



Chisholm Catholic Primary School NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
8.30am – 3.30pm

SCHOOL PRAYER

*This is our Catholic school
Let peace dwell here
Let the rooms
Be full of contentment
Let love abide here
Love of one another
Love of everyone
Love of God
and love of life itself
Let us remember that
As many hands build a house
So many hearts make a school.*

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UNIFORM SHOP

Opening hours are
Monday 8.15am-9.15am
and
Thursday 8.15am-9.15am
and 2.30pm-3.30pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THIS WEEK...

Wednesday 15th February
Beginning School Mass 9am
Kindergarten Welcome BBQ
5 – 7pm

Thursday 16th February
Parent / Teacher Interviews
Yr 1-6

Sundays
Parish Mass 9:30am
in the MPA

FUTURE DATES...

Monday 20th February
Hills Zone Swimming Carnival
CCG AGM 7pm

Tuesday 21st February
First Eucharist Info Night
Chisholm 7.30pm

Wednesday 22nd February
First Eucharist Info Night
St Matthews 7.30pm
Aus Kick 3pm

Friday 24th February
Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Mon 27– Wed 29 February
Year 5 Collaroy Camp

For all the latest updates
to the school calendar
please check the
Calendar of Events
located on the school's
website
[Chisholm website](http://www.chisholmblighpark.catholic.edu.au)

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

**The whole purpose of Catholic schooling is centred on Jesus who was both teacher and transformational change agent. Jesus inspires us:
To Question - To Challenge - To Transform**

At Chisholm, Everything is Connected for every learner every day. The relationships we build, the connections we make and the growth mindset we encourage in each and every learner.

This week you will have the opportunity to meet your son/daughters teacher. Please use this time to share all relevant information so that we can best address their needs throughout the year. Please remember that the teachers are always your first point of contact if you have any concerns.

You may have heard that we now have an official Chisholm Catholic Primary Facebook page and Twitter account. These forms of social media can be very powerful in communicating; learning experiences, celebrations, school news & events. They give us an opportunity to learn from each other and with each other. It is our wish that Facebook and Twitter will be used respectfully at all times.

Please encourage your children to be Sunsmart whenever they are outdoors. For more information read the Chisholm Health Spot in this newsletter.

Finally, please find in this newsletter a flyer relating to student attendance. The information will surprise you.

***The capacity to learn is a gift, the ability to learn is a skill;
the willingness to learn is a choice.***
Brian Herbert

Take Care

Michael



FROM THE REC

Sunday Mass at Chisholm

Mass is held here at Chisholm every Sunday at 9:30am. Each Sunday, a small community gathers together in the school MPA to celebrate Mass, followed by a light morning tea.

BEGINNING YEAR MASS:

Our Beginning Year Mass is at 9am in the MPA on 15th February. Please join us to celebrate the new school year and welcome new students and new teachers to the Chisholm community.



RECONCILIATION: Each term, students from Years 4-6 have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance. We appreciate that Father Arthur and Father Reggie find the time to come down to Chisholm to offer this opportunity to our students. This Tuesday, Year 5 will be receiving this sacrament.

In Christ,

Merilyn Hancock – Religious Education Co-ordinator

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Thanks to all our parents and carers who have booked times this week to meet their child's teacher.

This is a valuable time to share information and work in partnership in supporting your child's needs as well as getting to know their teacher.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Teachers are available to all parents and are your first line of communication should you ever need information or clarification about your child.

Parents are asked to make an appointment to see the class teacher as they may not always be available without notice due to other duties and commitments.

If you have any questions or concerns outside the classroom, please make a time to see a member of the school leadership team who will be happy to assist you

OPEN DAY FOR 2018

Our Open Day for 2018 new enrolments will be held on Thursday 9th March 2017 at 9.30am to 10:30am and 1:45pm to 2:45pm in our multi purpose area. Prospective new families for Kindergarten in 2018 as well as students Years 1 to Year 6 are invited to attend our Open Day.

Enrolment packs will be available on the day or from the school office.

Our fee schedule for 2017 is available to download from our website.

ASSEMBLIES – MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS

Parents, as always, are very welcome to assembly each week and we value your presence. When you are able to attend, you demonstrate your support of your children and that is appreciated. You can also support the children by providing a role model for the children of how to listen respectfully during assembly and joining in for prayer, the national anthem and the school song. Once assembly has concluded it is also a great time for parents to catch up and network with each other.

To assist our children and staff at assembly each week we ask that parents either gather at the back of the basketball court where you can utilize the silver seats or at the side steps of the MPA. Please do not stand at the side in front of the kindergarten classrooms or anywhere on the handball courts as this distracts the children and causes people traffic issues. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

MEDICATION POLICY

Some children attending school need medication to control medical conditions:

Parents should supply –

- ☐ Specific written permission (forms are available from our website or the school office)

Form 1 Notification and request for the administration of medication during school hours

In addition, the school may request:

Form 2 Parent/Guardian permission for doctor to release medical information to the administration of Chisholm Catholic Primary School

Form 3 Request for medical details from Prescribing Doctor verifying medical condition and treatment

- ☐ Prescription medicine should be in a prescription container which gives the name of the child, the dosage and time the medication is to be given and the name of the prescribing doctor.

- ☐ Non-prescription medicine cannot be administered at school (e.g., Panadol, cough medicines).

Please note –

- ☐ Children who are sick should not come to school.
- ☐ Children are not allowed to keep medication whilst at school – it must be handed in to the office and will be put under lock and key.
- ☐ It would be best if essential medication be given at home before or after your child comes to school.
- ☐ Children who take regular medication need to complete the permission forms and are required to provide an Action Plan.

In addition to the Policy

Parents/Carers need to ensure that all medication kept at school for their child has a valid expiry date.

Medication past its expiry date cannot be administered.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN

Our youngest children commenced their schooling at Chisholm so beautifully. Congratulations to the children and their parents. A big thank you to our Kindergarten parents and families who have been assisting their little ones to transition to school. It was also great to see so many parents join us for "Cheers and Tears" to share a 'cuppa' and meet new people.

SPORT

Hills Zone Swimming Carnival

Good luck to our Zone swimming team who will compete at Oasis swimming pool next Monday. We look forward to hearing your results.

AFL After School Clinic

Commencing 22nd February on Wednesday afternoons from 3.05pm – 4.05pm AFL NSW will be running an AFL clinic after school on the school grounds. Details regarding the clinic will be sent home this week. The organisers will come out to do some promotion classes with the students during sport. This program is run by AFL NSW with qualified coaching staff. All payments and enquires go through AFLNSW, however, Chisholm does support the program. The clinics are not run by Chisholm staff and school supervision is not provided. For this reason, parents are responsible for the supervision of their children during these sessions. Please look out for the details this week if you are interested.

Parent Coaches

We are currently looking for a number of new coaches to run our sports at Chisholm this year. Especially in the areas of netball, touch football, rugby league, indoor cricket and soccer. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Baxter through the school office. Many of our long-time coaches left last year so we are looking for new parents to take over the reins. If we are unable to find coaches certain competitions may not be available to the children this year.

Karen Baxter – Sports Co-ordinator



every learner every day ✓

ABSENCES ADD UP!

FEBRUARY 2 DAYS A MONTH = NOVEMBER 4 WEEKS A YEAR = MISSING MORE THAN 1 YEAR OF LEARNING IN 12 YEARS

DID YOU KNOW

1 IN 6 PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

- BE FIRM. Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- Develop good sleep and morning routines
- Schedule appointments after school
- Avoid taking holidays during term time

EACH DAY MISSED:

- Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY

Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

KINDERGARTEN BBQ

Kindy Welcome BBQ at Chisholm

5:10pm Games for children
5:50pm Sausage sizzle
6:30pm Family Treasure Hunt

Chisholm would like to invite all Kindy parents and children to join us for a special Welcome BBQ on



Wednesday 15th February

Sausage sizzle, poppers & tea/coffee will be served. Children will have the opportunity to play some games with their new friends and parents will be able to meet new friends as well.

We hope to see you all there.

CCG – CHISHOLM COMMUNITY GROUP AGM

The Chisholm Community Group will be holding its **AGM** on **Monday 20th February** at 7.00 pm in the M.P.A. All community members are welcome and encouraged to attend. We look forward to catching up with familiar faces and getting to know our new families. Hope to see you there!

CHISHOLM COMMUNITY GROUP

Chisholm Community Group works closely with staff in ensuring the best educational setting for all children.

The Chisholm Community Group values and plans for:

- maximise parental involvement at Chisholm
- foster community spirit within the Chisholm parent body
- assist in school / parent communication
- assist Chisholm in meeting resource targets

The Chisholm Community Group meets once each term. Membership is open to all parents and guardians of children attending our school.

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 1		
Wed	Feb 15	Cheryl Ayoub, Jessica Cullen
Thurs	Feb 16	Nicky Spiteri, HELP NEEDED
Fri	Feb 17	Coralie Livingstone, Anne Jones, Tanya Biasi
Mon	Feb 20	Nina Dimech, Kelly Williams
Tues	Feb 21	Verity Bugeja,
Wed	Feb 22	Tami Adams, HELP NEEDED
Thurs	Feb 23	Natalie Allen, HELP NEEDED
Fri	Feb 24	Megan Hilder, Christine Vella, Catherine Ashton
Mon	Feb 27	Jade Millan, Belinda Parr
Tues	Feb 28	Sarah Kelly, Nicole Anderson

If you are able to help on any of these days, please contact me on 0421 907 442.

Volunteers are still required to assist in the canteen.

Sandra Goldsbrough - Canteen Co-ordinator



Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday over the coming weeks:

Tarajay Lavender, Molly Cusack, Lachlan Parr, Luke May, Molly Lane, Taylor Freund, Samuel Gollan, Toby Camilleri, Ayush Singh, Byron Wright, Rhylie Walker, Lachlan Stivala, Jaylah Dimech, Olivia Kennedy, Curtis Davies, Owen Cavanagh, Molly Young, Izaac Groom, Charlize Sherry, Lola Galea

CHISHOLMHEALTHSPOT



At Chisholm we endeavour to make sure all students, parents and teachers Slip. Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide all year round. The following information will convince you about why being Sun Smart is vitally important for all of us.

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Two in three Australians (2 in 3 men and 3 in 5 women) will develop some form of skin cancer before the age of 70. Over 440,000 Australians are treated for skin cancer and more than 1800 Australians die each year from skin cancer.

But this doesn't need to be the case. Nearly all skin cancers can be prevented by protecting yourself from the sun and most skin cancers can be cured if they are diagnosed and treated early.

Be SunSmart

Always protect your skin when UV levels are 3 (moderate) and above. [Find out today's UV levels.](#)

Protect yourself in 5 ways

Slip on clothing that covers your shoulders, arms and legs. Choose shirts with collars, high necks and sleeves and trousers or longer shorts and skirts that come below the knees.

- **Slop on SPF30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen.** Apply generously 20 minutes before going outside and re-apply every 2 hours. Never rely on sunscreen alone.
- **Slap on a broad-brimmed hat** that protects your face, ears and neck. Broad-brimmed, bucket and legionnaire style hats provide good protection. Baseball caps are not recommended, as they do not protect the ears, cheeks or neck.
- **Seek shade whenever you can** especially when UV levels are highest between 10am and 2pm (11am and 3pm during daylight saving).
- **Slide on sunglasses that meet Australian Standard AS1067** and that fit your face well.

For more information: www.cancercouncil.com.au/sunsmart



At Chisholm Catholic Primary:

**All students are to wear a school hat when they are outdoors.
(Sporting activities, Before school, Recess, Lunch & After school)**

We also encourage all parents to be Sun Smart by wearing a hat when you are dropping off or picking up your children, and also during any outdoor activities.

Cheers Michael

Please contact me at mmifsud@parra.catholic.edu.au if you have any questions relating to the CHISHOLMHEALTHSPOT.

We are safe, honest, respectful learners!