



# Chisholm Matters

Newsletter of Chisholm Catholic Primary School, Bligh Park

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## Diary Dates

### Friday 11 May

Mother's Day Liturgy  
9.00am

Morning Tea 10.00am

Mackillop Winter Trials

### Sundays

Parish Mass 9:30am  
in the MPA

### Tuesday 15 May

CCG Meeting 7.00pm

### Tuesday 15 May

Wednesday 16 May

Thursday 17 May

Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN

### Thursday 17 May

School Photo Envelopes  
To be sent home

### Wednesday 23 May

First Eucharist  
Workshop at St  
Matthew's

### Sunday 27 May

First Eucharist Mass  
11.00am and 1.00pm

### Tuesday 29 May

Girls Soccer Gala Day

### Friday 1 June

Chisholm Day  
Mass 9.00am

### Tuesday 5 June

School Photos

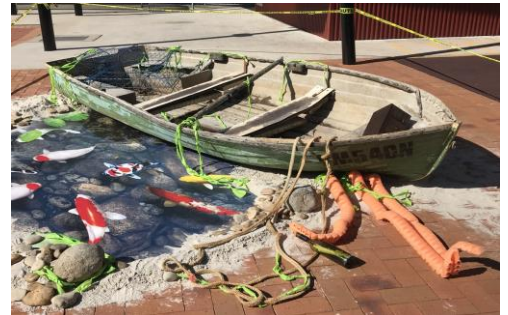
Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

We have had a tremendous start to our school term. Our staff participated in rich professional learning on the first day back. This learning was around assessment and the variety of forms it takes.



On Tuesday we experienced our "Dive into Learning" day where we were

welcomed by a boat that washed up on our playground. The investigation still continues on how it got there. Many clues on offer. The children have been speaking and writing up a storm about this vessel in our playground.



I wish to thank the Hawkesbury All Holden Club's Donation of a defibrillator for our school.

Without the vision of Dr Ravi and the fundraising efforts of the All Holden club this would not have been possible. I also wish to thank Peter Gooley, David Hawes, Geoff Connor and Hawkesbury City Council Mayor, Mary Bucket for their support. This generous donation contributes enormously to the safety and well being of the members of our community.



A reminder that school commences at 8.45am each morning. Please ensure that your children arrive at school with plenty of time to prepare for the day ahead and socialise with friends. If for any reason children are late for school. **Parents/Carers must sign them in at the office in person after 8.45am.** Students arriving late for school will be marked as a partial absence for the day.

### **Permission for Leave.**

**Parents are required to complete a form when requesting leave for 5 or more days absence from school. Many factors are taken into consideration when granting or declining this leave. The school is governed by the education act and it is a requirement that guidelines need to be met. If you have any queries or questions regarding extended leave from school please see me personally.**

Congratulations to our many sporting super stars that have represented our school over the last few weeks or have been chosen to represent our Diocese in many different sports. ....also to our new Chisholm SRC representatives. We will be having our first meeting in week 3.

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*This Sunday we take the time to celebrate those special people in our lives,  
On Friday we celebrate Mother's Day as a community. Please join us for our  
Liturgy at 9.00am followed by morning tea*

**“God could not be everywhere, and therefore he  
made mothers.”**

*Jewish Proverb*



Take Care

Michael

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### CHISHOLM STUDENT ATTENDANCE EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY

**89.3%**

This week's overall attendance figure for Chisholm is:

This is 0.7 % below our Diocesan target and 4.3 % above the current Diocesan average of 85%.

Congratulations to all students and parents in Kindergarten and Year 2.

Who have an attendance rate of 95.7 and 93.9 respectively.

Remember! Attendance EVERY DAY is important.

**MISSING SCHOOL  
= MISSING OUT**

Early primary children learn new sounds  
and words every day. These are important  
building blocks upon which all future  
learning is built.

Help your children achieve their best by  
getting them to school on time every day.

every learner  
every day

Catholic Education  
Diocese of Parramatta

## Prayer Space

*Please keep in your thoughts and prayers members of our Chisholm community and of our  
family and friends who are unwell.*



## **ACCESS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS**

**8.15am to 8.55am & 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 are asked to exit as soon as possible so that gates can be closed at 8.50am. Gates will be open for longer periods of time on Monday morning for assembly and any other special events.

In the interests of safety for all students please inform your son/daughters teacher(s) if you will be picking them up during the day. Please avoid pick ups during recess and lunch breaks. Parents/Carers will be asked to wait in the office area until children arrive for collection. Thank you for your co-operation.

***Parents & Carers are asked to access the school via the office between 8.55am and 2.55pm***

Thank you

Michael Mifsud – *Principal*



***PLEASE DO NOT QUEUE UNTIL 3.00pm***

***Fines do apply in No Stopping Zones***

***To avoid congestion we recommend you arrive after 3.15pm***

*Please display your **Name Card** when using Chisholm's 'Kiss & Ride'.*

*Place card behind your Sun visor so that it is clearly visible. You will be asked to drive around the block if your child is late to Kiss & Ride or does not respond to their name within **2 minutes** of it being announced.*

*Thank you*

*Chisholm students who ride a bike or scooter to school are required to wear a helmet.*

***No Helmet - No Ride***





## **AN OPEN LETTER TO YEAR 3 & YEAR 5 STUDENTS AT CHISHOLM CATHOLIC PRIMARY**

*Dear Students*

*You will soon sit the NAPLAN test. Before you take this test there is something very important that you need to know:*

*This test does not assess all of the things that make you exceptional and unique.*

*The people who score these tests do not know that some of you love to sing, play an instrument, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use an App. They have not seen that some of you can dance elegantly or speak confidently about many topics to a large group of people. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad. They do not know that you participate in sports and that when you smile you make everyone around you feel happy. They do not know that you help your Mum & Dad and that you play with your brother, sister or cousins. They do not know that you are caring, thoughtful and that every day you do your best. Because these attributes cannot be tested.*

*The scores you get from this test will tell you how you did on that day, but they will not tell you everything. They can't tell you that you have improved on something you once found difficult. They can't tell you that you brighten up your teacher's day. They can't tell you how amazingly special you are.*

*So come to school ready to do your best for the NAPLAN test and remember there is no one way to test all of the wonderful things that make you, YOU!*

*Love from all of the Staff at Chisholm Catholic Primary*

## 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 this 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.

### NAPLAN 2018

National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing will be conducted at Chisholm Catholic Primary on 15 - 17 May 2018 for all students in Years 3 and 5.

	<b>Tuesday 15 May</b>	<b>Wednesday 16 May</b>	<b>Thursday 17 May</b>
YEAR 3	<i>Language Conventions</i> 40 minutes  <i>Writing</i> 40 minutes	<i>Reading</i> 45 minutes	<i>Numeracy</i> 45 minutes
YEAR 5	<i>Language Conventions</i> 40 minutes  <i>Writing</i> 40 minutes	<i>Reading</i> 50 minutes	<i>Numeracy</i> 50 minutes

### Partial Absences / Late Arrivals

Thank you to all of the parents who have been supportive in reducing the large number of unexplained absences by signing in their child/children if they are late arriving to school after the 8:45 am bell.

The school is legally required to keep accurate attendance records for all students. By signing in to school if late or signing out if leaving early, you ensure that your child's partial absence is recorded as explained. Any unsigned late arrivals are recorded as unexplained. All class rolls are legal documents so accuracy is essential. We appreciate that mornings are often a busy time for families and that unforeseen circumstances do arise. However, we encourage and value punctuality with school hours. Thank you for supporting Chisholm's efforts and for working together in this matter.

### Supervision in the Mornings

Playground supervision begins at 8.15am and concludes at 3.30pm. Please note that children who arrive at school before this time will be unsupervised and for this reason we request most strongly that they do not come to school before 8.15am. Children are not to be on the premises outside the stated school hours.

### School Hours

Morning Supervision	8.15am
Morning Bell	8.45am
Recess	10.45am – 11.15am
Lunch	1.15pm – 2.00pm
Afternoon Bell	3.00pm

Andrew Emanuel – Assistant Principal

## ANZAC DAY

Our children watched the film made by the children at Victoria School, Villers-Bretonneux in Northern France. We received the following email from Mr. Fournet.

*Dear Australian friends,*

*The ceremonies of Anzac Day have passed, and the class of CM1 of the Victoria school in Villers Bretonneux wants to say a big THANK YOU for the many messages of friendship and the emotion that you have testified while watching our film*

*DO NOT FORGET*

*AUSTRALIA. <https://mediacad.ac-amiens.fr/m/1159>*

*The video has been watched several thousand times in France and Australia. It fills us with happiness that our film helps not to forget these young Australian soldiers.*

*One of you, Danka, wrote to us: "They will live on, because we spoke of them"*



*Kind regards*

*CM1 students from Victoria School, Nicolas Compain (parent) and Guillaume Fournet (teacher)*

## FIRST EUCHARIST

23 May 2018 Wednesday FIRST EUCHARIST Workshop Day  
St Matthew's at 9.30am to 2.30pm

**27 May 2018 Sunday** **FIRST EUCHARIST Mass at 11.00 am**  
**FIRST EUCHARIST Mass at 1.00 pm**

**3 June 2018 Sunday** **FIRST EUCHARIST Mass at 11.00 am**  
**FIRST EUCHARIST Mass at 1.00 pm**

Please pray for our Year 4 students who are receiving Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist.

In Christ,

Marilyn Hancock – Religious Education Coordinator

## SPORTS NEWS

### Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country

On Tuesday 1st May, all of the children that qualified for the Zone Cross Country competed at Eastern Creek. All 44 students ran at their best on the day and demonstrated good sportsmanship towards their fellow competitors.

We would like to thank all the parents that helped out on the day, on and off the track. We would also like to congratulate the following students that made it to the diocesan carnival:

Damon Jones 8/9 Boys (5th), Fynn Callanan 10 Boys (8th), Bree Rawlings 10 Girls (3rd), Nate Gill 11 Boys (4th), Callum Kent 11 Boys (7th), Annalise Grima 11 Girls (7th) and Erin Banks 11 Girls (10th).

*Toby Camilleri & Brayden Waters*  
*Sports Leaders*

### Parramatta Diocesan Rugby Union

Congratulations to Lucas North on his selection into the Diocesan Rugby Union. He will participate in the MacKillop trials later in the year.

### Diocesan Touch Football Gala Day

Well done to the five Stage 3 Touch Football teams who participated in recent gala day on the last day of Term 1. A huge thank you to Cassie Gill, Reanna Magnisalis, Aaron Millar, Leon Taggart and Sam Puglisi for coaching on the day. Thank you also to the four boys from Bede Polding College who refereed on the day.

Karen Baxter – Sports Coordinator



## Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Alexander Chapman from 3 Grey who was the first student to complete the reading challenge for this year. He even completed the challenge before the school holidays!

Congratulations also to the following students who completed the reading challenge over the school holidays:

Susannah Cody - 3 Maroon  
Nicole Grima - 4 Grey  
Gedy Cate Tuguinay - 4 Grey  
Annalise Grima - 6 White

Well done to all of you and thank you for setting a great example to others!

The Reading Challenge doesn't finish until the end of August, so there is still plenty of time for students in Years 3-6 to complete their online reading log.

Fiona Lark - *Teacher Librarian*

## Uniform News

### Sunglasses

Chisholm is introducing sunglasses for students.

These tough glasses are easy to wear and come with a microfibre cloth and matching case. There is a handy spot inside the arm for students to write their name and a clip on the case to attach it to their school bag.

They will be on sale in the Uniform Shop from Monday 14th May for \$15.00.

### Winter Uniform Changeover

All students are required to be in FULL winter uniform from Week 3, **Monday 14th May**.



## Uniform Requirements

	Summer Uniform	Winter Uniform
<b>Boys</b>	Maroon Shorts Grey shirt (short sleeve) Grey socks Black lace-up leather shoes	Grey trousers Grey short sleeve shirt Grey Socks
<b>Girls</b>	Grey check uniform White Socks Black lace-up or buckle up leather shoes	Maroon / Grey tunic Maroon / Grey slacks Blue blouse White socks or grey stockings
<b>Unisex: Sports</b>	Grey polo shirt Maroon sports shorts Maroon track suits	'Chisholm' sports socks are compulsory

Maroon zip jackets or sloppy joes are also worn.

Maroon hats are worn daily.

**A "No hat, no play" policy applies at Chisholm.**

### **PARENTS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- ◆ Tracksuit pants are only to be worn on sports day:
- ◆ Joggers are to be mainly white and low cut (not high cut basketball type).
- ◆ Chisholm Sport socks are to be worn. These are purchased from the Uniform Shop.
- ◆ Girls stockings (winter) are to be **light** grey. (Socks are not to be worn over stockings).

Students are to be neatly and cleanly dressed at all times. Shoes should be clean and well presented.

## Chisholm Student Representative Council - CSRC

The Chisholm Student Representative Council is a way for everyone to hear the student voices of Chisholm Catholic Primary School.

Congratulations to our Students Representative Councils members from Year 1 to Year 5.



### Chisholm SRC 2018



Year	Representative
1	* Damon Horvath * Hannah Mitchell * Archie Borg
2	* Natalia Sherry * Tyler Jones * Alexsa Kachan
3	* Susannah Cody * Taylor Delle Coste * Jaylah Dimech
4	* Coby Glazier * Jai Walker * Matilda Dalton
5	* James Vella * Chelsea Privitera

Ethan, Jade, Phebe, Ricardo, Rylee & Scott.  
Chisholm - School Student Leaders

### CHISHOLM COMMUNITY GROUP

CCG Meeting: Tuesday 15 May, 7pm in the Staff room ALL welcome.

#### Friday 11th May 2018 – Mother's Day

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

#### School Liturgy & Morning Tea

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 Mothers, Grandmothers and Carers in the Parent Retreat.

#### 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.





CANTEEN ROSTER		
TERM 2		
Friday	May 11	Heidi Kent, Danielle Pollock, Christine Agius
Monday	May 14	Nina Dimech, Rachelle Wilkins
Tuesday	May 15	Coralie Livingston
Wednesday	May 16	Tami Adams
Thursday	May 17	Natalie Allen, <b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Friday	May 18	Megan Hilder, Clare Willemse, <b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Monday	May 21	Jade Millan, Belinda Parr
Tuesday	May 22	Sam Puglisi
Wednesday	May 23	Rachael Deep, Kim Ford
Thursday	May 24	Alana Schroder, Andrea Deters-Horan

The full 2018, Term 2 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:*

Jayden Gordon, Charlie Watts, Clay Rawlings, Phebe Dalton, Charlotte Borg  
Zayden Larnach, Indee Lewis, Marlee Gill, Monique Gordon, Alicia Taylor  
Jacob Vella, Paige Lewer, Jack Adam, Cooper Ducros.

## STAR SPOT



***Congratulations to the following student:***

**Ti Fox (4W)** who represented Australia in the trans-Tasman Cup in New Zealand last week

Ti and 43 other Australian golfers played for Australia. Australia was unsuccessful in bringing back the cup however Ti played exceptionally well and he and his partner won their age division.

***Well done***



### 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

# Learning Matters

Jesus reminds us: **Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God.** (Mt. 5:9)

We commemorated **ANZAC Day** with a Liturgy on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 9am. Whilst we were not able to have this on the actual day, it was on a significant occasion. The French President, Emanuel Macron was visiting Sydney on this day and at 9am at the same time as our liturgy, he was attending an ANZAC ceremony at the War Memorial in Hyde Park.

This was to remember the centenary of the battle at Villers-Bretonneux (25<sup>th</sup> April 1918) in Northern France, where many brave Australian soldiers lost their lives taking this town back from the Germans. All year round, there are Australian flags flying everywhere in Villers-Bretonneux. The people have never forgotten and the sign on the school says: **DO NOT FORGET AUSTRALIA**. The children are taught about Australia and their school is named after the state of Victoria to honour the Victorian children who raised the money to rebuild the school after World War 1.

I visited Villers-Bretonneux in 2016 and left some small koalas at the school for the French children. Since then Monsieur Guillaume Fournet, a teacher of Year 3/4, has stayed in contact. The following is an extract from his email for ANZAC Day:



*For the centenary of the Battle of Villers-Bretonneux and ANZAC Day, our class has produced a 25 minute long documentary called « DO NOT FORGET AUSTRALIA, the duty of remembrance in Villers-Bretonneux ».*

*The pupils and myself are extremely proud to present this film, which won the Sadlier-Stokes award in this centenary year! We will be given our prize on 25th April by an Australian personality: His Excellency, the Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, just after the commemoration at the Memorial!!!*

*Watching the film, you will follow the pupils as they make moving discoveries: the Australian National Memorial, Adelaide Cemetery, the Franco-Australian Museum, the Victoria School...*

*The film is subtitled in English. This will allow us to highlight the work of our little French pupils of Villers-Bretonneux and participate in the duty of remembrance!*

The Australian Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux has a new centre, originally planned by Tony Abbott when he was Prime Minister. It is named after Sir John Monash from Melbourne, considered Australia's greatest general. This centre was built to commemorate the centenary of the Australians fighting in France and was opened by Malcolm Turnbull on Anzac Day this year. Inside this memorial, the walls are built from beautiful Australian timbers.



In our ceremony at Chisholm, we prayed for peace in our families, our community, our country and our world, we also laid a wreath: *We lay this wreath today to remember those who fought for our freedom. The circle reminds us of God's never-ending love and the green reminds us of life. Rosemary is a symbol of remembrance.* We also watched the film made by the children in Villers-Bretonneux.

**St Paul says: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all.** (Phil. 4:4-8)

## *We are safe, honest, respectful learners!*



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## 2 DAY SWAP MEET

**Sat, 4th August 2018 - 6am - 5pm**

**Sun 5th August 2018 - 6am - 2pm**

**Hawkesbury Showground**

Racecourse Road, CLARENDON  
(Opposite RAAF Base Richmond)

Racecourse Rd open both ends,

at Blacktown Road & Hawkesbury Valley Way

AHD SWAP meet is supervised by Tennyson Rural Fire Service.

**Admission: Adults \$5** inc gst "day of issue only"

Under 15 years free, if accompanied by an adult

Swap meet fees:

1 Day Swappers Pass \$30 - Sat or Sun

2 Day Swappers Pass \$70 - Fri & Sat or Sat & Sun\*

3 Day Swappers Pass \$90 - Fri, Sat & Sun+

Extra Sites - \$20 per site, per Day

\* Inc overnight stay fee & Driver's Entry

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