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## Principals Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our students and a special welcome to our new students who have joined us at Chalmers Road School in 2023.

Students have transitioned to their new classes and are all working with their teachers and SLSOs as we begin our programs and developing students Personalised Learning and Support Plans. We look forward to seeing the parents and carers on 27 and 28 February for these meetings.

During the holidays improvement work has been undertaken throughout the school. Some work is still being completed.

The external fencing project with all our neighbours is nearly completed.

Junior School has an extended new veranda and undercover area that will be used for lunches, play and teaching space. The excavation to level the area is nearly completed, and synthetic grass will be installed.

Middle School- Two pods have been installed in the Middle School SPA and the area also has had synthetic grass laid. I'm sure the Pods will be very popular.

High School- we have continued the replacement of the wooden windows and doors with aluminium windows and doors.

Pool- It is wonderful to see the pool roof has been completed. The lights and retractable sides should be finalised in the next couple of weeks. In the heat the difference under the insulated pool roof will make swimming safer and more comfortable from the weather. We look forward to getting back to our swimming program.

Our first P and C meeting took place on Monday 13 February, we are working together to organise Parent Forums and fundraising for school projects. It was encouraging to see some

new parents attending and we encourage all our parents to join and participate. It is a good way to meet and connect with other parents and staff. The P and C meetings will continue each term with the Week 3 meeting commencing at 9.15 school/Zoom and Week 7 Zoom at 7pm.

Our amazing staff at Chalmers Road School are looking forward to an exciting year of learning with our students and we look forward to seeing our families at future Chalmers Road activities and events.

Michelle Davies

Principal

## Personalised Learning Support Plan Meetings

Please return the note to the classroom teacher so that you can get your preferred time. Meeting dates are Tuesday 28 February and Wednesday 1st March. If you require another note please let your teacher know.

## Upcoming Events

### What's happening at Chalmers Road School

Term 1 2023	
<b>Swim School - Postponed</b>	Kindergarten – Yr 6 new notes will be sent for signing
<b>Tuesday 28 February</b>	Personalised Learning Support Plan (PLSP) Meetings
<b>Wednesday 1 March</b>	Personalised Learning Support Plan (PLSP) Meetings
<b>Monday 6 March – 7pm Zoom</b>	P&C Meeting Evening Meeting
<b>Monday 6 March</b>	Dental Service – Australian Dental – Notes have been sent

## What's happening at Chalmers Road School

Tuesday 7 March	Yr 7 Vaccinations -Emails sent to families
Saturday 25 March	Election Day – Sausage Sizzle, raffles, helpers needed
Thursday 6 April	Last Day Term 1
Term 1 2023	
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC Day – Public Holiday
Wednesday 26 April	Students Return Term 2

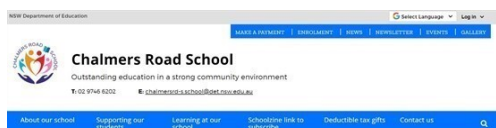
## Student Accounts

Invoices will be sent home in the next week. Please pay promptly.



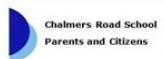
Parents can make payments for school fees and any other expenses through the Make a Payment tab on the school website at the link below. This is an easy and secure way to make payments.

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



## P&C Meeting

The next meeting for the P&C will be held on Monday 6 March at 7pm.



All parents, carers and friends of Chalmers Road school welcome. Contact school for Zoom link.

## 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>

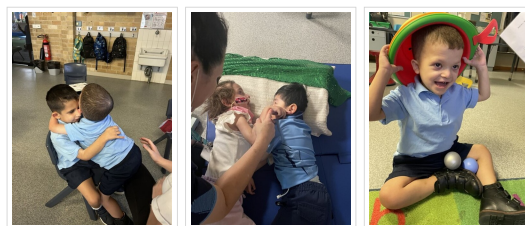
Chalmers Road School uniform supplier is Unison Designs to order the uniform online from the link below or P: 0421 774 394 E: [info@unisondesigns.net](mailto:info@unisondesigns.net)

## Green Class

Green class have enjoyed some special moments reconnecting with friends and teachers. We've had hugs, high fives, and sweet eye glances. We are very proud of how well students have settled back into school.

This term is busy with activities and students have been looking at the topics of Identities for English, Number for Mathematics, The 5 Senses for Science, and Safe Living for PDHPE. Students have also had fun working on ball skills during P.E. and exploring props and instruments in dance and music sessions.

We are looking forward to a happy year of learning ahead.



**Sophie, Nat P and Shelly**

## Yellow Class

Yellow Class had a fantastic start to the year. We welcome 7 amazing students to Yellow Class. Abuk, Adhik, Mahmoud, William, Leo, Nashwan, and Miran who have settled in beautifully into Yellow Class.

In Mathematics, Yellow Class has been learning about numbers and has enjoyed using the interactive whiteboard to complete activities. We have enjoyed our first weeks of term engaging in a variety of fun and educational activities such as dance with Miss Nat. We made painted handprints and listened to stories.



**Tamie, Harry & Jessica**

## Red Class

Red class have had an exciting start to the new year after returning from the school holidays! In red class, we are embedding sensory activities in our lessons as we work towards improving concentration and motor skills. In Science, students have enjoyed exploring their five senses through handling hard, soft, hot and cold items and textures. This term we will be focusing on Identities in English, where we will learn about what makes us unique as well as learn how to communicate our likes and dislikes.

Red class are adjusting to their new surroundings as they continue to work towards being in control of their emotions and create positive interactions with their peers.

We look forward to this term and what it brings!

**Naomi and Helen**



## Blue Class

Blue Class have settled in nicely to their new school. We have been enjoying our new daily activities of Morning Circle, movement breaks and relaxation time along with the times of classwork and making new friends both in and out of the classroom. We also made sure to explore other areas of the school, like the High School (we love the trampoline, carousel and spinning cups!) and Middle School Playgrounds, the Library (there's a water tube in there too!) and the MAD Room. We're looking forward to participating more in our in-class activities and finally using the Junior School Playground when it is ready.

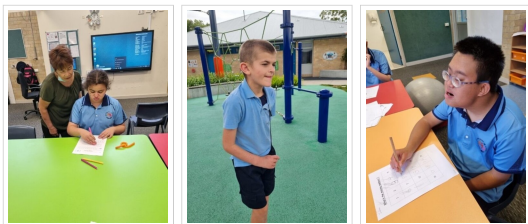


**Joel and Erica**

## Orange Class

Orange Class have been loving learning together through group literacy and numeracy lessons and outdoor activities. Students are focusing on sharing, turn-taking and recognizing the importance of positive sportsmanship.

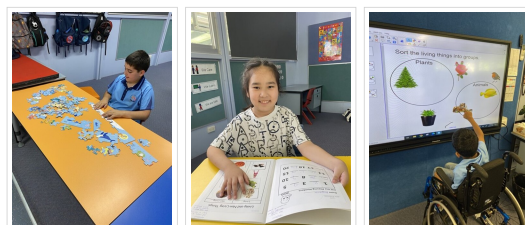
Students have also enjoyed a range of Creative Arts activities. This term we have focused on dance and music and our daily Keep Fit activities students are working on their fitness and practicing movement skills.



**Christine, Bharti and Mary**

## Pink Class

**Nikki and Linda**



## Magenta Class

Magenta Class has had a great start to term 1! Students have settled in well to a learning routine each day, focusing on our individual and class learning tasks. Students beginning each day using our Morning Circle Program, where we can use our Interactive Whiteboard to find our names and photos, count the students who are present, talk about the day of the week, the weather and other items. In this way we can and apply English and Maths tasks to our everyday world in a way we can see and understand. We are also working each day to build our use of expressive language by using Key Word Sign, visuals, ProLoquo2Go and speech together to make comments and requests. The students have also been very engaged in special learning opportunities in Music, Dance and Community Access programs.

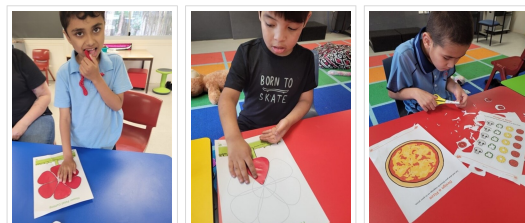
**Ross and Chrissy**



## Teal Class

Welcome to the first term 2023. Students in Teal class are already getting into the groove with different activities inside and outside the classroom. They are great at showing their fine motor skills with cutting and gluing. They also had a wonderful time dancing in the MAD room with Ms Nat P.

**Aida, Daphne and Mary**



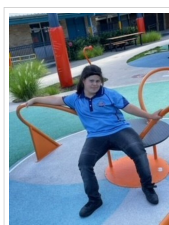
## Banksia Class

**Simon and Eaman**



## Kangaroo Paw Class

Welcome back to school. Kangaroo Paw has had a great start to the year. Students have been busy engaging in learning activities and cooking for Café. The class of 2023 is Malak, Rita, Zac, Mohammed, Khoder and Taha. The teacher is Tania Dutrey and SLSO is Chloe Robinson. Mohammed celebrated a birthday in January whilst we were on holidays and Khoder celebrated a birthday in February, Happy Birthday to you both. Everyone has settled in beautifully into Kangaroo Paw and Chloe and I are excited to be your teacher and SLSO this year.



**Tania and Chloe**

## Waratah Class 6

Waratah Class have settled back smoothly into the school routine after the long summer break and have been enjoying subjects such as cooking, sport, music, dance and Japanese. In English, they have been learning about identity while in Mathematics they have been learning about time.

**Phillip and Laura**

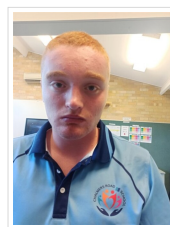


## Wattle Class

Welcome back to all the students in Wattle class, Mahdi, Jason, Kevin, Riley, Naomi and Luca! We hope your summer break was filled with relaxation and fun. It's time to get back into the swing of things as we welcome you to another school year.

This year we are excited to be introducing some new activities and learning opportunities. In the coming weeks, you can expect to hear more about our focus on problem-solving skills, safe living, and hands-on experiments. We will also be exploring a range of topics in literature, art and music – giving you plenty of chances to express your creativity!

**Audrey and Lubna**



## Other Submissions

### Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful Schools

Information for Parents and Carers

Sometimes, to help keep a child or young person healthy and safe at school, we need to limit or restrict some of their actions. These limits are called restrictive practices. In our schools, restrictive practices include anything we do to keep someone safe that also restricts a child or young person's rights or freedom of movement.

Please follow the link below for further information

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/student-wellbeing/whole-school-approach/media/inclusive-engaging-and-respectful/policies-and-procedures/Information\\_for\\_parents\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/student-wellbeing/whole-school-approach/media/inclusive-engaging-and-respectful/policies-and-procedures/Information_for_parents_fact_sheet.pdf)

## Dance

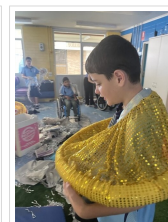
Students have had their first dance in our newly refurbished gross motor room, and it looks like they love it!

So far students have been working on their interoceptive awareness using action songs as part of warm-up and a Hoberman Sphere- breathing prop during cool down.

The sensory space has been explored with items that scrunch and float with special enjoyment of students seeing themselves in the new floor length mirrors.

We are very much looking forward to upcoming dance sessions and start of the Performance Group next week.

**Nat P**

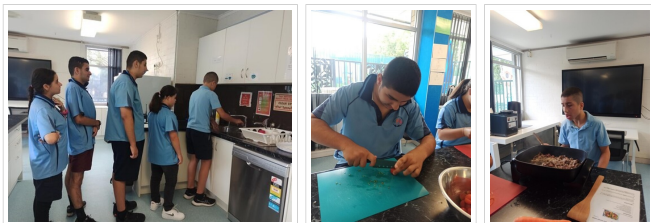


## Cafe

Welcome to cafe term 1! Our students are learning all the basics and fundamentals of kitchen safety, and they're already cooking up a storm. With careful instruction, they've been able to explore new recipes and techniques that have made them more confident in their abilities as cooks. Stay tuned for

updates on our cafe term 1 student, who are sure to impress us with all kinds of delicious dishes!

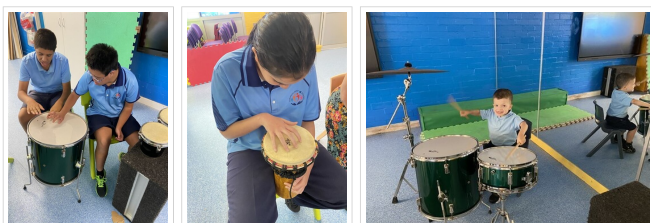
### Audrey



### Music

Students have loved using the new creative space in Chalmers Road School for music lessons! For our first session, classes used a variety of small percussive instruments like bongos, rain sticks and shakers. We also took turns playing the ukulele, guitar, xylophone and drum set, and explored how we make sounds through hitting, shaking, scraping and strumming. We look forward to more sessions in the newly refurbished room!

### Celine



### Swimming Nappies

If your son or daughter requires a swimming nappy (child or adult), you may wish to purchase one for these instead of the ongoing costs of disposable swim nappies.

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

