



Chisholm Matters

Newsletter of Chisholm Catholic Primary School, Bligh Park

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Diary Dates

Friday 23 February
Diocesan Swimming
Carnival

Sundays
Parish Mass 9:30am
in the MPA

Monday 26 February
Classroom Helper
Training 2.15pm

Tuesday 27 February
First Eucharist Meeting
Chisholm 7.30pm

Wed 28 February
First Eucharist Meeting
St Matthew's 7.30pm

**Sunday 4 March to
Saturday 10 March**
Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday 7 March
Open Day for
Prospective New
Families 9.30-10.30am
or
11.30am – 12.30pm

Cyber Safety
Information Session
5.30pm

Wednesday 21 March
Yr. 2 Excursion

**Wednesday 21 March
to
Friday 23 March**
Yr. 5 Collaroy Camp

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

We have had a great start to our new school year. Our brilliant Kindergarten students are well settled and loving their new Agile Learning Space. All of our Chisholm students are enjoying their Coding lessons each week with Mrs Lark. Our music lessons with Mrs Hancock and our expert Teaching Educator Mr Rooke have already inspired some creativity in our children, as well as Mrs Baxter continuing to excite and energise our students through our Physical Education program. We have Project Based Learning beginning to take shape in Years 3 and Year 6 as well as many Intervention programs such as Reading Recovery, EMU and R3 being offered to many of our students across the school.

Our 2018 school Goals are listed below. These goals have been developed from assessments, evaluations and many other sources of Data from the 2017 school year. These goals are central to my goals as Principal and the goals of all staff and students at Chisholm.

Formation Goal

For all students to deepen their faith through prayer and by showing an understanding of the messages of the scriptures in their daily lives.

Literacy Goal

Students will increase their ability to understand and apply more complex vocabulary when speaking and listening, reading and writing.

Numeracy Goal

Students make mathematical connections across all strands to become fluent problem solvers of rich tasks.

This week you have had a chance to meet with your child's teachers to share goals and other important information regarding their learning. I encourage you to maintain this communication with your teachers throughout the year so that we can always best address the needs of your children.

Our Chisholm Community Group (CCG) elected their new representatives last week. We thank them for their continuing commitment to our wonderful school. Their names and the names of our Twilight Fair committee are featured in CCG NEWS.

Please join us during Catholic Schools Week for an information session on Cyber Safety led by Senior Constable Janine Elliott Hawkesbury LAC.

Please click on the link to register your attendance.
[CYBERSMART PARENT INFORMATION SESSION](#)

Congratulations to the members of our Zone Swimming team. We are very proud of the way you represented yourselves, your families and our school at Monday's Zone Swimming Carnival in Windsor.

Thanks again for your ongoing support. Please remember to come and see me if you have a concern or a query.

Take Care

Michael

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CHISHOLM STUDENT ATTENDANCE EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY

89.1%

This week's overall attendance figure for Chisholm is:

This is 0.9% below our Diocesan target and 0.1% above the Diocesan average of 89%.

Congratulations to all students and parents in particular our new Kindergarten students who are our high achievers in attendance for this week with 98.6% and Year 3 with 91.3%.

Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
01	89.9%
02	89.2%
03	91.8%
04	84.5%
05	85.8%
06	83.6%

Let's aim to keep our rates of attendance over 90% in 2018.

Remember! Attendance EVERY DAY is important.

Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

every learner
every day



School Fee Statements

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Prayer Space

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers members of our Chisholm community including; Ti Fox for the recent loss of his Dad and Grandfather, Will Taylor (Year 6), Chelsea Halliday (Year 6) and many of our family and friends who are unwell.



Thank you

Michael Mifsud – Principal

Medical Updates

Over time circumstances regarding medical plans, medication or medical conditions may change for your child/children.

To assist in supporting any medical needs parents are reminded that it is important to communicate any changes in writing so both the class teachers and office staff are aware.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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 Medical Advice to school completed by the 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.

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

ASSEMBLIES – MONDAY

Parents, as always, are very welcome to attend 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.

See you next Monday at 8.45am.

Congratulations!

to our 2018 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 in the first week.

At each Monday Assembly in Lent a grade will take responsibility to present a reflection on the Sunday reading. Please join us for this prayerful season that leads to Easter. On Fridays, teachers pray together at 8.20am and during Lent we focus on the Sunday readings.

SPECIAL NOTICE

During Lent, parents will have the opportunity to pray together on Fridays at 8.45am for 20 minutes in the Music Room. Make this a commitment for Lent instead of 'giving up' something. When your children go into class, join other parents for a 20 minute quiet time to recharge your batteries.

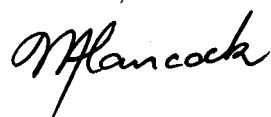
In the Diocese of Parramatta, the Sacraments are received as follows at St Matthew's:

Reconciliation -	Year 3 - 30, 31 October, 2018
Eucharist -	Year 4 - 27 May and 3 June, 2018
Confirmation -	Year 5 - 16, 17, 22 August, 2018

Preparation for the Sacraments is parish based family groups organised by St Matthew's.

First Eucharist Information Nights for Parents and Carers, will be held on Tuesday 27 February 7.30pm at Chisholm and on Wednesday 28th February 7.30pm at St Matthew's Church.

In Christ,



Marilyn Hancock – Religious Education Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Hills Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our Chisholm team who competed at the Hills Zone Carnival at YMCA Windsor. A huge thank you to our awesome parents who worked on timekeeping throughout the carnival. It was really appreciated by all the Chisholm staff. We are grateful for the time you give. Thank you also to Miss Dimech for managing our team. Congratulations and good luck to the following students who placed in the top 4 and will now go on to compete at the Diocesan Carnival on Friday 23rd February at Blacktown Pool:

<u>Chelsea Privitera</u>	11 years girls	- 50m Freestyle 3rd place and 50m Backstroke 4th place
<u>Ella Parkinson</u>	8 years girls	- 50m Freestyle 3rd place
<u>Brodie Richards</u>	10 years boys	- 50m Backstroke

Fynn Callanan, Brodie Richards, Kameron Wood and Jacob Beattie - Junior Boys 4 x 100 Freestyle relay team 4th place.

AFL After School Clinic

The AFL clinics commenced yesterday (21st February). AFL NSW will run the AFL clinics for four weeks on Wednesday afternoons from 3.05 – 4.05pm after school on the school grounds. Details regarding the clinic were sent home last week. The organisers came out to Chisholm to promote the clinic. This program is run by AFL NSW with qualified coaching staff. All payments and enquires go through AFLNSW please **do not** send any payment to the school office, 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.



Chisholm Cross Country

The Chisholm Cross Country will be held 5th April at Chisholm. For those who wish to compete competitively you should start training at home.

Coles Sports for Sports

This year Chisholm is participating in the Coles Sports for Schools. It has been a few years since this incentive program for schools has been run by Coles. Please start collecting now. The vouchers have collection points, a box outside of the Chisholm Library, the Chisholm Office and the Coles Store in Windsor.

Sport Coaches

Chisholm will participate in several Gala Days for students in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 this year and I am asking for any parents that are interested in coaching teams specifically in Touch Football, Rugby League, Netball or Football (soccer) to contact me through the school office.

Details regarding these days will be announced at school so please ask your children to listen out for messages to avoid missing out.

Karen Baxter – Sports Coordinator

Welcome! On behalf of the Chisholm Community Group I'd like to welcome you all to another school year and offer a special welcome to all of our new teachers and families to the school. We are all looking forward to another great year at Chisholm.

The CCG's 2018 Annual General Meeting was held last Tuesday 13th February. Thank you to all who gave up their valuable time on the night.

This year's new **CCG Executive Committee** has been elected as follows:

President – Bec Monaghan

Secretary – Andrea Deters

Assistant Secretary – Alana Schroder

Treasurer – Catherine Ashton

Assistant Treasurer – Melinda Nagle

Events Coordinator – Sarah Kitching and Kylie Handfield

Media Coordinator – Nicolle Kennedy

Congratulations to all new committee members!

Our next CCG meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th March at 7.00pm in the school staffroom. We welcome all parents/carers from the school community to attend.

2018 Fair Committee (to be held on 27th October 2018)

Fair Coordinators - Rebecca Monaghan & Kylie Handfield

Treasurer/Purchasing - Catherine Ashton & Melinda Nagle

Media Coordinator - Nicolle Kennedy

Sponsor Coordinator - Brenda Chapman & Nicole Anderson

Entertainment Coordinators - Craig Galea & Nicole Kennedy

Food Coordinators - Amity Giles & Melissa Parkinson

Cake Coordinator - Andrea Deters

UPCOMING EVENTS: Look out for further information about our school disco coming up soon which is our first event of the year!!

If you wish to contact us or learn more about becoming involved, please e-mail us at chisholmccg@gmail.com

Bec Monaghan

GENERAL NEWS



Classroom Helper Training Session

If you would like to assist in the classrooms at Chisholm and were not able to make it to the previous training session, a second session is being held on **Monday 26th of February** at 2.15pm in the MPA.

Chisholm parents support our school in a variety of ways and we are always appreciative to those who are able to offer their time. One way parents may be involved at Chisholm is by offering to come in and help in the classrooms. To help this be a productive and rewarding time for the students, we ask that all parents and carers wishing to be a classroom helper participate in our upcoming session

After you have completed the session, you can contact your child's classroom teacher to arrange a suitable time for you to assist. Please register in the following link [Classroom Helper Training Session](#)

You will also need to complete the online - [Building Child Safe Communities](#) before assisting in the classroom.

Natalie Colburt and Nancy McGavin

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Our school is transitioning to a new Finance system as well as updating our email contact details for all parents and carers. We ask you to complete the following form (one for each family unless the circumstances differ in your situation) as soon as possible. Please complete this form ASAP if you haven't already done so..

[Chisholm Parent/Carer Email Contact Information](#)

Bede Polding College Enrolments for 2019

Bede Polding College Enrolment forms for 2019 will be sent home to all Year 6 students on Monday 26 February.

Enrolment forms and supporting documentation must be lodged at the **Bede Polding College office** by 25 May 2018.



Chisholm Open Day for 2019

Our Open Day for 2019 new enrolments will be held on Wednesday 7th March 2019 at 9.30am to 10:30am and 11.30am to 12.30pm in our multi purpose area. Prospective new families for Kindergarten in 2019 as well as students Years 1 to Year 6 are invited to attend our Open Day.

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

We look forward to sharing information about our wonderful school and meeting prospective new families.



Please display your **Name Card** when using Chisholm's 'Kiss & Ride'.
Place card behind your Sun visor so that it is clearly visible.
Thank you



Ask about your child's day

Stay involved in your child's education, beyond helping with homework. Even small things, like asking a child what happened at school, can be the difference between a child who unplugs at the end of the day and one who continues thinking about what they learned. Give them the kind of feedback that acknowledges and respects their feelings so they know you are really hearing them

CANTEEN ROSTER		
TERM 1		
Friday	February 23	Megan Hilder, Clare Willemse, Alanna Carstairs
Monday	February 26	Jade Millan, Megan Hilder
Tuesday	February 27	Sam Puglisi
Wednesday	February 28	Rachael Deep, HELP NEEDED
Thursday	March 01	Liz Vassallo
Friday	March 02	Tami Adams, Sarah Kitching, Kelly Breen
Monday	March 05	Jessica Toms, Alana Schroder
Tuesday	March 06	Andrew Broadfoot
Wednesday	March 07	HELP NEEDED
Thursday	March 08	Amanda Allen, Nicky Spiteri

The full 2018, Term 1 Canteen Roster can also be found on the school website.

We are always looking for helpers so if you can spare a day please come and see me.

Thank you

Sandra Goldsbrough - Canteen Coordinator



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

Adam Szyszka, Rhylie Walker, Curtis Davies, Olivia Kennedy, Jaylah Dimech, Lachlan Stivala, Owen Cavanagh, Molly Young, Charlize Sherry, Izaac Groom, Lola Galea, Alyssa Zeppenfeld, Zachary Todd, Amelia Vassallo,

Jack Kennedy-O'Brien, Georgia O'Bryan, Ronan Dalton, Sienna Blissett, Sienna Pace, Lilah Gow, Zara Buttsworth, Carla Bietola, Logan Gruppetta.

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday	8.15am – 9.15am
Thursday	8.15am – 9.15am
Thursday	2.30pm – 3.30pm

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday	8.15am – 3.45pm
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PRC Term 1 Meeting - 5 March 2018

Registration for parents to attend the first PRC meeting for 2018 on 5 March 2018 - [register here](#)



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PARENTS MATTER



How can our parents really engage with our schools and our teachers?
Parent Involvement vs. Parent engagement – how this helps your child

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Mrs Danielle Cronin

Chief Governance and Strategy at Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 5 March 2018

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)

(Term 1 - PRC Annual General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)
at Patrician Brothers College, 100 Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown

Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!



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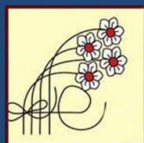
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Learning Matters



WHAT IS CODING?

Over the last few weeks you may have heard your children coming home from school excitedly talking about using robots, and coding with Mrs Lark.

Technology is a big part of our lives, and coding is a skill our students will need to develop as they grow up in a digital world.

Coding involves problem solving, communicating, sequencing, and covers content across all of our subject areas - maths, science, english, geography, etc.



Students work in small groups to complete a task. They practise working together and listening to each other.

We have only just started our coding journey at Chisholm and we can't wait to share more with you soon.



We are safe, honest, respectful learners!

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