the Book Week competitions for best dress.

We hope your child enjoys Book Week and takes the opportunity to explore some new and exciting books!

Audrey

Café

The Chalmers Road School Cafe program is back in full swing, with students enjoying making the orders for staff and learning new skills. It's great to see everyone back in the kitchen and having fun! Thanks for supporting our school cafe.







Audrey

Education Week

Chalmers Road School celebrated Education Week from 1st to 5th August. This was a great opportunity for our students to showcase their achievements and for the community to learn more about what we do here at Chalmers Road School.





Audrey

Gymnastics

The Chalmers Road School students have had another truly unforgettable experience this term. They participated in a fantastic gymnastics program. Students participated in a variety of activities each week including rolling, using their balancing skills, bars, and jumping on the trampoline.







Tennis Program

The students who attended tennis at Strathfield Tennis Club during Term 3 have certainly learned a lot! They have improved their skills and techniques and are now better equipped to take on their opponents. We hope they enjoyed the experience, and we look forward to seeing them back out on the court soon!

We would like to extend a big thank you to the staff at Strathfield Tennis Club for their time and expertise. The students who attended tennis classes there during Term 3 have learned a lot and improved their skills. We hope they enjoyed the experience, and we look forward to seeing them back out on the court soon! Thank you also to the parents who supported their child's participation in the program







Audrey and Chrissy

Drama Program

Drama has hit off to a fabulous start this Term!

Students have engaged in fun focus exercises including box breathing to calm emotions and prepare the body for movement. Students have enjoyed looking at mime and telling stories through dressing up with sensory materials to help create characters with their animated movement much like a mime.

Natalie (Teacher- Nat P)



