



Chisholm Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
8.15am – 3.45pm

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 29th March

School Photos

Thursday 30th March

Yr. 3-6 Cross Country

Friday 31st March

Mufti Day

Family Fun Night / Disco

Sundays

Parish Mass 9:30am
in the MPA

FUTURE DATES...

Friday 7th April

Last day of Term 1
Holy Week Liturgy

Friday 14th April

Good Friday

Sunday 16th April

Easter Sunday

Monday 24th April

Term 2 - School Resumes

Tuesday 25th April

ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

TERM 2 PUPIL FREE DAY

Our next Staff
Development Day
(PUPIL FREE DAY)
will be held on
Friday 16 June.

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

I recently attended a Police forum with colleague Principals from the Hawkesbury area at Windsor police station. The topics were many and varied. Domestic violence was high on the agenda as it is quite prevalent in the Hawkesbury region. Domestic violence does impact on our children and their families. A conscious awareness of it as a community is needed so that we can assist those who require our support and action.

Social media was also highlighted as a problem for our children. Too many of our children are accessing social media sites that they should not be accessing. Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and the like have a 13 and over recommended user access. Kik has a 17 and over recommended user access. Therefore, no student at Chisholm Catholic Primary should be on Social Media. Although I cannot stop you from allowing your children access to these sites I am encouraging you to do so, and in turn be a positive role model and teach them how to use social media appropriately. Poor usage of social media has impacted on our students relationships with others and it does impact on their learning and well being. Their digital footprint can come back to affect them in the future.

When used correctly and respectfully by responsible teenagers and adults, social media can be a very handy communication tool and an excellent way to feel a part of the Chisholm Community.

'Don't say anything online that you wouldn't want plastered on a billboard with your face on it'.

Erin Bury

Each year, every school in the Diocese of Parramatta participates in the Quality Catholic School Survey. Staff, students (Year 3 - 6) and randomly selected parents are invited to participate. The survey period began on 20 March and concludes Friday 31 March. I encourage parents who receive a survey to complete it, as it gives us another lens by which to gather information about how we are functioning as a faith community.

NAPLAN 2017

National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing will be conducted at Chisholm Catholic Primary on 9 - 11 May 2017 for all students in Years 3 & 5.

	Tuesday 9 May	Wednesday 10 May	Thursday 11 May
YEAR 3	Language Conventions • 40 minutes Writing • 40 minutes	Reading • 45 minutes	Numeracy • 45 minutes
YEAR 5	Language Conventions • 40 minutes Writing • 40 minutes)	Reading • 50 minutes	Numeracy • 50 minutes

If you have any concerns about your child sitting the NAPLAN testing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As a newly appointed Principal in the Diocese, I will be going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Italy in the Easter holidays. This trip will extend into the first two weeks of Term 2. I will be travelling with other newly appointed principals, Bishop Vincent Long and Greg Whitby. This is a huge privilege and I'm so grateful for the opportunity. I will certainly keep the Chisholm community in my prayers during my time overseas. I will keep you updated through our Chisholm Facebook page. Mr Emanuel will be my replacement in my absence.

May you and your family be blessed as you celebrate the true meaning of Easter, from the reflection of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday and the promise of eternal life.

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.

On the last day of the term, Friday, 7th April, parents are invited to join their child's class for our Holy Week liturgy. Each grade will be participating in a liturgy at the following times:

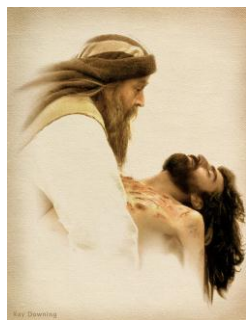
Kindergarten	9.00
Years 1 and 2	9.45
Years 3 and 4	11.30
Years 5 and 6	12.15

Please join your children in prayer in the MPA.

In Christ,



Merilyn Hancock— Religious Education Co-ordinator



ENROLMENT TIME

If your child is of school age and is ready to begin Kindergarten in 2018, please collect an enrolment package from our school office. Please share this information with family and friends who are interested in sending their child to Chisholm Catholic Primary.

BIKE SAFETY

At Chisholm, we have an increasing number of children riding bikes or scooters to school.

If your child rides to school parents are asked to remind their child/children about the follow safety rules.

- Helmets must be worn while riding at all times.
- Bikes and scooters may only be pushed in the school grounds and on the footpath outside the school, especially in the afternoons during bus duty and kiss and drop duty.
- Bikes and scooters are to be parked in the designated area. Between the Year 3 and Year 4 buildings
- Children only have permission to use their own bike or scooter.

Parents are also asked to discuss appropriate road rules while riding to and from school in the interest of keeping everyone safe. Thank you for your assistance.

PROJECT COMPASSION DAY

On **Friday 31st March**, Chisholm will be holding a Project Compassion Day run by the Social Justice leaders.

The purpose of this day is to raise awareness of the situations in the countries where Caritas works. Classes will participate in various activities throughout the day to help them gain a better understanding of the work that Caritas does and why.

This will be a **mufti day**. Students are asked to please bring in a gold coin donation, which will support Project Compassion.

Thank you for your support,
The Social Justice Team

UNIFORM SHOP

Winter Uniform Changeover

Students can return in Term 2, Week 1 (i.e. Monday 24th April) wearing their winter uniform. There will be a two-week changeover.

All students are required to be in full winter uniform by Week 3, **Monday 8th May 2017**.

Belinda Ross Uniform Co-ordinator

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Chisholm school photos will be taken on **Wednesday 29 March**.

Children need to bring their photo envelopes to school on this day even if you decide not to purchase a photograph pack.

Please note ... Please have correct money for the photographers on this day, as no change can be given from the office.

Children are expected to wear full **summer** school uniform. Please ensure that you or your child takes the time to fix up the 'little things' (shoes polished, correct hair colour accessories, correct sock colour etc.). Girls with shoulder length hair are expected to have it tied back and children are asked not to use excessive gel products when styling their hair.

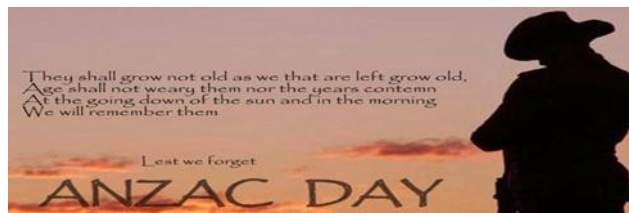
Please note classes involved in sports activities on this day need to wear their school uniform and bring sports shoes to change into.

Please ensure your child is on time to school as there is a strict timetable in place and photographs will be unable to be made up if your child misses their scheduled time.

If you have any other queries, please contact the office.

ANZAC DAY

This year Mrs Gatt and our student leaders will represent Chisholm at the Annual RSL and Schools Remember Anzac Commemorative Service at the ANZAC Memorial, Hyde Park Sydney on Wednesday 5th April 2017. This year will be the 65th year the Ceremony has been conducted. We wish to thank Mr Leon Walker the Honorary Secretary of Windsor RSL sub-Branch for the invitation and for arranging transport for our representatives.



Our Chisholm ANZAC liturgy will be on Wednesday 26 April at 9.00am.

CHISHOLM STUDENT ATTENDANCE EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY



Our Attendance figure to date for 2017 is: **84.6%** While this figure may look reasonable - in real terms this is over 950 absent days across the school so far, this year.

We are below the Diocesan average and 5.4 % below the target for all Diocesan schools.

School attendance **EVERY DAY** is extremely important.

SPORT

New Date - Chisholm Cross Country Years 3-6

A reminder that the Chisholm cross country will be held on the school oval this **Thursday 30 March** from 8.50am until 10.45am approx. Please remember that students need to be in full sports uniform on this day. Years 3 and 6 will need to wear their uniform on their regular sports day as well. Volunteers are still required to assist on the day. Good luck to all competitors.

Coach and Managers

We are still looking for a number of parents to assist with sports at Chisholm this year. Please let Mrs Baxter know through the school office if you are available to assist with touch football, netball, rugby league or soccer.

Karen Baxter – Sports Co-ordinator

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 1		
Wed	Mar 29	Kim Ford, Megan Ferrara
Thurs	Mar 30	Vicky Withers, Alanna Carstairs
Fri	Mar 31	Christine Vella, Tami Adams
Mon	Apr 03	Belinda Parr, Alanna Carstairs
Tues	Apr 04	Michelle Dimech, Alanna Carstairs
Wed	Apr 05	Santana O'Brien, Cheryl Ayoub
Thurs	Apr 06	Liz Vassallo, Amanda Allen
Fri	Apr 07	Frances Wallace HELP NEEDED
TERM 2		
Mon	Apr 24	Tami Adams
Tues	Apr 25	ANZAC DAY

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

Canteen News

As you are aware our canteen menu is colour coordinated. For your information: green eat as often as you like; and orange eat in moderation.

Due to changes by the NSW government on school canteens, www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au, we will no longer be selling flavoured mineral waters and LOL drinks in the canteen, effective immediately, as they no longer fit into the criteria.

We are now selling Sanitarium Up & Go, in vanilla, choc, strawberry, banana, and caramel @ \$2. All the drinks that we will be selling fit into the green section.

Please take the time to look at the website, and our menu when making choices for your children's lunch orders. The updated Canteen Price List is on the website. Any questions please give me a ring or see me at the canteen.

You can find a copy of the Term 2 canteen roster on the school website and Skoolbag app.

We run a busy canteen, and are always looking for more helpers. If I have left your name off the roster, or you can assist in the canteen, please ring me or see me at the canteen.

Sandra Goldsbrough - Canteen Co-ordinator

STAR SPOT

Congratulations to the following students...

Joshua Tanti and Blake Allen of Pitt Town U11's cricket team who defeated Bligh Park in their Grand Final 0-255 to 10-144. A great game by all including Logan Grupetta, Scott Adam and Nathan Croser of the Bligh Park team.

Georgia Kennedy from Kindergarten who volunteered to swim in the YMCA Swimathon. Georgia stayed in the pool for a total of one hour and raised an incredible \$570 to go towards swimming programs for people with disabilities.



Well Done

CHISHOLM FAMILY FUN NIGHT / DISCO

Friday 31st March

Infants session – 5.00pm BBQ,
5.15 - 6.30pm Infants Disco
Primary session – 6.30pm BBQ,
7.00 - 8.30pm Primary Disco



All food/tickets must be prepaid. A limited number of extra tickets will be available on the night. Some hot food and drinks will be available for sale.

This is an alcohol-free event.

Children will remain in the MPA once they enter the disco. Whilst in the disco they will be supervised by teachers and parent helpers. Upon arrival, your child will need to have their name marked off and they will receive their food and drink stamp. All children waiting to attend the disco / eating their dinner will need to be supervised by a parent.

While the school students are enjoying the disco please stay and enjoy some dinner and spend some time getting to know other Chisholm families. Outdoor activities will be set up for the younger siblings, these activities need parent supervision as they won't be supervised by the CCG.

Parents must remain on school premises whilst children are at the disco.

At the end of their session you are invited to join the children in the disco for the last 10 minutes to join them for a dance.

RETIREMENT FAREWELL INVITATION

Fr Arthur Cook is retiring from Parish life and will be leaving the Diocese at the end of April 2017. To mark the occasion and to thank him for his years of service to the Parishes of the Diocese, there will be a celebration details as follow:

When: Sunday 23rd April

Where: St Matthew's Catholic Church,
12 Tebbutt Street, Windsor

Time: Morning tea after the 9am Mass
followed by a BBQ lunch.

St Matthew's would like to extend an invitation to anyone who is interested in saying farewell.

For catering purposes please contact the Parish office on **4577 3073** during office hours before Wednesday 12th April.



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

Cameron Hastings, Marcus Spiteri, Abigail Saba, Heidi Norman, Tahlia Chapman, Lucas Moran, Bailey Giles, Makayla Allen, Ada Barber, Dean Allen, Logan Korte, Hayley Walker, Teagan Ayscough, Magellan Josselyn, Nicole Grima, Matthew Muscat, Aleisha Tabone, Nate Tyler, William Gollan, Chloe Gosper, Jemma Camilleri, Jack Anderson, Jade Zammit, Callum Kent, Ryan Phillips-Parsons, Ada Mackenzie, Annabelle Mackenzie, Caleb Meti, Corbin VanZyl, Lachlan Moore, Tyler Jones, Joshua Jones, Stefania Monteleone, Afonso DosSantos, Mia Smith, Fynn Callanan, Kelly Keatings, Rihanna Xerri, Jake Hodges, Nicholas Stivala, Mia Swarbrick, Max Horsey, Ryan Zeppenfeld, Eleisha Wood, Jacob Beattie, Elloise Grupetta, Luke Allen, Tazlina Jagdev, Amber Galea, Alex Vella, Jack Stevenson, Addison Withers, Amie Bennett

Learning Matters!

Reading: Is it really possible to meet the needs of every student?

At Chisholm, we are able to cater for the needs of **every** student. It doesn't happen by accident or chance. Here are some of the structures we have in place to address the learning needs of every student.

1. Teachers Know Each Student

Teachers are continually gathering information about each student. It may be through formal assessments and testing, through work samples, observations, discussions and student responses in class. Frequent data analysis helps teachers to pinpoint suitable **learning goals** for each student. Teachers use this information to ensure that each student is catered for.



2. Teachers Model New Learning

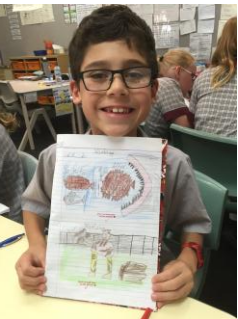



Teachers plan teaching and learning tasks around the learning goals of the students. This occurs during shared reading of texts when teachers model the skills and strategies that students are working towards. It is through this direct modelling that students can see what proficiency looks like. Teachers also 'think aloud' during modelling to help students hear what the teacher is thinking and how they are using the strategy.



3. Grouping Students With Similar Needs

Students are grouped according to need. With reading, it is far more than just looking at the level a student is working at. Rereading, self-correcting, knowing when meaning is lost and fluency are just as important! Students receive a small group lesson where the teacher is able to support students as they learn to apply the new skill or strategy (their next step). Students also have the opportunity to consolidate their understanding by targeted tasks aligned with their goal.

These students have been consolidating their new learning with follow up tasks. These photos show some great work around visualising (creating pictures from descriptions in the text), retelling and sequencing texts and alphabet tasks to develop letter and sound knowledge to assist reading.

 <p>"I was creating pictures in my mind (visualising) as I read and I drew them"</p>	 <p>"I can retell the story in order".</p>	 <p>These boys were building their letter and sound knowledge.</p>	 <p>Students participating in a guided reading session.</p>
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Are there any other ways that student's needs are met at Chisholm? YES !!

That is just the classroom based work!

Keep your eye out for further information in upcoming Learning Matters articles!

We are safe, honest, respectful learners!