



# Newsletter

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Thursday 10 August 2017

## Diary Dates

**Friday 11 August**  
Infants Athletics  
Carnival

**Tuesday 15 August**  
Assumption Mass  
11.30am

**Wednesday 16 August**  
Confirmation 7pm

**Thursday 17 August**  
Zone Athletics Carnival  
Confirmation 7pm

**Friday 18 August**  
Dance-a-thon

**Tuesday 22 August**  
Netball Gala Day

**Wednesday 23 August**  
Confirmation 7pm

**Thursday 24 August**  
Confirmation 7pm

**Friday 25 August**  
Diocesan Athletics  
Carnival

**Friday 1 September**  
Father's Day  
Celebrations

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

**Saturday 14 October**  
Chisholm Twilight Fair



Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

On Sunday, we commemorated the Transfiguration of Christ. Our Gospel reading (Matthew 17:1-9) can be a difficult one to understand for children and adults. The following gives us an insight into how it can relate to us based on those special people in our lives.

### Transfiguration in Children

If a child lives with criticism,  
he/she learns to condemn.  
If a child lives with hostility,  
he/she learns to fight.  
If a child lives with ridicule,  
he/she learns to be shy.  
If a child lives with shame,  
he/she learns to feel guilty.  
If a child lives with tolerance,  
he/she learns to be patient.  
If a child lives with encouragement,  
he/she learns confidence.  
If a child lives with praise,  
he/she learns to appreciate.  
If a child lives with fairness,  
he/she learns justice.  
If a child lives with security,  
he/she learns to have faith.  
If a child lives with approval,  
he/she learns to like himself.  
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,  
he/she learns to find love in the world.



Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who attended the Cyber Safety Presentations over the last week. A huge thanks to Senior Constable Lisa Bombardiere for her time and expertise. These sessions were a most valuable insight into the Internet and our responsibility as parents. For more information visit [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au)

Sergeant Jason Cook from Windsor met with Mr Emanuel and myself late last week to discuss the problems with the traffic outside our school in the afternoon. He informed me that he will be back regularly over the next few weeks to warn or even fine drivers who are illegally parked or driving contrary to the rules. His biggest concern is that the Pick Up Zone is a NO PARKING ZONE after 2.30pm. This means that vehicles cannot remain in that zone for more than 2 minutes. Please see the School Zone Offences attached.

A reminder that if you have any concerns to please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

Take Care

*Michael*

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**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

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL****CHISHOLM STUDENT ATTENDANCE EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY****85.8%**

This week's overall attendance figure for Chisholm is:

As a school, we are above the Diocesan average of 83% and 4.2 % below the Diocesan target.

Unfortunately, many students have been ill over the last few weeks. Look after them so that they can come back to school fit and well for learning.

Thanks, you for your wonderful support. Let's aim for all grades to be above the average by the end of the term.

Attendance EVERY DAY is important.

# Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day  
 just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just  
missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years  
of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

Nearly 1.5 weeks per year

Nearly half a year

20 minutes per day

1 hour 40mins per week

Over 2.5 weeks per year

Nearly 1 year

Half an hour per day

Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

Over 2 and a half years

every learner  
every day

**Reminder**

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 me 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.

Michael Mifsud - Principal

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## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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NAPLAN is moving online. This means moving NAPLAN from the current paper-based tests to computer-based assessments. The transition to NAPLAN online will commence from 2018.

In May of every year, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN was first introduced in 2008 and has become a routine part of the school calendar in Australia.

NAPLAN, which is a part of the National Assessment Program (NAP), is how governments, education authorities and schools can determine whether young Australians are reaching important educational goals.

### NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017. The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. **The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability.** The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

As a result, Chisholm is scheduled to conduct the NAPLAN online trial in week nine, Term Three.

Monday the 11th and Tuesday the 12th of September have been set aside on the school calendar for this to occur. Further detailed information is available online through the following link and will be available on the next school newsletter.

[NAPLAN Parent Fact Sheet](#)

Please feel free to contact your Child's Stage Leader or the Assistant Principal if you have any questions or concerns.

Andrew Emanuel – *Assistant Principal*

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## FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

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This week our Year 5 students have had the opportunity, as part of their preparation to receive this Sacrament, to reflect on what Confirmation means to them. They have been meeting in family groups over several weeks to discuss the meaning of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation completes their initiation, which began with Baptism, then Eucharist, into our Catholic community.

Mrs. Adams, the Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator, Mrs. Climpson, the REC from St Matthews, Mrs. Gatt and Mrs. Johnson prepared workshops reflecting on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Scripture about the coming of the Holy Spirit and the expectations for the ceremony. The celebrant will be Monsignor Ron McFarlane from St Andrew's Parish, Marayong.

Chisholm Confirmation candidates will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance on

16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> August here at Chisholm with Fr Robert.

The following Confirmation prayer might be used by your family during this preparation time.

SPIRIT OF GOD, grant me:  
The gift of **wisdom**  
To see the world through your eyes,  
The gift of **counsel**  
To make difficult decisions,  
The gifts of **knowledge** and **understanding**  
To use my mind to know you and to love you,  
The gift of **fortitude**  
To have the courage to live in the faith  
Despite the difficulties and disappointments,

The gift of **piety**  
To be able to express my special love  
And commitment to you,  
And the right kind of awesome **fear**  
That makes me pause to wonder and revere  
God's Love.  
AMEN

In Christ,



Marilyn Hancock – Religious Education Co-ordinator

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## SPORTS NEWS

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### Chisholm Infants Sports Fun Day

The Infants Sports Fun Day is on tomorrow **Friday 11th August**. Good luck to our little sport stars. Congratulations to the Year 2 students who were voted by their peers to lead their house at the Infants Sports Fun Day.

Gold	Kameron Wood and Paige Bryan
Green	Izaac Groom and Marlee Gill
Blue	Sienna Blissett and Jack Bartley
Red	Jemma Camilleri and Nate Gunderson

### Years 5 and 6 Touch Football Gala Day

On **Tuesday 8th September** Stage 3 Girls and Boys will compete at the Diocesan Touch Football Day at St Mary's. This is the new date for the carnival as it was postponed last term.

### Netball Gala Day

The Years 3-6 Netball Gala Day will take place on **Tuesday 22nd August**. Notes have gone home this week to the students who were selected.

### Hills Zone Athletics Carnival

Good luck to Chisholm Zone Athletics Team who will compete at Blacktown on **Thursday 17th August**.

Karen Baxter – Sports Co-ordinator

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## GENERAL NEWS

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### School Assemblies

At Chisholm our school assemblies have always been a great opportunity to

- Gather as a Catholic School community to pray
- Communicate with the community
- Celebrate student achievements
- Acknowledge Safe Honest Respectful learners with school awards
- Develop pride in our school and country

Recently staff discussed our school assemblies and it was decided that our regular Monday and Friday formats would be combined into one assembly, to be held each Monday, in the MPA.

We will continue with the regular assembly items as well as include a "Welcome to Country" and an acknowledgement of birthdays. Our assemblies will now be led by our student leaders.

The assemblies will still be an opportunity to continue the aims already mentioned above as well as allowing our student leaders to become more closely involved.

In addition it allows for learning time on Friday mornings to be maximised and will minimise any confusion about which day awards will be distributed.

The new format will come into effect on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August and we hope to see you there.

As usual parents, carers, friends and family are welcome to join us as we appreciate you taking the time to be with us.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

Chisholm Staff



## Building Child Safe Communities

A reminder that family members who wish to volunteer at Chisholm are required to follow these 2 easy steps.

Click on the following link <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/home> or click on the Child Protection link on our school website.

Follow the Steps below

Most parents who volunteer do not need a Working With Children Check (WWCC) clearance. They are exempt from the WWCC while they have a child related to them at the school. However, all volunteers are required to complete the following: -

### **VOLUNTEER FORM**

- Step 1: Complete the ***Building Child Safe Communities (BCSC) – UNDERTAKING VOLUNTEERS' FORM***

***This form will only need to be completed once.***

**Also**

### **TRAINING MODULE**

- Step 2: You will need to complete the ***ONLINE TRAINING MODULE***

***This is required every 2 years***

Confirmation emails will automatically be sent to the school email address.

Volunteers make a significant contribution to our school community.

We thank all volunteers for their continued support.

## Woolworths Earn & Learn Promotion is back!



At Chisholm, we are collecting as many stickers as we can to try and beat our previous record of 26,000.

Simply place your stickers onto an A4 sheet in 6 rows of 10.

You can send in loose stickers if you prefer.

Stickers and sticker sheets can be placed in the sticker collection bins in the Learning Centre/Library, or in the Office foyer.

Thanks for your support!

# Chisholm DANCE-A-THON - Friday 18 August

Thank you for your support with our Dance-a-thon to be held on Friday 18 August. The Dance-a-thon is a major fundraiser for the year and it promises to be a fun experience for everyone involved. The students will participate in a variety of dances throughout the morning and will be grouped with other children in teams from Kindergarten to Year 6. There will be lots of prizes on offer for classes, grades, families and also individuals.

Every \$10.00 **raised** will go into a draw to win fantastic prizes. Our aim is to raise at least \$22 000. The money raised will go towards Information Communication Technology devices for students.

**All money will need to be sent to school by Friday, 1 September. Raffle tickets will be issued for every \$10.00 raised as the money comes in. The big prize draw will be in Week 8. Date to be decided.**

You will have an opportunity to experience the Dance-a-thon for the final few dances and then enjoy a picnic lunch with your children.

The Dance-a-thon will be a **Mufti Day** so children can wear comfortable colourful clothing or a **dance outfit if they have one**. We ask that all students wear their **joggers**.

## MORNING SESSION

<b>9:00 - 9:20</b>	Dance Rotation 1
<b>9:20 - 9:40</b>	Dance Rotation 2
<b>9:40-10:00</b>	Dance Rotation 3
<b>10:00-10:40</b>	Dance Rotation 4
<b>10:45 - 11:15- RECESS</b>	
<b>11.10 am</b>	Parents welcome to participate and support children in final 4 rotations
<b>11:20-11:40</b>	Dance Rotation 5
<b>11:40 - 12:00</b>	Dance Rotation 6
<b>12:00 - 12:20</b>	Dance Rotation 7
<b>12:20 - 12:40</b>	Dance Rotation 8
<b>12:50</b>	ALL RETURN TO THE UNDERCOVER COURT in regular class lines.
<b>1:10 - 1:30</b>	Sausage Sizzle Sit down lunch for children Parents Picnic on the oval with children

## 10:45 - 11:15- RECESS

## CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 3		
Friday	August 11	Megan Hilder, Christine Agius, Catherine Ashton, Liz Williams
Monday	August 14	Jade Millan, Belinda Parr
Tuesday	August 15	Sam Puglisi
Wednesday	August 16	Santana O'Bryan, Cheryl Cullen
Thursday	August 17	Vicky Withers, Liz Vassallo, Alison Lappalainen
Friday	August 18	Tami Adams, Donna Cluderay
Monday	August 21	Jessica Toms
Tuesday	August 22	Andrew Broadfoot
Wednesday	August 23	Liz Vassallo <b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Thursday	August 24	Amanda Allen, Alanna Carstairs

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.

Thank you

Sandra Goldsbrough - Canteen Co-ordinator



**Friday 11 August (Infants Sports Fun Day)** there will be tea, coffee, muffins and sandwiches on sale at the Canteen for parents.

**All** student lunch orders will go out in the class baskets as normal at **1.15 pm**.

**Friday 18 August (Dance-a-thon)** a sausage sizzle is provided for all students. There will be **NO** other lunch orders on the day.



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

Emily Olsen, Indiana Sieders, Maddison Ferrara, Jessica Ferrara, Braxton Baker, Lachlan Wilkins, Ava Dransfield.

**SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES**

**WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?\***

**FACT** Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

**No Parking**  
You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

**PENALTY**  
**\$183**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

**Pedestrian Crossings**  
Do not stop on or near a marked crossing.

**PENALTY**  
**\$439**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

**No Stopping**  
Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.

**PENALTY**  
**\$330**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

**Driveways**  
Do not stop on or across a driveway.

**PENALTY**  
**\$183**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

**Bus Zone**  
You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.

**PENALTY**  
**\$330**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

**Lane Filtering / Overtaking**  
Motorcyclists must not overtake or lane-filter in an active school zone.

**PENALTIES AND DEMERIT POINTS APPLY**

**Mobile Phone Use**  
Do not use a hand held mobile phone while driving.

**PENALTY**  
**\$439**  
+ 4 DEMERIT POINTS

**Double Parking**  
Do not double park in a school zone.

**PENALTY**  
**\$330**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

**Speeding Offences**  
The fines and demerit points for speeding offences in school zones have been increased.

**SCHOOL ZONE**  
8 - 9 AM  
2 PM - 4 PM  
SCHOOL DAYS  
**40**

**MAX. PENALTY**  
**\$3740**  
+ 7 DEMERIT POINTS

**Footpath and Nature Strip**  
Do not stop on a footpath or nature strip.

**PENALTY**  
**\$183**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

\*Fines current as of July 2017. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.

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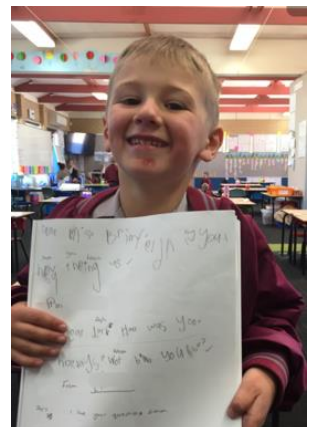
# Learning Matters!



## Writing In Kindy



What fun Kindy has had over the last week! The students have been enthusiastically writing letters to friends, family, buddies and even book characters. The students are building their understanding of what it means to be a great writer. The focus has been on making sure that the message makes sense (by rereading their text), using the structure of a simple letter (using *To* and *From*) and how to make our readers interested in our message (by including interesting words and asking questions). It has been wonderful to see the students growing in confidence as writers and engaging so enthusiastically in their learning. Encourage your child to send letters to friends and family at home!



We are safe, honest, respectful learners!



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FOR SPREADING

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FESTIVAL  
SYDNEY 2017



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