



# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
Yr. 1 & 2 Teachers  
Professional Learning

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
Yr. 4 History Excursion

**Sundays**  
Parish Mass 9:30am  
in the MPA

#### FUTURE DATES...

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
Full Winter Uniform

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
NAPLAN Yr.3 & 5

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
NAPLAN Yr.3 & 5

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
NAPLAN Yr.3 & 5

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
Mother's Day Liturgy, Open  
Classrooms, Morning Tea

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
Mother's Day

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**  
Yr. 4 Reconciliation 10am  
CCG Meeting 7pm

#### TERM 2 PUPIL FREE DAY

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

Dear Families of Chisholm,

Welcome back everyone for what promises to be another term of learning, growing and community building.

Last week I spoke at assembly and reflected on what we can all do to build the school community spirit here at Chisholm. Whether we are a staff member, parent or student each one of us has a daily opportunity to contribute to building the Chisholm community through our interactions with each other. Our words and actions can have the capacity to strengthen or weaken our community, so our challenge is to be ever conscious of the contribution we each make as we work in partnership in developing a safe, honest respectful learning community.

Last week we celebrated, as a faith community, an Easter Mass and an ANZAC Day liturgy. It is always great to have our parents at such events and you are always welcome. Our Mass was the final occasion that we had to thank Fr Arthur before he completes his role as Parish Priest of St Matthew's Parish. After seven years of service we wish him all the very best as he begins his retirement.

In week 4 of this term I have the opportunity to travel to Southern Italy and to spend some time with some of my relatives. I will be staying in my grandparents' house and taking the opportunity to connect with some of my family story. I feel it is very important to have an understanding of your family heritage and feel fortunate to have this wonderful opportunity. I will be on leave for the remainder of term 2 and look forward to reconnecting early in term 3.

I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support as we continue to work together to make this term special.

Regards

Andrew Emanuel  
(Acting Principal)



## 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.

Last week we had two celebrations as Chisholm community: Anzac Day on Wednesday and an Easter Mass on Friday.



At our ANZAC commemoration liturgy, we were very pleased to have Mr Leon Walker (grandfather of Bradley in 6M) and Mr Jim MacKenzie from the Windsor RSL attend. Mr. Walker spoke about how cenotaphs are

memorials to soldiers who fought for our country.

Our Easter celebration was the last time Fr Arthur will be celebrating Mass at Chisholm as he is retiring. We thank him for his dedication to Chisholm and giving our students the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as the many Masses over his seven years here.



This week the **Year 1 and Year 2 teachers** will have the opportunity for professional learning in Religious Education Workshops on Wednesday. These teachers will be finding out how to bring Scripture alive in their classrooms, how to program RE units with the same rigour as other Key Learning Areas and how to embed Catholic Values. They will also be participating in Mathematics professional learning with a Teaching Educator from CEDP.

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.

## STAFFING UPDATE

Welcome to Miss Jessica Triebe who will be the Year 1 Maroon class teacher from the beginning of Term 2. We wish her all the best as she begins her new role at Chisholm.

## 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

A reminder that any access to disability adjustments or exemptions from the tests need to be discussed with the Principal by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, as per the NAPLAN parent letter that went home last term.

## APPLICATIONS FOR EXTENDED LEAVE

As you know it is very important that children attend school every day. Quite often leave is requested by parents for various reasons. While we understand that this may be necessary sometimes, it is not encouraged as every school day is important for every child.

If you intend taking your child out of school for five days or more you must make a formal application in writing to the Principal and fill out an application for extended leave which is available from the school office. It is important for you to know that, depending on circumstances, this leave may not be granted. Each application will be considered on an individual basis and could depend on circumstances such as the intention for the leave, your child's attendance, and the impact the leave may have on your child's academic progress.

These regulations are in place to make sure that your child achieves to his/her full potential and I know you will understand the reasoning behind them.

Andrew Emanuel

## MOTHER'S DAY

**Friday 12th May 2017**

Chisholm has a wonderful day organised to honour and celebrate our Mothers. We would love you to join us for these special events.

### Open Classrooms, School Liturgy & Morning Tea

We are opening up the classrooms at 8.15am till 8.45am where the children are welcome to give their special guests a tour of their classroom. At 9.00am in the MPA a special Liturgy will be held to honour and bless our mums. Following the liturgy, a morning tea will be held for Parents, Family and Friends.

### Mother's Day gift stall

All children will have the chance to purchase a gift during the day for their mum/carer. Please bring a bag to place gifts in.

Wonderful gifts available. Prices range from \$1 to \$5. If you are interested in assisting with the gift stall please meet near the canteen after the liturgy.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Last year in Term 3, Chisholm fundraised for Baclayon Primary School in Bohol, Philippines. We are in contact with the school and they have used the funds raised to purchase sporting equipment. Because of this, they were able to produce one gold medallist at regional level in athletics. Currently he is participating in the National Level Sports Competition in athletics. A huge thank you to the Chisholm community for your support. The children and staff at Baclayon are very appreciative.

The Social Justice Team

## UNIFORM SHOP

### Winter Uniform Changeover

**All students** are required to be in full winter uniform by **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017**.

Belinda Ross *Uniform Co-ordinator*

## COMMUNITY SAFETY

Afternoon school dismissal is a busy time in any school and here at Chisholm the exit of over five hundred students and large numbers of parents has its challenges.

With this in mind it is important to remember that it is each person's responsibility to keep themselves and others safe at all times.

Parents are asked to help by

- Being patient, calm and considerate of others
- Observing the school designated pick up areas
- Spreading Kiss & Drop pick up times between 3.00 – 3.30
- Strictly obeying road rules
- Using the pedestrian crossing
- Considering neighbours

As always, your ongoing support is always appreciated.

## SPORT

### School and Diocesan Cross Country

The Chisholm Cross Country for Year 3-6 was held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Congratulations to all students who participated and showed perseverance throughout the event. Thank you to students from Bede Polding and the fantastic team of parents that worked as officials on the day. Your assistance as always was appreciated.

Good luck to our Cross Country team who are competing today at Eastern Creek. We look forward to hearing your results.

### MacKillop Winter Sports Trials

At the end of last term Abigail Saba was selected in the Parramatta diocese girls football team. Good luck to Abigail who will now take part in the MacKillop Girls Football Trials in Canberra on Friday.

### AFL MacKillop Trials

Congratulations to Brodie Miljkovich who represented Parramatta Diocese in Wagga at the MacKillop AFL trials. From all accounts it was a wonderful experience.

### Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival

On 9th June Chisholm will hold its annual Primary Athletics Carnival for Years 3-6. A note will be sent home seeking parent assistance with the carnival.

The Infants Athletics Carnival will be held in Term 3.

Karen Baxter – *Sports Co-ordinator*

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club Orders are due: **FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY**

The school is now registered with Scholastic for the **LOOP Ordering System**. What this basically means is that you can place your child's order AS WELL AS pay, online. All orders are linked directly to our school.

To order using the **LOOP system** you will need to go to **scholastic.com.au/loop**.

**1 - Register** to create an account. This will only need to be done once. For future orders, you will only need to sign in.

**2 - Add your child's first name and last initial.**

**3 - Select your child's class and school.**

**4 - Click on ORDER and then select the books** you would like to order.

**5 - Make your payment** using credit card.

**The PAPER ORDER FORM OR RECEIPT DETAILS DO NOT NEED TO BE SENT TO SCHOOL using the LOOP system.**

REMINDER: **CASH PAYMENTS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED.**

## CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 2		
Wed	May 03	Bernadette Sciberras, Gabby Mifsud
Thurs	May 04	Rochelle Sieders <b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Fri	May 05	Kristen Broadfoot, Kristina Anderson, Frances Wallace
Mon	May 08	Christine Moran, Kim Ford
Tues	May 09	Michelle Dimech
Wed	May 10	Cheryl Ayoub, Jessica Cullen
Thurs	May 11	Nicky Spiteri, Rachelle Wilkins, Sarah
Fri	May 12	Coralie Livingston, Anne Jones, Tanya Biasi
Mon	May 15	Nina Dimech, Kelly Williams
Tues	May 16	Verity Bugeja

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 on 0421 907 442. or see me at the canteen.

## Canteen News

We are now selling Sanitarium Up & Go, in vanilla, choc, strawberry, banana, and caramel for \$2

Tuna or Teriyaki Sushi for \$3.60 (incl. sauce)



Sandra Goldsbrough - *Canteen Co-ordinator*



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

Lachlan Laird, Elora Wilson, Dane Johnson, Aidan Johnson, Tanmola Meka, Jaycee Monk, Lydia Tuckey, Sophie Coe, Matilda Dalton, Alyssia Barreto, Kirrily Moss, Samuel Perrin, Darcy Williams, Chelsea Privitera, Levi Cluderay, Helen Deters-Horan, Balin Fenech, Preston Cunliffe, Clay Rawlings, Charlie Watts.



# Learning Matters!

Last Tuesday, we had a national holiday to commemorate ANZAC Day. On Wednesday, as Chisholm community, we remembered the ANZAC's, all men and women who served in World Wars I and II as well as the men and women of our Army, Navy and Airforce, who are currently overseas. We gave thanks for our peaceful country and celebrated our freedom. We honoured those who fought to protect our beautiful land.



We prayed for peace in our world, peace among people in our own country, peace in our families and peace in our hearts. We also prayed for those who are affected by war at this time.

Kemal Ataturk, the father of modern Turkey, wrote this to the Australian mothers about their sons, the Anzacs, who fought at Gallipoli:



*“Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives... you are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore, rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours ... You, the mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries wipe away your tears, your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well.”*



# EASTER



Last Friday we celebrated Jesus rising from the dead by coming together as Chisholm community for Mass. This was also a special occasion because it was Father Arthur's last Mass with us before he retires. Today we raised our right hand over Father and sang a blessing for him. We hope that he enjoys his retirement and thank him for his many faithful years as a parish priest. May God bless him and bring him joy and good health in his retirement.



*We are safe, honest, respectful learners!*