



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 17th May

Autism Spectrum Disorder
 Parent Workshop
 6.30 – 7.30pm

Sundays

Parish Mass 9:30am
 in the MPA

FUTURE DATES...

Wednesday 24th May

First Eucharist Workshop
 St Matthew's

Thursday 25th May

Stg 3 Girls Soccer

Friday 26th May

MUFTI DAY – Will Taylor Day

Sunday 28th May

First Eucharist Mass
 11am and 1pm

Tuesday 30th May

Confirmation Meeting

Wednesday 31st May

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Friday 2nd June

Chisholm Day

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,

It is great to be back following my time away and a short illness last week. As you are aware I recently returned from a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Italy. My experiences were wonderful, reflective and very spiritual. On our Journey, we visited many sacred sites and gathered in prayer everyday. Some of my most memorable experiences were; celebrating mass on the Sea of Galilee and the river Jordan, meeting students from schools and universities in Palestine and listening to and learning from the Bishop and my fellow pilgrims throughout the journey. My time overseas was a tremendous privilege and I'm grateful for the opportunity. It was truly a life changing experience. For those of you who are interested I will be sharing a few photos and recollections in the next few weeks. These are just a few. Stay tuned for the date and time.



The Bishop in Nazareth



The River Jordan



ANZAC Service in Jerusalem



Mass on the Sea of Galilee



Gathering - St George Monastery



Catching up with a student.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God'.

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.



Next week our students who are being prepared to receive the Eucharist for the first time will be participating in a workshop at St Matthew's Church/School on 24th May. This year a bus will take the students from here. It will leave at 9.15am and return

here at 2.45pm. This gives them an opportunity to reflect on this important step in their faith journey. Parents have received a letter with a permission slip to be signed and returned to the child's class teacher. On Sunday 28th May, there will be a First Eucharist Mass at 11am and 1pm.

The 24th May is also the feast day of our Lady Help of Christians, who is the patron saint of Australia. We pray that our Lady looks over our land and cares for its people. *(This image of our Lady is in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.)*

In Christ,

Marilyn Hancock—
Religious Education Co-ordinator



MOTHER'S DAY THANK YOU

Recently we celebrated Mothers' Day with a beautiful and very reverent liturgy followed by morning tea for all our mums. It was wonderful to see so many family members attend in this sharing of our faith. Thank you to the numerous teachers and children who were involved in the preparation to make this a meaningful prayer time.

We hope that you enjoyed visiting your child's classroom to share in their learning.

I would also like to express our thanks to Mrs Sarah Kitching and the many mums who helped to prepare morning tea. It was wonderful to see so many mums have the time to share some social time together. Thanks also to all the mums who set up and worked at the Mother's Day stall. This provides a great service to our children to buy a gift for their mums.

I hope that all our mums were able to enjoy the celebrations of the day with family and loved ones.

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.

PARENT PICK UP

Parents are reminded that there are 3 designated areas for waiting to collect children in the afternoon. These areas are

1. The undercover court area / seats.
2. The hand ball court area / seats.
3. The parent retreat area.

Thank you to all our parents who always assist the safe and smooth dismissal by following school procedures.

To support child protection protocols, parents are asked to refrain from;

- Waiting outside classroom doors.
- Accessing children's school bags before the bell.
- Accessing verandahs near Year 1&2.
- Waiting near either of the toilet blocks including the silver seats near the senior toilet block and the uniform shop near the infant's toilets.
- Looking into classroom windows before classes are dismissed.
- Wandering around the grounds.

The best way we have of knowing who enters the school grounds at dismissal time is if adults are gathered in the designated areas.

In addition, parents are advised, the new routine for afternoon access is that school gates will be open at 2.55pm. This allows 5 minutes waiting time before pickup. Adults needing to gain access before this time can do so via the office as per usual.

Your ongoing support in keeping ourselves and our children safe is appreciated and valued.

MMM AND LUNCH GAMES CLUB

At Chisholm, we have 2 programs focusing on social skills development. These are:

Morning Movie Mob (MMM): Series of short movies focusing on different social skills.

Lunch Games Club: A quiet area in the MPA with a variety of games and activities where students are observed and encouraged to interact with others.

After a number of years, these social skills programs are under review. Watch this space for exciting new things to come!

The Diversity Team

SPORT

MacKillop Winter Trials

Congratulations to Abigail Saba who made the MacKillop girls Football team for 2017. Abigail will play for MacKillop later in the year at the NSWPSA Girls Football Championships.

Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country

Congratulations to Nate Gill, Bree Rawlings, Fynn Callanan and Callum Kent all of whom placed in the top 8 at the Diocesan Cross Country last Tuesday. They will compete for MacKillop at Eastern Creek later this term.

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 shortly asking for parent assistance. The Infants Athletics Carnival will be in Term 3.

Karen Baxter – Sports Co-ordinator

CHISHOLM STUDENT ATTENDANCE - EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY

Our Attendance figure to date for 2017 is:

85.9%

Our attendance figure has improved from late last term - In real terms this is over 1703 absent days across the school so far, this year.

As a school, we are above Diocesan average of 84.8% and 4.1% below the Diocesan target.

Year 1 students are the only grade who are above the target at 92.9%.

School attendance EVERY DAY is extremely important.



SANTA SOPHIA CATHOLIC COLLEGE ENROLMENTS FOR 2018 ARE NOW OPEN

Santa Sophia Catholic College is opening for Year 7 and 8 students in 2018. Preparations for the opening of the new school are well progressed and a Principal will be announced in June 2017.

The new learning community will be open to Year 7 and Year 8 students within the grounds of our Lady of the Angels Primary School in Kellyville.

Once complete, the College will provide excellence in innovative learning and teaching for up to 2000 students from preschool to Year 12 and beyond, at Terry Road, Box Hill.

Applications are now being accepted for Year 7 and 8 students for commencement in 2018. Enrolment forms and further information about the application process can be found on our website www.parra.catholic.edu.au or contact Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta on 9840 5620.

STAR SPOT

Congratulations to the following student...

Ti Fox (3M) who not only made it to the Trans-Tasman Cup for Golf (which is a competition for competitors from New Zealand and Australia) but also received first place in his age group.



Well Done

Chisholm Day Friday 2nd June

Hot Dog & Popper \$4.50.
Please see the flyer that has been sent home.

Helpers are required to assist with cooking and serving lunch on the day.



CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 2		
Wed	May 17	Tami Adams, Alanna Carstairs
Thurs	May 18	Natalie Allen, HELP NEEDED
Fri	May 19	Megan Hilder,
Mon	May 22	Megan Ferrara
Tues	May 23	Sam Puglisi, Simone Usher
Wed	May 24	Santana O' Bryan, Cheryl Cullen
Thurs	May 25	Vicky Withers, Liz Vassallo
Fri	May 26	Tami Adams, Donna Cluderay, Megan Ferrar
Mon	May 29	Jessica Toms
Tues	May 30	Andrew Broadfoot

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.

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:

Phebe Dalton, Jesse Blackman, Abby Boceski, Charlotte Borg, Chelsea Halliday, Zayden Larnach, Indee Lewis, Hudson Fenech, Adrian Sultana, Marlee Gill, Alicia Taylor, Jacob Vella, Jarred Ryan, Cooper Ducros, Ayden Young, James Lappalainen, Troy Richards, Jaydah Arici, Blake Allen, Angelica Monteleone, Isabella Olsen, Kye Parsonson, Lilly Broadfoot, Thomas Wong, Courtney Kitching.

Learning Matters!

Literacy at Chisholm

In 2017, Chisholm's overarching goal for Literacy is:

Every student will develop a deeper level of comprehension by interpreting explicit information in texts.

Our school data has indicated that children were finding it difficult to answer questions about texts where they need to make an interpretation based on the information they have read:

For instance, if the text reads, **“Through teary eyes, Andrew bid farewell to his mother.”** Questions we need to work on with the children might ask:
How do we know that Andrew is upset? Or, How do we know Andrew's mother is going somewhere?

Because the text does not state explicitly that Andrew was upset, or that his mother was going somewhere, we have to help our students search for clues. We can do this by helping them develop their skills in vocabulary. In particular, we can help students build their knowledge of synonyms (words with similar meanings) and phrases which are synonymous.

When reading with your child, you too can help by asking questions which encourage them to interpret words in the text. Also, you can help them build a bank of synonyms which they can use when reading and writing.

One strategy which is useful is to develop vocabulary charts. These charts can list synonyms, opposites or words related to the original words, assisting your child to make informed word choices.

mumbled, whispered, said, called, shouted, yelled, screamed, shrieked
hermit, recluse, loner, solitary, friendly, sociable, outgoing, gregarious
flat, shallow, deep, fathomless



We are safe, honest, respectful learners!
