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# **Principals Report**

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big congratulations to all our students who are very engaged in their learning every day. I know as we approach the end of Term 1 all our students have been working hard on their Personalised Learning Plans and class programs.

Chalmers Road School celebrated our wonderful diversity of cultures with Harmony Day activities. Students and staff had the opportunity to dress in the Harmony colours of Orange and cultural dress. This important celebration acknowledges and support our community.

Our students are again taking part in the annual Premier's Reading Challenge. We will be reading books in class and logging these we ask that you continue to read with your child and let us know the books so that they too can be logged. Students who complete the challenge will receive Premier's Certificates and recognition. We would love for all our students to achieve this.

The building and improvement projects have continued this term and we are hoping for completion in the holidays. Juniors have new synthetic grass and an undercover area to learn and eat under that is now safe and accessible.

Last Wednesday afternoon the staff at Chalmers Road participated in Surf Lifesaving Perform Basic Water Rescue in the undercover pool. We are very excited that we will be able to use the pool all year round. The last of the blinds are being installed and will be ready for term 2.

Thank you to our parents, community, P&C, and staff for supporting the Election Day BBQ on Saturday. A special thank you to Strathfield Rotary and Bendigo Bank Homebush who had staff and volunteers here all day supporting us. An amazing and valued partnership. We had 14 raffle prizes and we have contacted all our lucky winners!!

We have our Easter raffle next so don't forget to buy your tickets; our P&C will be busy putting the baskets together this week.

Wishing all our students, staff and families a safe and relaxing Easter Break.

# Michelle Davies Principal

# **Upcoming Events**

| What's happening at Chalmers Road School |                               |  |
|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Term 1 2023                              |                               |  |
| Thursday 6 April                         | Last Day Term 1               |  |
| Term 2 2023                              |                               |  |
| Tuesday 25 April                         | ANZAC Day – Public<br>Holiday |  |
| Wednesday 26 April                       | Students Return Term 2        |  |
| Monday 8 May                             | P&C Meeting – Morning<br>9am  |  |
| Monday 15 May – Friday 26<br>May         | Swim Scheme – 10 days         |  |
| Wednesday 17 May                         | Photo Day                     |  |
| Monday 22 May                            | Eye Testing -                 |  |

# **Student Accounts**

Invoices for Term 1 were sent home. Please pay promptly. Thank you to those parents who have made payments.



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 8 May at 9am.



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 visit the link below or P: 0421 774 394 E: info@unisondesigns.net

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

# **Green Class**

The students in Green Class have been working towards achieving their PLSP goals as well as learning across all other Key Learning Areas.







Students are developing pre-reading skills by engaging with texts on the Interactive Whiteboard, participating in shared reading with adults and having time to look at books independently. They are also participating in the Premier's

Reading Challenge, and with the number of books they've been reading it won't be long until enough books have been read to complete the challenge!



One of our favourite lessons to participate in is music. Students get to show off their creativity by playing different instruments and moving their bodies to the music.







Students have been practising their ball skills and using these skills to play with each other. Whether it is basketball, games of catch, or soccer, students are keen to participate.







We hope everyone has a happy and safe school holidays, and we'll see you next term!







Sophie, Nat P and Shelly

# **Yellow Class**

Yellow class have been working hard this term and are continuing to enjoy different learning experiences. In English, students have been developing their spelling, handwriting and reading skills by focusing on a new sight word each week. Students at Chalmers Road School are once again participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge in 2023. Yellow Class is engaging with stories from the reading list provided by listening to a new story either online or read by the teacher or SLSO. Yellow Class have thoroughly enjoyed our Music lessons with Miss Celine where they were able to choose a song and play a variety of musical instruments.

#### Tamie & Jessica







# **Red Class**

Red class has had a wonderful Term 1. Students have settled in quickly in all aspects of the school system. The team in red class have supported students to experience everyday learning through guided and singalong reading, interactive numeracy, general safety in our everyday activities and many more. We look forward to an amazing Term two. Thank everyone for the support.









Naomi and Helen

### **Blue Class**

The second half of Term 1 has been a busy time for Blue Class. Now that we have settled in more to life at school, we have focused on building our basic life skills as well as our literacy and numeracy. Our favourite activities over the past five weeks have been our sensory based activities in Science,





creative arts,





and physical activities.



We are looking forward to seeing what other fun things we will be doing before the holidays arrive!

#### Joel and Erica



# **Orange Class**

Orange Class students have had an amazing learning journey this term and have engaged in many learning experiences together. Every member of the class has grown as a learner.

In recent weeks Naomi and Auden joined the class and have become valued members of the Orange Team.

We hope that everyone has a restful and enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing everyone in Term 2.

#### Christine, Bharti and Mary





### **Pink Class**

Term 1 has been exciting in Pink Class. We have learned lots of new skills and information in all Key Learning Areas, worked towards achieving our PLSP Goals, learned different emotions of the Feelings Chart, explored the new equipment in the Middle School SPA, celebrated Harmony Day, and welcomed Reon into our class.







This term we have been learning safe practices in Health and we have worn our hats and sunscreen for sun safety, and ensured we are safe in our safe walking on Community Access. In Science we have looked at different Living Things, how they grow and what they need to survive, and how we can cook different foods using products from plants and animals. In English we have explored our Identities through naming our physical characteristics, looking at our similarities and differences, and identifying our likes and dislikes.







This term, we have especially loved playing with different instruments in Music with Miss Celine, cooking new foods in the kitchen, and showing off our moves in Dance/Drama with Miss Natalie!!







Nikki and Linda

# **Magenta Class**

Magenta Class have been working very well this term in all areas. We were also very excited to meet our new class member, Krishika, who has joined now joined us at the school in Magenta Class. Welcome Krishika! The students have been making a great effort each day to do their best in counting, writing and reading skills, as well as continuing to be very engaged in other learning areas such as Cooking, Music, Dance and Community Access programs. This week we celebrated also Harmony Day, with some beautiful clothes recognising heritage and fun activities. Well done everyone!

### Ross and Chrissy







### **Teal Class**

This term students in Teal class have achieved their goal of sitting together as a group in different settings. We would also like to welcome a new member of Teal Class Sunday Matung, who is transitioning to our lovely school this week.





Aida, Daphne and Mary

# **Banksia Class**

Banksia class has had a great start of the year and been engaging in many fun activities throughout the first term. The students have helped out watering the plants in the high school courtyard, engaged in yoga classes, read stories out loud to their classmates and attended cooking classes where we've made pancakes, scones and hotdogs. The students have all done splendid in the classroom, and both me (Simon) and Eman are very proud of them. We look forward to the next term, and all new fun things that awaits around the corner!

#### Simon and Eaman







# **Kangaroo Paw Class**

What an amazing Term 1 we have had in Kangaroo Paw. Students in Kangaroo Paw have shown what great skills they have in the kitchen. We have followed recipes to make hamburgers, mini pizzas, fried rice, cupcakes and hotdogs. Students have enjoyed their music lessons with Miss Celine. We welcome Sadia to our class. Thank you for a great first term everyone.

### Tania and Chloe







### **Waratah Class**

Students in Waratah class have been enjoying the last weeks of Term 1. Music with Miss Celine and Dance with Miss Nat seem to be a favourite of the term! In English, we are using visuals to sequence some well-known stories. We are also working on our writing skills through tracing and using a keyboard to type out words and sentences. We enjoy reading stories as a class through the PM Reading Gems program. We continue to learn about the school values 'We Learn, We Care and We are Safe' through cut and paste activities and during transitions across the school. We wish all our families a safe and enjoyable school holiday!

#### Janice, Peter and Laura







# **Wattle Class**

We hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been an exciting start to the school year for Wattle Class, and we are proud of the progress our students have made in the first term. Here are some highlights of what we've been up to:

In English, our students have been engaging in an exploration of identity. They have been learning to express themselves by creating a photo of themselves and the things they like and dislike.





In Maths, our focus has been on the concept of time. Our students have been learning how to tell time and understand the relationship between time and distance. We have been impressed by their enthusiasm and willingness to work collaboratively to solve problems.

In Language, we have started to introduce our students to Japanese language and culture. They have been learning basic vocabulary and phrases, as well as gaining an understanding of Japanese customs and traditions.

We are also pleased to report that our students have been engaging in other areas of the curriculum with enthusiasm and commitment. They have been active participants in Physical Education and developing their creativity in Art.

#### Audrey and Lubna

### **Other Submissions**

### **Dance**

Our gross motor room has been brought to life with moves and grooves!

This term has been busy with classes exploring dynamic qualities when moving with props.

Students have been scrunching, floating, squishing, stretching, shaking, and twisting through space whilst enjoying their reflections in the large, mirrored space. The Hoberman Sphere has been used for breathing exercises during cool down and students have enjoyed counting stretch exercises as part of warm-up.

The Dance Performance Group has been working hard towards their first audition this year for the Schools Spectacular showcase. We are looking forward to the many performance opportunities ahead and building a fun and strong creative team.

# Nat P (Teacher - Green Class Monday-Tuesday & Dance/Drama Wednesday)







#### Café

We are excited to share with you the progress our students have made in the high school cafe program. Here are some highlights of what we've been up to:

Our students have been cooking up a storm in the high school cafe program. They have been learning how to prepare and cook a variety of dishes, from simple snacks to more complex meals. We have been impressed by their enthusiasm and willingness to experiment with new ingredients and flavours.

In addition to developing their culinary skills, our students have also been learning new recipes from different cuisines around the world. They have been exploring different cooking techniques and ingredients and have shown a keen interest in healthy eating and nutrition.

One of the key aspects of the high school cafe program is teamwork and communication. Our students have been working in teams to plan, prepare and serve meals to the staff members. They have been developing important skills such as leadership, problem-solving, and time management.







#### **Audrey**

### **Tennis Program**

We are excited to share with you the progress our students have made in the school tennis program with Strathfield Sports Club. Here are some highlights of what we've been up to:

Our students have been engaging in a range of new skills and techniques in tennis. They have been learning how to serve, hit forehand and backhand shots, and move around the court effectively. We are proud of the progress they have made and their willingness to try new things.

Friendly Matches In addition to developing their skills, our students have also had the opportunity to participate in friendly matches against their peers. These matches have helped to build their confidence and provided a fun and competitive environment for them to apply their skills.

Social and Emotional Learning We believe that sports can be a powerful tool for social and emotional learning, and tennis is no exception. Our students have been developing important skills such as teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship. They have also been learning how to manage their emotions, cope with disappointment, and celebrate their successes.





### **Audrey**

### Harmony Day 2023

Chalmers Road School celebrated Harmony Day 2023 and it was wonderful!!

School staff were dressed in orange to signify freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect in our diverse school community. Students were fabulously dressed in outfits to represent the many different cultures which enrich our school's diversity.

Students celebrated with a variety of crafts including orange playdough making, colouring images of strength, love and diversity as well as making craft connecting people signifying connections within our school.

Students also enjoyed the read-aloud story, 'Happy in our Skin' by Fran Manushkin and learned about diversity through a PowerPoint called 'We Are All Different'.

Harmony Day was a great success which highlighted the valuable contribution we all make to foster inclusiveness and respect.

### Geography & History Committee: Lubna, Bharti, Ross, Shelly, Nat P, Chris B & Meg







### Congratulations to Election Day Raffle Ticket **Winners**



| Prize | Election Day 2023 Raffle | Name        |
|-------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1.    | Smart TV                 | Mary C      |
| 2.    | Virtual Reality Headset  | Julie P     |
| 3.    | Lenovo Tablet            | Laura P     |
| 4.    | Action Camera            | Madeleine B |
| 5.    | Hamper                   | Sophie      |
| 6.    | Motorola Speaker         | Julian B    |
| 7.    | Café Tabouli             | Jeffry J    |
| 8.    | Café Tabouli             | Luca L      |
| 9.    | Anar Chicken             | Jacqueline  |
| 10.   | Anar Chicken             | Nat A       |
| 11.   | Costi Bros Seafoods \$50 | Anna G      |
| 12.   | Costi Bros Seafoods \$50 | Taxi 7      |
| 13.   | Costi Bros Seafoods \$50 | Georgia A   |
| 14.   | Costi Bros Seafoods      | Meg D       |







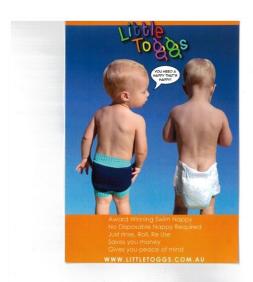




### **Swimming Nappies**

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.

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