



## | Principal's Report

### What's happening at Chalmers Road School

#### Term 1 2025

Thursday 6 March	Parent Coffee Catch up with the Counsellor
Wednesday 12 March	School Photos
Tuesday 18 March	Kabul with Ryka Ali
Wednesday 2 April	Parent Coffee Catch up with the Counsellor
Friday 11 April	Last day of Term 1

## Principal's report

Dear Chalmers Road School Community,  
As we embark on another exciting school year, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our students, parents, and staff. I hope you all had a restful break and are ready for a year filled with learning, growth, and wonderful experiences.

We recently held our annual "Meet and Greet" for parents to tour their child's classroom and meet the class team. This was a fantastic afternoon, and as always we enjoy seeing so many parents visiting the school.

Additionally, I am pleased to share that our swim scheme has been taking place during Weeks 4 and 5 for our junior school classes. This program is designed to teach our students essential water safety skills, ensuring they have the knowledge and confidence to enjoy water activities safely. Swimming is not only a vital life skill, but it also promotes physical fitness and well-being.

In our commitment to supporting every student's unique learning journey, we have been conducting annual PLSP meetings. Our teachers are beginning to develop individualised plans tailored to meet the specific needs of each student based on the agreed goals set during this meeting. Please ensure that you review, sign and return these documents to your teacher, or alternatively suggest any edits as you see necessary.

It was my pleasure to once again present our Year 12 students with their shirts which signify their status as the senior students of the school, and recognise their final steps in their journey at Chalmers Road School. I am looking forward to seeing them wear them to school regularly. As you read this newsletter, I know you will be interested in the specific article relating to your child's class, however I encourage all of you to read and find out about what is happening through the whole school. One of the new articles this year will be regular updates from the library, as we are pleased to reintroduce our library program led by Natalie.

As we look ahead, I am filled with anticipation for the exciting opportunities that await us this year.

Regards,

*Richard Manchee*

Principal

# Class of 2025



## P&C Meeting

The P&C meetings are on the 3rd and 7th week of the school term, Monday night via zoom at 7pm. Please join us as we love seeing both new and regular faces.

This gives us an opportunity to connect and see what our Parents, Carers and Community members need and establish much needed support for our small community.

The next meeting for the P&C will be held on Monday 10 March via zoom.

All parents, carers and friends of Chalmers Road School are welcome. Contact the school for the zoom link.



### STAY INFORMED

This is your chance to keep up to date with all the things that are happening in our school and to have a connection with our Principal. You have access to information about school policies, programs and events.



### BUILDS A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

P & C members work together to create a positive and supportive school community. Allows parents to become more involved in their child's education by participating in school events and activities.



### NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Provides valuable opportunities to meet some lovely people which can be helpful for sharing information and resources. These meetings are fun and nice to connect with others who you may not see often.

### MEETING TIMES

We meet twice a term on a Monday night in week 3 and week 7 at 7pm via zoom. We have found that this is the most suitable time for people to attend. The meeting lasts about 1 hour and it is done in the comfort of your own home.

It is optional to attend and you are not locked in to being present all time.

We would love some new members to join our meetings and have their say for just a gold coin donation.

Chalmers road school P&C association  
23 Chalmers Road  
Strathfield NSW 2135



## School Uniform

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](#)

- [Click here to view more information](#)

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2004-0034-08>

If you are having difficulty funding these items, please phone the school to arrange a confidential conversation with the School Principal.

Uniforms are available for purchase from the front office.

- [Click here to download the School Uniform Order Form](#)

## Parent Portal

Chalmers Road is using School Bytes where parents can make payments and receive documents and notifications. Thank you to those parents who have signed up to the School Bytes portal and App. If you have not done so, please complete as soon as possible.

- [Click here to view more information](#)
- [Click here to download the School Bytes Parent Flyer](#)

## Student Absences

When your child is absent you can-  
Ring the school and advise  
Email the school to advise  
Use the School Bytes Parent Portal App –

For information on how to use the School Bytes Absence use the link below - attendance will go directly to the teacher.

- [Click here to view more information](#)

It is a legal requirement that the school be notified as to why your child is away. You must apply to the Principal for any school time holiday absence. If your child is unwell for more than 2 days, then you will need to supply a doctor's certificate for this absence period in its entirety.

You will receive a phone call from the class teacher or Assistant Principal if these guidelines are not followed as we are legally responsible for the safety and whereabouts of all students.

Please keep students at home if they are unwell. Not having enough sleep isn't considered a justified reason for absence from school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



**Attendance matters means explaining all absences**

If your child is:

- Sick
- Has a medical appointment
- Has to travel for family business
- Involved in Sorry Business

**Let us know**

So we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing

Every Day Matters



## Green

Green Class is off to a great start in the new school year! We are excited to welcome two new Kindergarten students to Chalmers Road School. They have been settling in well and learning new routines with the support of their teachers and SLSOs. Our students have been enjoying their usual learning activities, including engaging visual arts lessons, attending swimming sessions, and visiting the library. It has been wonderful to see everyone back in the classroom, eager to learn and explore new experiences. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!



We are gaining confidence in the pool

*Aida and Linda*



Enjoying a library lesson with Ms Natalie

## Yellow

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope everyone had a wonderful break and is ready for an exciting year of learning. A special welcome to Vithurran, who has joined our class—we are so happy to have you with us!

Over the past two weeks, Yellow Class has been settling into routines and preparing for a fantastic year ahead. Our main focus in class has been listening—how we listen throughout the day and follow instructions to support our learning.

In addition to our classroom activities, we have some exciting programs to look forward to: MiniFit Program – Mondays, library with Ms Nat – Tuesdays, art with Mr. Howard, Swimming Scheme Program – Monday to Friday for two weeks, followed by class swimming on Thursdays.

Both Daphne and I are excited to see the growth in learning this year and can't wait to support each student on their journey. Looking forward to a great term ahead!



Ryan enjoying library time with Ms Nat

*Audrey and Daphne*



Zayn enjoying the Swimming Scheme Program

## Red

Welcome to all the students and their parents to Red Class. Tania is the class Teacher and Sarah is the SLSO. We send a warm welcome to everyone. We have seven students 6 boys Nashwan, Taseen, William, Toby, Adhik and Aarush and one girl Nour. All students have settled in beautifully into our class routine. We started Swim Scheme this week. We are learning about number in mathematics and in Literacy our novel study is Blueback by Tim Winton. Sarah and I are looking forward to working with students and their parents.



Nour learning about number in counting



Toby during Swim Scheme

*Tania and Sarah*

## Blue

This year has started off with lots of exciting programs and learning! Blue Class has jumped in with Swim Scheme and have loved the daily swimming lessons and we look forward to starting our own class lessons soon. We have also been excited to get back to MiniFit every Monday and keep progressing our motor skills. We are enjoying our library lessons every Wednesday with Miss Natalie, reading new books and engaging in fun activities.

These first two weeks we have been doing lots of learning assessments to determine our progressions in the new literacy and numeracy focuses. We have also started to plan our PLSP goals for communication and regulation.

We look forward to seeing what this year has in store for us.



Blue Class during our Swim Scheme session



Krishna using mathematics words and exploring their meanings

*Nukki and Erica*

## Pink

We have had a great time settling back to school after the holidays! Lots of exciting things have been happening this term so we have been very busy. MiniFit has started back and we have been enjoying every minute of it. We celebrated Valentine's Day, and our SLSO Shelly's birthday on the same day! We have also started Swim Scheme. We have loved going swimming each morning. Thank you to the parents who came to the Meet and Greet. It was lovely to meet you all. We hope you enjoyed meeting the staff and seeing the classroom. Thank you all for your continued support. We are looking forward to sharing more of our experiences with you throughout the year.



Zac making a card for Shelly



Gabriel practising his front stroke during Swim Scheme

*Clodagh and Shelly*

## Magenta

Magenta Class students have been enjoying a fun and active start to our learning in Term 1. Welcome to our new class Abdulmalik, Abdullah, Analise, Gautam, Ibrahim, Jawid and Sriman! Every day we are working on counting, recognising numbers, learning letter sounds and handwriting, along with other areas of learning such as science. The students are also engaging very well with our library and art lessons each Wednesday. We are excited to see all the students doing their best to follow our PBL Rules of We Care, We Learn and We are Safe. Well done everybody!



Jawid is completing an alphabet puzzle



Gautam is reading with Ms Nat during our library lesson

*Ross, Michelle and Jess*

## Teal

Teal Class has had a great start to 2025. We welcome Isa, Hamdan, Yusuf, Mohammad, Hamoudi, Tali and Siilen.

This term we started with Swim Scheme where all the students were engaged and learned to be confident in the water by floating and diving to use the skills of body movement. The students in Teal Class are exploring water safety and are making positive choices when engaging in Swim Scheme.

We have been working very hard in maths learning about numbers and place value.

We look forward to working with the children in Teal Class and working towards their individual goals.



Teal Class engaged in a Maths activity on numbers

Teal Class participating in Swim Scheme

*Tamie and Lubna*

## Orange

We would like to welcome back all students in Orange Class for the 2025 school year!

Orange Class students have done well in settling back into school routine. We have enjoyed getting to know our classmates and teachers these past few weeks. So far this term, Orange Class has begun our learning of materials in science, where we have explored how everyday objects in our classroom feel and what material they are made of. In maths, we have been exploring number and place value. We have enjoyed our art lessons with Mr Howard where we have created some fantastic artworks, as well as in our weekly Library lessons with Miss Nat. We also have been exploring a variety of ways we can create sound and explore movement in our dance and music lessons.

Orange Class is looking forward to an exciting remainder of Term 1!



Students engaging in number work



Students participating in a dance lesson

*Shannon and Yoko*

## Banksia

Banksia class students have been enjoying being back at school! We have been working on lots of different things, focusing on our literacy. We've been listening to the sounds letters make and practising how to form them. We've also really been enjoying some scientific exploration, learning about different materials and how they feel. Banksia class is looking forward to the rest of Term 1 and hope you all enjoy seeing what we've been up to!



Ayah investigating how plastic feels and what sounds it makes



Naomi and Rachel practising making the 's' letter

*Rachel and Eman*

## Kangaroo Paw

Gavin and I have been so impressed with how Kangaroo Paw students have settled back into school life after the summer holidays – well done everyone! We have spent some time engaging in fun "getting to know you" activities that help build a strong sense of community. We've also started our science topic on materials, where the students have enjoyed exploring different textures, smells, and sounds, using their senses to learn more about the world around them. In English, we've begun reading "Took the Children Away" by Archie Roach, complimenting our history learning around Aboriginal History. In maths, the focus has been on understanding number values, building towards exploring the significance of numbers in our day to day lives. We're excited for the year ahead, full of learning, fun, and growth, and we look forward to all the experiences and milestones we will share together.



Khoder reading the class the book 'Creatures of the Deep'

*Honor and Gavin*



Muhammad exploring materials in science

## Waratah

Welcome back to a new school year. Waratah students have had a great first few weeks back. Students have been sharing what they did over the holidays. Waratah students have been engaging in mathematics, working on our counting skills, and matching objects to a number. Students enjoyed their first art lesson with Howard making snake art inspired by Chinese New Year – the Year of the Snake.



Print making for snake artwork



Naftanan counting and number sequencing

*Joanne and Laura*

## Wattle

Wattle students have made a great start to the school year and have settled well into their learning routines. We have begun to learn about Aboriginal History and are studying the book "Took the Children Away" by Archie Roach. Students in Wattle class are also learning about belonging, families and being part of a group in Community and Family studies. Students have been able to use photos to identify their classmates when verbally asking during learning activities. Wattle class has also been exploring how to purchase items with money. We have been looking at items to purchase using shopping apps, then looking at what money we need to buy those items. Students have been learning about colour theory in creative arts and exploring a variety of texts with Miss Nat in library. MiniFit continues this term with students participating in modified athletics tasks such as throwing weighted pool noodles to replicate a javelin.



Identifying money

*Luke and Oscar*

# LIBRARY

This year, our library has launched an exciting new program that aligns with the English syllabus under the theme 'People of Our World.' The program encourages students to explore and celebrate the diversity of cultures, interests, and experiences that make up our global community.

So far, students have engaged in enriching craft sessions and reading time, where they've had the opportunity to learn about various people from different backgrounds, what they love to do, and how these diverse experiences shape our world. Through hands-on activities and stories, they've deepened their understanding of diversity, cultivating empathy and curiosity.

We're excited to see how this program continues to inspire and engage our students as they reflect on the richness of human experience! Stay tuned for more activities as we explore new ways to connect with people around the world.



Reading exploration time



Dot painting craft activity looking at Aboriginal perspectives

*Natalie*

# YOU ARE INVITED TO



## PARENT COFFEE CATCH UP

Date: 6 March and 2 April 2025

Time: 8:45am-9:45am

Chalmers Road School





## Your home away from home near Coogee Beach!



**Time for a break? We offer fun and flexible getaways for adults, children, and young people with physical, intellectual, and/or psychosocial disability.**

Use your STAA (Respite) or Community Participation funding for a tailored stay filled with exciting outings and relaxation.

### Explore & enjoy:



Minutes to Bondi, Coogee & Bronte Beaches



Easy access to Sydney CBD



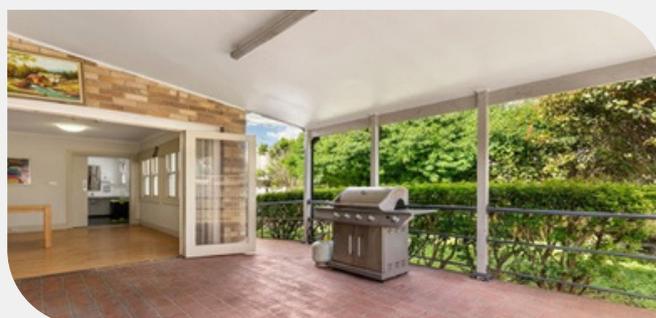
Beach trips, movie nights, arts & crafts, games, cooking, and more!

### What we offer:

- 24/7 Support Staff
- Overnight stays (weekdays & weekends), day stays, centre-based or community access
- Fully Accessible
- Small group sizes (max 6 guests)
- Ages 7-107

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## Great fun or a relaxing break Bexley STAA (Respite)



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Located in the heart of Sydney, with easy access to parks, beach and shopping



Transport to and from the respite or to any community activity of choice



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