



Chisholm Catholic Primary School NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
8.30am – 3.30pm

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...

Tuesday 23rd August

Penance Information Night
7.30pm Chisholm

Wednesday 24th August

Reconciliation Yr. 6
10.00am

Thursday 25th August

Yr. 5 & 6 Parent PD Information
Evening 6.30pm

Friday 26th August

Diocesan Athletics

Sundays

Parish Mass 9:30am
in the MPA

FUTURE DATES...

Friday 2nd September

Father's Day Breakfast 7.45am
Father's Day Liturgy 9.00am
Father's Day Stall 10.00am

Tuesday 6th September

Kindergarten Excursion to
St Matthew's Church

Thursday 8th September

Crazy Hair Mufti Day

Wednesday 14th September

Book Character Parade

Dear Families of Chisholm,

The Way of Mercy, 8 August – 13 November 2016

"Jesus is the face of the Father's Mercy. You are God's face in our world."

The Way of Mercy is a diocesan wide initiative for the Year of Mercy which seeks to offer our parishes, schools and groups a powerful experience of the merciful love of Jesus Christ. The Way of Mercy centres upon the journey of a large 'Cross of Mercy'. The Cross will be accompanied by a relic of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and a letter penned by Blessed Teresa of Kolkata. Blessed Teresa will be canonised on the 4th September during the time of the Way of Mercy.

The Cross was hosted by Chisholm today at a special liturgy where we were invited to experience the love and mercy of our God in a special way. We prayed, we listened to the Gospel of the Prodigal Son, we showed reverence by venerating the Cross of Mercy and the relics of both St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Mother Teresa we heard the words of Pope Francis.

May all the Chisholm community be the face of mercy to those in need.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes



Year One visits St Matthew's Catholic Church

Last Friday, the Year One students visited St Matthew's Catholic Church to learn more about the Baptism and see the special parts of the church. Father Arthur took us on a tour around the church and told us the history of the church. There were lots of things to learn and see. Thank you to Father Arthur for sharing his time with us.



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.



Today we had the Mercy Cross and a Relic of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Blessed Teresa of Kolkata visiting our school. We were able to have a procession into the MPA and a special liturgy with time for children to venerate the Cross and Relics. Veneration is an ancient form of reverence for the instrument of salvation (e.g. venerating the cross on Good Friday). This acknowledges that Jesus died on the Cross for our sake. It is a symbolic response to the love of God. It is also a way of participating in an act of communion with millions of people from diverse cultures and backgrounds who have also prayed at the foot of the Christian cross, which is the symbol of Christian faith.

The Relics are a lock of hair of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and a letter from Blessed Teresa of Kolkata who will be canonized on September 4. They may also be venerated by touching or kissing as an expression of our love for the saints and their lives of holiness. Like the Cross, it is important that people understand that we are not worshipping the Relics or the saints themselves but allowing the Relics to act as an aid to prayer.

The Cross and the Relics point us to Jesus and help us pray to him. The students at Chisholm were given a very special holy card with which they touched the Cross and each of the Relics.

In Christ,

Merilyn Hancock— Religious Education Co-ordinator

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation. Confirmation perfects our baptism and brings us the graces of the Holy Spirit that were granted to the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday.

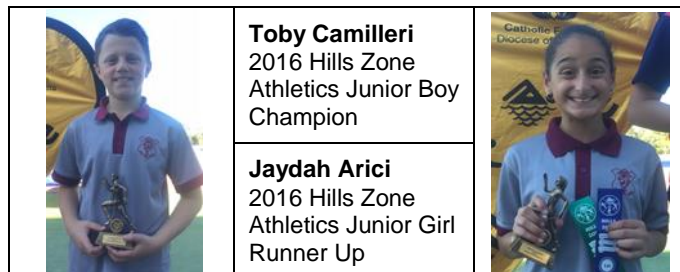
Congratulations to the following children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last week at St Matthew's Church:

William Ayscough, Nathan Bietola, Abby Boceski, Brodie Gatt, Matthew Muscat, Kyle Dowie, Erin Nelson Brianna Mattingley, Jarred Ryan, Abigail Saba, Chloe Teuma, Lili Walker, Ashleigh Vanderburg.

HILLS ZONE ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all of the students who competed at the Hills Zone Athletics Carnival on Thursday 18th August. A large number of students represented Chisholm, some competing in more than one event, many achieving outstanding results and personal bests. They should all be extremely proud of their efforts and sportsmanship on the day.

We would like to wish good luck to the students who advanced to the Diocesan Athletics Carnival. They will be competing this Friday 26th of August, at Rooty Hill.



OLYMPIC-A-THON

Our 2016 Olympic-a-thon was blessed with perfect winter sunshine, which provided the perfect scene for a fun day of sport and activity.

The children were engaged all day and their feedback indicated that they all had a great time.

A big thank you to the large group of parent helpers who assisted on the field, at the BBQ and in the canteen. We couldn't run such a day without your support before, during and after the event.

Thanks also to our ever-dedicated teachers, many who worked behind the scenes as part of the organising committee over the past months so the day would run smoothly.

The Olympic-a-thon was another wonderful Chisholm community day that showed once again what can be achieved working together with our positive Chisholm Spirit.

A reminder to return your child's sponsorship card so they can be placed in the draw to win the iPad mini. The draw will be take place in the next couple of weeks. Funds raised have been ear marked for class libraries, literacy and numeracy resources will be used across the school.

Thanks for your ongoing support.



SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

Crazy Hair Mufti Day

In Week 8, on Thursday 8th September, the Social Justice Team are holding a Crazy Hair Mufti Day. Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation and all the money raised will go directly to Baclayon Primary School in Bohol, Philippines for the school to purchase much needed books and stationery supplies. The team will also be selling treats on the day at recess and lunch.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this worthy cause.

The Social Justice Team

WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE PHILIPPINES

During our pilgrimage and journey to Kraków for World Youth Day, we went to Bohol, Philippines first to help out in various schools that were affected by the earthquake in 2013. The school that my group was assigned to was Baclayon Primary School. During our time there, we taught and helped out in the classrooms, assisted with the Kindergarten nutrition program that they have to ensure that the students are eating healthy food, painted sections of the school and ran games and sports.

It was a truly humbling and amazing experience. The students come to school every day in the humidity without air conditioning, without iPads, with minimum resources and without all of the things that we take for granted. The children that I met were so happy and incredibly grateful for our presence. These students were genuine in their kindness and thoughtfulness. One afternoon it rained extremely heavily and the kids were trying to shelter me with their umbrellas even though they would get wet to do so. The children were getting my bag for me, giving me Pokemon cards and even wanting to put my rubbish in the bin for me.



Painting the school was a rewarding and fun experience. Parents joined in and helped us and it felt good to give something back to the school

community who gave much more to us than we did.

The mission part of this pilgrimage was by far the highlight and it is something I will never forget.

A wonderful thing about participating in this is that now Chisholm has created a relationship with this school and this term, the Social Justice Team will be raising money for Baclayon Primary School and we will be able to show our students the difference they are making in a very real way.

Again I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the Chisholm community for your support as without it, I would not have been able to partake in this.

Jana Fizely



FROM THE LIBRARY

Yr.3-6 Premier's Reading Challenge

Entries close for all Yr.3-6 students this Friday 26th August.

If you have not entered your 20 books, please see Mrs Lark, or you will not receive your 2016 certificate.

Book Week

A flyer went home last Friday to promote Book Week at Chisholm in Week 9.

This year there will be some changes to the Book Character Parade on Wednesday 14th September. We are asking **all children to bring a book** featuring the character they are dressed as. (e.g. If you dress as Elsa, you will need to bring a book about Elsa/Frozen.)

Selected students will be explaining their book and costume to the school as part of the Parade. Then all Students will share their book and character with students in a buddy class after the Book Parade has finished as part of our Literacy block to celebrate quality literature.

Book Fair

We need some parent helpers to assist with the sale of Books at the Book Fair from Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th September. Please check the flyer for the times and return the slip if you can help. Duties involve Eftpos and cash sales, security, taking orders for sold-out items and keeping shelves tidy. Many hands make light work.

Thank you for your support.

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 3		
Wed	Aug 24	Simone Usher,
Thurs	Aug 25	Amanda Allen, Amanda Micalleff
Fri	Aug 26	Tami Adams, Tanya Biasi
Mon	Aug 29	Megan Ferrara, Elizabeth Williams
Tues	Aug 30	Danielle Egan
Wed	Aug 31	Michelle Kew, Kristy Coe, Jacqui Triccas
Thurs	Sep 01	Nicky Spiteri, Vicky Withers
Fri	Sep 02	Kristen Broadfoot, Kristina Anderson
Mon	Sep 05	Nina Dimech, Kelly Williams
Tues	Sep 06	Michelle Dimech

Parents are reminded to please send plastic spoons from home for yoghurts, fruits etc. or these can be bought at the canteen for a cost of 10c each.

Olympic-a-thon

Thank you to all the Parents and Grandparents who helped feed the children their sausage sizzle, once again you were amazing.

All left over sausages were gratefully received by Hawkesbury Helping Hands to feed the homeless.

Thank you

Sandra Goldsbrough

Canteen Co-ordinator



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

Samuel Nassif, Lachlan Wilkins, Montana Smith, Gabrielle Kerry, Evren Arici, Georgia Alderson, Emily Spiteri, Ethan Bailey, Jonah Hanna, Nicholas Stevens, Lucy Scala, Leo Farrugia, Cooper Baker

Learning Matters!

Visualisation In Mathematics

Throughout the year the staff at Chisholm have been focusing much of our work on developing the Visualisation skills of our students in Space and Geometry. This involves how we manipulate, measure and identify different shapes. These processes require of number of skills where students are asked to look for things that aren't always visible and try to visualise what these are in our minds. The following tips have been taken from the *School A to Z* website to help your child develop these skills.

Understanding shapes is the basis for geometry and other maths concepts. Simply pointing to shapes in picture books or stacking containers in different ways will give your child new ideas about them.

How kids learn about objects and space

Kids learn about objects and the space around them by experimenting and playing. Young children enjoy building towers or discovering which blocks will stack or roll. While it's not until much later when kids learn the names of three-dimensional objects, we should encourage them to think and talk about the parts that make up the object.

Through early experiences, children learn the names of simple two-dimensional shapes, such as a triangle or circle. We need to show kids shapes in different positions and sizes to help build their mental images of shapes. Drawing and making shapes are key ways in which kids can develop these ideas.

Helping your child learn about shapes and objects

- Read books to your child and talk about the shapes you can see within the pictures, eg 'The roof on the house is a triangle'.
- Look for objects inside or outside the house that are shaped like a circle, triangle, rectangle or square. Look for different sized shapes and shapes in different positions.
- Involve your child in craft activities such as making your own gift wrapping by printing painted shapes onto paper using corks, empty cotton reels or sponges.
- Make shadows on the ground or on a wall using your body or hands and talk about the shapes.
- Fold paper to make a hat or boat and talk about the shapes made as you fold the paper.
- Make your own jigsaw puzzle by cutting a magazine picture into about four or five pieces and putting it back together again. Talk about how the edges of the pieces fit together.
- Collect scrap paper or used gift wrapping and encourage your child to cut and glue pieces to make a picture.
- Play 'I spy' games and describe things by size and shape, eg "I spy with my little eye something that is big and shaped like a square".
- Use boxes and containers of different sizes to play 'stacking' games.
- Ask your child to help you put away the groceries and talk about which things will stack easily.
- Make biscuits using cookie cutters or make pretend biscuits from modelling dough. Talk about the shape of each biscuit.
- Help your child to build a paper aeroplane and see if it can fly.
- Make sand models from wet sand using cups, buckets or jelly moulds. Talk about sizes and shapes and try to stack some shapes.
- Blow bubbles using wire loops or straws and a detergent solution. Talk about the shape and size of the bubbles and the effects when the wire shape is changed.
- Collect wood off-cuts and let your child glue the pieces to make a model.
- Collect shells at the beach and ask your child to sort them and tell you how he or she grouped them.
- Build a 'house' from playing cards or dominoes.

Talk about the shapes made when you cut straight through vegetables



For more homework help, tips and info sheets go to www.schoolatoz.com.au

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