

Chisholm Matters

Newsletter of Chisholm Catholic Primary School, Bligh Park

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Diary Dates

Friday 8 June Sacred Heart Mass 1.30pm

Palm Oil Bake Sale and Lunchbox Challenge

Sundays

Parish Mass 9:30am in the MPA

Monday 11 June Public Holiday

Friday 15 June NSWCPSCCC Cross Country

Sunday 17 June
Confirmation
Commitment Mass
9.30am

Monday 18 June Musica Viva

Tuesday 19 June

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

PBL Expo

CCG Meeting

Friday 22 June Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 26 June Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Monday 30 July

Super Hero Mufti for Bear Cottage Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

'So that our voices can be heard', was the answer to the question; 'Why do we need a School SRC?'

I asked this question to our Student Representative Council yesterday. The students from Years 1 to 6 all agreed that they, like us, need to have a say in what happens here at Chisholm. Student Voice is integral to the students owning their learning and making good choices in everything they do and say. Please read their report in Student Matters in this Newsletter.

As I mentioned in the last 'Chisholm Matters', we will be introducing Student Led Conferences this year. This will allow your children to communicate and share their journey with you in a way that develops ownership and responsibility for their learning. This will be a very different meeting to what you have experienced in the past, however it will allow our magnificent students an opportunity to own their learning and to express their strengths and challenges to you.

A reminder that communication with your child's teacher(s) is ongoing, so please make contact if you have questions or concerns. Our Student Led Conferences will be held in Week 10 for all grades except for Year 3. Their Student Led Conferences will be held in Week 2 of Term 3. More information will be sent home next week. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the Student Led Conferences please contact your class teacher.

Last week we celebrated Chisholm Day. We were privileged to have with us as our special guest, Professor Don Chisholm, Caroline Chisholm's Great Grandson. I wish to thank all the staff, parents and students for making the day a wonderful success.

On the day, our musical theme was "Walking in the Light of God". Groups of students moved to the MPA where Mr Phil Rooke had his recording equipment setup as a "recording studio" and the students learnt the song in just 30 minutes. Some students also volunteered to sing solo tracks at lunchtime. Mr Rooke mixed each track in his production studio and then edited together this video. Please click on the link below to experience just one aspect of all the wonderful things Mr Rooke and Mrs Hancock are doing with Music at Chisholm.

Chisholm Day Music Workshop 2018

TWILIGHT FAIR

Last week the CCG Twilight Fair Team met. It promises to be another wonderful community event. If you have some time to spare please see one of the CCG committee to offer your services for the day. Remember many hands make light work. The money raised from this year's Fair will go towards Play Equipment for our playground. So please let's get behind the biggest fundraiser of the year.

Finally. It has been a pleasure interviewing our new Kindergarten students for 2019. What a wonderful group of children and parents. Enrolments are still open so please remind friends and family as places are filling quickly.

Take Care

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CHISHOLM STUDENT ATTENDANCE EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY

This week's overall attendance figure for Chisholm is:

87.2%

This is 2.8 % below our Diocesan target and 2.2 % above the current Diocesan average of 85%.

Congratulations again to all students, parents & carers in Kindergarten and Year 2. Who have an attendance rate of 91.4 and 91.8 respectively.

Attendance EVERY DAY is important.





In the interests of the safety of every member of our community please cross at the pedestrian crossing every day.

Chisholm Prayer Space

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers members of our Chisholm community and our family and friends who are unwell. In particular Mr Rookes father who is unwell and Mrs Cordukes Uncle who recently passed away.



Thank you

Michael Mifsud - Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

kindergarten enrolment

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.

Japanese Students

Chisholm Catholic Primary Host Families Needed

Chisholm Catholic Primary will be hosting Japanese students from 29 July – 2 August 2018. Share your lifestyle & home whilst experiencing another culture.

- Students attend school on weekdays and enjoy family life with you on the weekend
- Japanese language is not necessary
- 3 meals a day (students eat your food)
- Students need their own bed but can share a room.
- Daily transport to/from school
- Families are paid \$90 per night (\$45 x 2 students) to assist with hosting costs

If you can assist in hosting a student or would like more information please contact:

Cecilia Felizardo Tel: 02 9889 4366 Mob: 0423 097 518

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Community Safety

Afternoon school dismissal is a busy time in any school and here at Chisholm the exit of nearly 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 & Ride pick up times between 3.00pm 3.30pm
- Strictly obeying road rules
- Using the pedestrian crossing
- Considering neighbours

Parent Pick Up at Chisholm

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.
- 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 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.

Thank you

Andrew Emanuel – Assistant Principal

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Chisholm Day 2018

Chisholm Day awards were presented by Professor Don Chisholm. He is Professor of Endocrinology at St Vincents Hospital, the University of NSW and the Garvan Institute. He has been involved in diabetes research for over 50 years and published over 250 papers. He has also been made an Officer in the Order of Australia, so we are

privileged to have him attend our Chisholm Day. We appreciate his dedication, and his daughter Sarah's, in coming to our school over the last 13 years. He is the great great grandson of Caroline Chisholm.

Students were selected for the Chisholm Day Awards because they serve the Chisholm community in the spirit of Caroline Chisholm by:

- Being a good role model
- Reaching out to others in different ways
- Having a sense of fairness and justice
- Living the Gospel values.

The recipients were: Jackson Debono KG, Zara Hume 1M, Lilian Smith 2G, Susannah Cody 2G, Ryley Hamilton 4W, Clay Rawlings 5G, Zachary Todd 6W.

On Friday, students rotated through activities based on the scripture for Pentecost in preparation for introducing FIAT to Chisholm. Faith In Action Team is for primary students to share their faith by their actions. Miss Fizely and Miss Dimech will run this ongoing program. Students enjoyed Art, Music, Drama, Dance, Meditation and Games throughout the day.

Confirmation

The Enrolment Mass for Confirmation candidates will be at 9.30am on Sunday 17th June at Chisholm. If your son or daughter is baptised and received the Sacraments of Penance and First Eucharist they are eligible to take the final step of initiation into our Church.

Altar Servers

You have received at note about Altar Servers. Altar Servers have an active role in the Order of the Mass every Sunday and on special feasts and occasions. They assist Father during the Mass. Equally as important, they assist the community in prayer through their actions and symbolism.

The volunteering Altar Server enters a ministry of service, reverence, dedication and commitment. The commitment by the Server is also very much a commitment by the Server's family. We are hoping some of our students between Years 4 and 6 will be interested in this special ministry. If so please see me as soon as possible.

In Christ,

Merilyn Hancock – Religious Education Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Athletics Carnival

Hancock

On Friday 22 June Chisholm will hold its annual Athletics Carnival. A note will be sent home with all the details of the carnival and a request for parent assistance on the day

The Infants Athletics Carnival will be in Term 3 on Friday 3 August.

Karen Baxter – Sports Coordinator

GENERAL NEWS

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Matilda Dalton from Year 4 and all the students from Kindergarten to Year 2 for completing the Reading Challenge for 2018.

There is a *Hall of Fame* outside the Library which displays the names of all 3-6 students who have completed this year's challenge. There are a number of names up there already. Will your name be up there too??

Book Covering

Thank you to the following Mums who covered our new readers:

Amy Zammit (Jade 6W, Bella 5G, Koby 3W, Tyler 1G)

Jacinta Dalton (Phebe 6M, Matilda 4W, Ronan (1G)

Lydia Jakovljevic (Lukas 2W, Aiden 1W)

Molly Smith (Jaxson 1W)

Fiona Lark - Teacher Librarian

Uniform News

New to Chisholm to keep you all warm! The Uniform Shop is now selling beanies, scarfs and gloves for \$10 each Belinda Ross – *Uniform Coordinator*



Palm oil free products in your Lunch boxes

Can you take up the challenge??

On the 8th of June we are inviting all classes to take up the Palm Oil Free products in our lunch box challenge!

Simply choose palm oil free food products for your lunchbox on Friday 8th June (anything that doesn't contain vegetable oil is palm oil free)

If you want to help save the orangutans, this is one very simple way YOU can make a difference. WHAT YOUR PALM OIL FREE LUNCHBOX COULD LOOK LIKE ???

SOME EXAMPLES OF PALM OIL FREE FOOD THAT YOU CAN PACK IN YOUR BOX



All fruit and vegetables are palm oil free too!



Palm Oil Free Treats Bake Sale

WHEN?

This **Friday 8th June**- to coincide with
Palm oil free products in your lunchbox day.
Palm oil free treats will be available:
Cupcakes/ biscuits and muffins will be on sale from 50 cents each at Recess. Don't forget to bring in some spending money!





Money raised will go towards helping the survival of orangutans in Borneo.

STUDENT MATTERS

First SRC meeting

On Wednesday the Chisholm SRC reps attended their first meeting to discuss matters significant to Chisholm's community. We talked about many things that we can improve on about our school as well of many benefits and strengths about it.

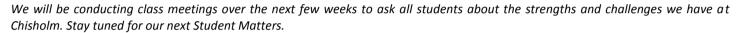
We discussed the strengths of Chisholm and we know this is a safe, honest and respectful learning community.

The SRC agreed that at Chisholm:

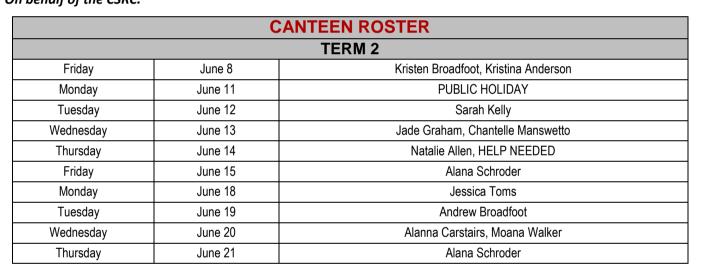
- ★ It is easy to make friends
- ★ Is a welcoming community
- ★ We have Music & Coding
- ★ We have amazing resources
- ★ We have good manners
- ★ There are phenomenal sporting opportunities
- ★ Everyone tries their best
- ★ We have great staff

We also discussed the things that Chisholm needed to improve on such as:

- ★ Picking up after ourselves
- ★ Being mindful of others in our community
- ★ Looking after our playground and equipment



Ethan, Jade, Phebe, Ricardo, Rylee & Scott **On behalf of the CSRC.**



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:

Lucas Cauchi, Scarlett O'Brien, Gea Tuguinay, Tayla Garofalo, Amelia Parkinson, Alexsa Kachan, Sienna Henke, Nate Gill, Ruby Jackson, Nate Gunderson, Eric Wilson, Rhys Jones, Tyler Wright, Hayden Kelly, Clarissa Adam,

Elaina Teuma, Luke Hodges, Damon Horvath, Hayley Phillips, Tristan Mizzi.

Uniform Shop Hours

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Monday} & 8.15\mbox{am} - 9.15\mbox{am} \\ \mbox{Thursday} & 8.15\mbox{am} - 9.15\mbox{am} \\ \mbox{Thursday} & 2.30\mbox{pm} - 3.30\mbox{pm} \end{array}$

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8.15am – 3.45pm



Learning Matters

PBL (Project Based Learning)

Project Based Learning is a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging and complex question, problem, or challenge.

Students from 3 Grey and various Year 6 classes have continued on the PBL learning journey they began earlier this year. The project is based on the real life story of two brothers and their work to save the orangutans in Borneo. While much of the first term was based on learning about the problems being faced by orangutans in the context of Science and Geography and discussing the issues of sustainability, the second term has had a practical focus.

Students were encouraged to apply their knowledge on the issue and to develop strategies and solutions they could employ to help with this cause through collaboratively working together. The students are currently working on implementing their project ideas to make a real difference.

Chisholm has offered to host an expo on **Tuesday the 19th June** where other schools who have been working on the project will be coming together to present and discuss what they have been doing to address the problems facing orangutans. One of the highlights on the day is that that the writers of the book, "Tears in the Jungle", William and Daniel Clarke, are coming to speak to the students about the work they have done. The children are very excited about meeting the young men who have been the inspiration behind the project. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the students to listen to speakers who have made such a large impact on an issue because of a decision they have made. It will also be a great opportunity for the students to share their learning.

PBL Initiatives in the coming weeks...

Week 6- Palm oil Free Lunchbox Challenge, Palm oil free bake sale- Friday Year 6 (50 cents)

Week 7- Market Stalls, (A letter will be coming home listing stalls and what's available), Writing Stimulus-Set up in library

Week 8- Tuesday 19th June-PBL Expo at Chisholm with William and Daniel Clarke as guest speakers.



We are safe, honest, respectful learners!