



Chisholm Matters

Newsletter of Chisholm Catholic Primary School, Bligh Park

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Diary Dates

Friday 23 March
Yr. 5 Collaroy Camp

Sundays
Parish Mass 9:30am
in the MPA

Tuesday 27 March
CCG Meeting 7pm

Thursday 29 March
Holy Week Liturgy
12.30pm

Friday 30 March
Good Friday
Public Holiday



Sunday 1 April
Easter Sunday

Monday 2 April
Easter Monday
Public Holiday

Thursday 5 April
Chisholm Cross Country

Friday 6 April
Easter Liturgy 9am
Family Fun Night/Disco
K to Yr.2 – 4pm-6pm
Yr.3 to Yr. 6 – 6pm-8pm

Friday 13 April
Stage 3 Touch Football
Gala Day
Last day of Term 1

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

Creating an environment where we create, nurture and celebrate life long learning is our aim at Chisholm Catholic Primary. Whilst the children undertake a variety of rich, challenging and engaging tasks daily at school, we need to also take into account the need for them to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family, recreation and cultural pursuits. Which should include many opportunities to play.

For young children there is no distinction between play and learning – it's all play and it's also learning.

Why play is important?

Different kinds of play build different kinds of learning:

- **Creativity:** when you encourage your child to play, it exercises imagination and helps your child express emotions.
- **Role-play:** dressing up gives your child a chance to act out scenarios that might otherwise be scary or confusing.
- **Messy play:** playing with paints or water or in the sandpit is a good outlet for emotions.
- **Coordination:** clambering over playground equipment teaches coordination, balance and physical limits.
- **Cooperation:** board games teach your child about taking turns, following the rules, counting and being a good loser. These are tough lessons for any child.
- **Laughing:** songs, books, riddles and rhymes tickle your child's funny bone and teach him or her new words.

Play is the
highest form
of research

Albert Einstein



As you are aware we recently celebrated Catholic Schools Week at Chisholm. During that week students, parents and teachers were asked the question –

[What do you love about Chisholm?](#)

(Click on the link to find out what they said)

What do you love about Chisholm?

Michael

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Staff Development Day

Monday 30th April 2018

This is a Pupil Free Day

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CHISHOLM STUDENT ATTENDANCE EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY

This week's overall attendance figure for Chisholm is:

89.7%

This is 0.3 % below our Diocesan target and 2.7 % above the current Diocesan average of 87%.

Congratulations to all students and parents in particular our Year 3 with 93.2%. All grades with the exception of Year 5 & Year 6 are over 90% in attendance.

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

Remember! Attendance EVERY DAY is important.

ARRIVAL FOR SCHOOL

A reminder that school commences at **8.45am**. Please ensure that your children arrive at school with plenty of time to socialise with friends and prepare for the day ahead.

If for any reason you are late for school, parents must sign their children in at the office in person.

Prayer Space

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers members of our Chisholm community including; Jaden Harper 3W (Passing of his grandfather) Simon & Danielle Crothers (Passing of Simon's Grandmother), Mr Smith and many of our family and friends who are unwell.



**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

ACCESS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS

8.15am to 9.00am & 2.55pm to 3.30pm

In the interests of safety, access to the school grounds during these time will now be through the main school gates adjacent to the pedestrian crossing and the gate behind 'Kiss and Ride'.

Parents & Carers are asked to access the school via the office between 9.00am and 2.55pm.

Thank you

Michael Mifsud – Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Kindergarten 2019



For parents wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten for 2019, applications are now being accepted. Interview times are being timetabled and conducted with the aim that they will be completed by the end of next term.

If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at Chisholm in 2019, now is the time to remind them to place their applications at the school office.

Enrolment forms are available from the school office during the school office hours.

School Grounds Safety – Car Park

In the interest of community safety parents and carers are reminded that children are not to be dropped off or picked up from the staff car park as this is dangerous, especially when vehicles are trying to reverse out of the school. The car park gates are closed during school hours.

The only cars permitted to park in the grounds are those with disabled access permission who must display their disabled sticker and must park within marked car spaces.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping each other safe.

Andrew Emanuel – Assistant Principal

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



Holy Week

Our Holy Week liturgy will be at 12.30pm on Holy Thursday 29th March. If it is fine weather it will be held outside but it will be in the MPA if it rains. Bede Polding students will be sharing their liturgy with us with some of our students helping with the prayers. We are also learning the music suggested by the Bede Polding teachers. Parents are welcome to come and share this solemn occasion with their children. It would be wonderful if parents were able to take their children to some of the Easter ceremonies in our local parish over the Easter weekend.

PARENT PRAYER - Come and join us!

“Be still and know that I am God.”

Each Friday in Lent, parents are invited to participate in Lenten prayer in the Music Room from 8.45am to 9.05am. This is a time of stillness and reflection out of your busy day.

In Christ,

Marilyn Hancock – Religious Education Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Diocesan Netball

Congratulations to Holly Merryfull and Grace Scala who have made the Parramatta Diocesan Netball team. Both girls will go to Canberra early next term for the MacKillop trials.

Chisholm Cross Country

The Chisholm Cross Country will be held on the 5th of April in our school grounds. For those who wish to compete competitively, you should be training at home. A note will be sent home next week asking for volunteers.

Coles Sports for Schools

A reminder to continue to collect the Sports for Schools vouchers. The vouchers have collection points, a box outside of the Chisholm Library, the Chisholm Office and the Coles Store in Windsor.

Tuesday 3rd April is the last day to earn Sports for Schools vouchers.

Karen Baxter – Sports Coordinator



You're invited!!

Our students from **Years 1-6** have been working all term on a Coding Project with Mrs Lark in the Library.

We would like to invite Parents, Carers & family members to join our students for their last Coding Lesson of the term. They are very keen to show what they have been working on and the skills they have developed.

Please come at the correct time (listed below), as the Library space is limited.

If you cannot make it, don't worry! There will be plenty more opportunities for students to share their coding with you later in the year.



<u>Week 10:</u>	Morning	Middle	Afternoon
Tuesday 3rd April	9:45 - 6 Grey	12:15 - 2 Grey	
Wednesday 4th April	9:45 - 4 Grey	12:15 - 5 Grey	
Thursday 5th April	10:45 - 3 Grey*		2pm - 1 Grey
<i>*note: 3G will be held after the Cross Country is finished</i>			
<u>Week 11:</u>	Morning	Middle	Afternoon
Tuesday 10th April	8:45 - 6 White 9:45 - 6 Maroon	11:15 - 2 White 12:15 - 2 Maroon	2pm - 1 White
Wednesday 11th April	8:45 - 4 White 9:45 - 4 Maroon	12:15 - 5 Maroon	
Thursday 12th April	8:45 - 3 White 9:45 - 3 Maroon		2pm - 1 Maroon

NRL Visit

On Monday 26th February, 2 NRL players, Josh Mansour and Jed Cartwright from the Penrith Panthers came to visit Stages 2 and 3. They spoke to us about nutrition and healthy living as well as the importance having a healthy and active lifestyle.

We were excited to meet the players in person and ask them interesting questions about how they became professional football players.

It was a great and valuable experience for us at Chisholm.

Written By:

(Sports Team- Toby C, Dylan B, Grace S, Eesha C, Silvanna V, Logan G, Brayden W, Jacinta. B)





Congratulations to the following students:

Toby Camilleri (6G) and **Jemma Camilleri (3M)** who are competing this weekend at the 2018 Little Athletics State Track and Field Championships. Toby is competing in (under 12's) Discus, Shot Put and Javelin and Jemma is competing in (under 9's) Discus.
(Pictured here with their older brother Lachlan.)



Well done and Good Luck

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 1

Friday	March 23	Danielle Pollock, Tami Adams, Megan Hilder, Alana Schroder
Monday	March 26	Alanna Carstairs, Jessica Toms
Tuesday	March 27	Andrew Broadfoot
Wednesday	March 28	Jade Graham, HELP NEEDED
Thursday	March 29	Alexandra Jeffrey, Alana Schroder
Friday	March 30	GOOD FRIDAY
Monday	April 02	EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday	April 03	Michelle Dimech, Jackie Triccas
Wednesday	April 04	Rachel Deep
Thursday	April 05	Amanda Allen, Corrine Galea

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:

Zac Willemse, Erin Banks, Jack Hurst, Aleigha Biasi, Sebastian D'Imperio, Xoe Butterworth Pascoe, Emily Flint, Cameron Hastings, Liam Tuckey, Marcus Spiteri, Jaiden Piirainen, Tahlia Chapman, Heidi Norman, Eva Jankuloski, Bailey Giles, Ada Barber, Makayla Allen, Logan Korte.

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

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 



Learning Matters



In music lessons in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2, students are introduced to music appreciation of different types of music. Every lesson they have the opportunity to play percussion instruments and bucket drumming will be introduced next term. They are learning about beat and rhythm and Year 2 has been introduced to rhythm notation, which is the forerunner to reading music.

In music lessons, students in Years 3 and 4 will be learning recorder. Recorders are interesting musical instruments that have been around for 500 years. Plastic ones are relatively cheap to buy and when played well are pleasant to listen to. There are actually five different recorders: soprano, descant, treble, tenor and bass. There is a lot of suitable music that can be used for recorders to play in ensembles. The school will purchase the particular recorders we would like students to use.



Years 5 and 6 will be learning to use Launchkey keyboards (small piano keyboards that connect to the laptop) with Garageband. The school has purchased 12 Launchkey keyboards. This will give these students an opportunity to compose and record music.



In the lunch hour on Tuesdays we will be offering students the chance to join the Chisholm Ensemble. Some students who are having music lessons outside school have the opportunity to share their skills and love of music with other students. We plan to have more than just recorders in the ensemble.



On Tuesdays, we are privileged to have Mr. Phil Rooke, the Music Teaching Educator from CEDP assisting myself and the students with their learning.



We are safe, honest, respectful learners!