



# Newsletter

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Thursday 21 September 2017

## Diary Dates

**Friday 22 September**  
Last day of Term 3  
Baskets sent home

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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

**Monday 9 October**  
First day of Term 4  
Students Return in  
**Summer Uniform.**  
Cake Boxes sent home

**Thursday 12 October**  
Return Baskets

**Friday 13 October**  
**Mufti Day**  
Return Cake Boxes

**Saturday 14 October**  
**Chisholm Twilight**  
**Fair**



Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

What a busy term it has been!

We have had plenty to celebrate; the great learning, events and celebrations have all added to making this a very happy community.



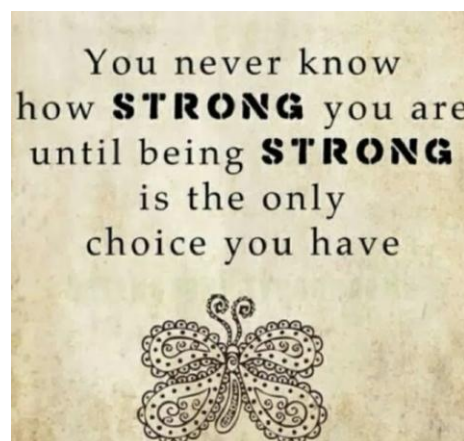
Once again, thank you for everything you do to contribute to our wonderful school. As our Twilight Fair on the 14 October draws closer I want to thank you in advance for all of the little and big things our community will be doing for each other over the next month or so. It looks set to be a wonderful Fair. Appreciation to the CCG for their organisation, time and effort over the last 7 months. They are wonderful and active representatives of our Parent & Carer community.

A big thank you to all the Parents and Carers who contact me when they have a query. I appreciate your honesty, and respect the fact you have made the time to call or make an appointment so that we can best address any issues or concerns you may have.

Please keep Will Taylor in your prayers this week - God bless you Will.

Have a restful break everyone!

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

# 84.7%

This week's overall attendance figure for Chisholm is:

Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
01	● 85.3%
02	● 86.7%
03	● 88.2%
04	● 83.7%
05	● 82.7%
06	● 78.4%
K	● 87.4%

Let's aim for all grades to be above the Diocesan Average of 90% next 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



### CHISHOLM PRAYER SPACE

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers members of our Chisholm community including; Will Taylor (Year 5), Alison Hayek (Harry - Year 5), Sarah Brewerton (Gabrielle - Year 6) and Mrs Hancock.

Michael Mifsud – Principal

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## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be advised that Mrs Lisa Kay will be continuing on as the 6W class teacher from week 1 one to week 8 of term four. Mrs Hancock's health is improving following her surgery and she has been granted leave to enable a full recovery.

Thank you for your ongoing support



### Payments to the office

Please ensure that **all money** that is sent into the school office is in a **sealed** envelope or zip lock bag and clearly labelled with **name, class and a description of what it is for**.

Andrew Emanuel – Assistant Principal

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## FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

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There is a strong message of forgiveness in the readings from last weekend's mass. In Matthew's gospel, Peter asks Jesus, "How many times should I forgive my brother? Seven times?" Jesus responds, "Not seven times, but seventy times seven." Essentially Jesus is inferring that we should forgive someone as many times as they do us wrong. Jesus also reminds us that if we can be forgiving then His heavenly father will offer forgiveness to us.

In fact, throughout the Gospels we hear the message of forgiveness many times. Jesus teaches that the way to peace is to let go of the wrongs of the past and build new relationships. When we forgive, healing commences.

Most often, in time, we can find in our hearts enough love to forgive those who have hurt us. However, what about acts that cut us deeply such as acts of terrorism, war, the past treatment of indigenous cultures across the world and other atrocities? As a community of faith, we must pray to God to guide us along the path towards reconciliation. No doubt, the road to peace will be difficult, but with love in our hearts and faith in our Lord, we can always have hope that we can help God bring salvation to the world.



Mark Galea – Acting Religious Education Coordinator

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## SPORTS NEWS

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### Out of School Sport

A reminder that Out of School Sport preference notes for Years 5 and 6 are due back by the end of the term. Please have the form filled out and returned ASAP.

The students choice of sport will be announced early next term and permission notes will be sent home.

### MacKillop Athletics Carnival

Well done to Toby Camilleri, Jake Hodges, Jaydah Arici, Chloe Teuma and Lacey O'Brien for your efforts at the MacKillop Athletics Carnival on Monday 18th September. There were a couple of Personal Bests.

A special congratulation to Toby Camilleri on his 3rd place in 11 years boy's discus. An awesome result.

Good luck at PSSANSW next term!

### Stage 2 and Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day

Well done to all of the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students who participated in the Touch Football gala days. You all did an awesome job and showed good sportsmanship throughout the day!

Thank you to all of our fantastic coaches (Mr Ryan, Mr Nelson, Mr Galea, Mr Wallace, Mrs Franklin, Mrs Gill, Mrs Jones, Mrs Kitching and Mrs Rawlings) who generously gave their time to both train our teams and coach them on the day!

Thank you to all of the parents who came along to support and encourage all of our students who participated! Special thanks to the referees from Bede Polding College who officiated on behalf of Chisholm on both days.

### **Hawkesbury Cup Rugby League**

Great effort to the boys who this week participated in the Hawkesbury Cup (Rugby League). It was wonderful to hear that there was great team spirit shown on the day. A huge thank you to Mr Luke Ryan and Mr Luke Gordon for coaching the boys on the day without your assistance days like this would not be possible.

Karen Baxter – Sports Coordinator

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## **GENERAL NEWS**

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### **ATTENTION PARENTS & CARERS**

Only plastic or metal drinks bottles please. Glass drink bottles are not permitted at Chisholm for safety reasons.

### **Uniform News**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September is the changeover date from winter to summer uniform. Summer uniforms are available for purchase from the uniform shop during opening hours.

**All students are to be in their full summer school uniform by the start of Term 4, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.**

Please ensure items of clothing are labelled clearly to avoid any loss. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Belinda Ross – Uniform Coordinator

## ***Chisholm Twilight Fair***

Our Spring Twilight Fair will be held on **Saturday 14 October 3.30pm – 8.30 pm.**

Following are a number of reminders to help your family plan for this great community event.



### **HELPERS**

The CCG are in desperate need of helpers to assist on the day. Even if you are able to spare an hour helping that would be very much appreciated!

Please contact the **CCG on 0433 195 734** if you can help.

### **SILVER COIN CHALLENGE**

Classes are busy collecting their loose change! Every child in the class that collects the highest value of silver coins will receive a special treat.



### **RIDE PASSES**

All day ride passes are now available to purchase for \$30.

Wrist bands can be collected from the rides stall on the day of the Fair.

### **CAKE STALL AND BASKET STALL**

Baskets have been sent home to each family **today**.

Cake boxes will be sent home to each family on **Monday 9 October**.

Please return the filled baskets by **Thursday 12 October**.

Please return all items for the cake stall on **Friday 13 October or Saturday 14 October**.



### **MUFTI DAY**

A Mufti Day will be held on **Friday 13 October** as a Thank you for returning your baskets and cake boxes for the Twilight Fair.



### Earn and learn

Woolies have finished handing out the earn and learn stickers, but we are still collecting them! Keep bringing them!

As of last Friday, we had 18,560 stickers! We are well on our way to our target of 27,000. Thank you everyone.



### Book Week

Thank you so much to everyone who supported Book Week last week - students, parents, teachers and everyone!

We had a wonderful time sharing our costumes and characters with students from other classes. Our Book Fair was very successful and the commission we receive from the sales will go towards new books for our Library and guided readers for classrooms.

We have some books to be covered over the holidays if anyone is interested!

Mrs Fiona Lark  
Teacher Librarian

### CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 3		
Friday	September 22	Alanna Carstairs, <b>HELP NEEDED</b>
TERM 4		
Monday	October 09	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Tuesday	October 10	Amanda Allen
Wednesday	October 11	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Thursday	October 12	Coralie Livingston
Friday	October 13	Tami Adams, Elizabeth Williams
Monday	October 16	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Tuesday	October 17	Sarah Kelly
Wednesday	October 18	Bernadette Sciberras, Gabby Mifsud
Thursday	October 19	Alana Schroder, Andrea Deters-Horan

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.

A copy of the Canteen Roster for Term 4 will be uploaded to the school website and the Skoolbag App. We are very short on helpers for next term please contact me if you able to assist on any days.

Thank you  
Sandra Goldsbrough - Canteen Coordinator



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

Savannah Cullen, Lauren Clarke, Walter Purcell, Sophie Lane, Charlotte Jones, Michael Follington, Matthew Godwin, Ti Fox, Hannah Mitchell, Tayla Moran, Caleb Glazier, Daniel Banks, Stanley Wong, Ian Thorneywork, Scarlett Fiedler, Isaac Tabone, Talia Axiak, Matilda Cullen, James Bradford, Jett Tyler, Jacinta Brincat, Jasmine Israel, Izabella Redpath, Harry Tadrosse, Elizabeth Ryland, Jack Bartley, Isabelle Micallef, Milana Gauci, Brodie Debono, Aiden Jakovljevic, Kaylie Camilleri, Jacqueline Ryland, Kayden McMullen, Ryley Kelly, Sarah Dimech, Kaili Jones Taylor Delle Coste, Abigail Hague, Rory Callanan, Harley Welding, Heidi Carstairs.

# Learning Matters!

## Maths Block Party

On Wednesday, the 6th September Chisholm held a Maths Block Party. This was a wonderful opportunity for parents to see a Chisholm maths block in action.

Parents worked in collaborative groups and learnt lots of information about Agile spaces.



It gave parents a chance to see how learning intentions and success criteria are designed in collaboration with the students, what a maths warmup can look like (number busting), rich tasks and how they can be differentiated to suit the needs of the learner.



### **We received lots of positive feedback from parents...**

“Even as a parent, it’s always good to learn”.

“Very informative and great to see how the Agile learning environment works. Would love more of these sessions in the future both literacy and maths block.”

“Great workshop! I will be using some of my new learnt skills at Home.”



**Stay tuned for our Literacy Party in Term 4!**

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





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# SNAPCHAT (For parents)



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## What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is an application which is free to download on iOS and Android devices that allows users to send images and videos ('snaps') to each other. Snaps can be viewed for up to 10 seconds before they 'dissolve'.

Operating the app requires use of the device's data plan or a wireless internet connection. Images can be drawn on using a whiteboard-style tool and can be given a caption. Snapchat also gives users the ability to put special effect filters and emojis over images or videos to create different looks or themes.



## What is the age restriction for Snapchat?

The age classification for Snapchat is 13 years and over, although much of the content may be inappropriate for that age group. If children under the age of 13 sign up for an account they are given access to 'SnapKidz' which is a limited version of the app where users are not able to send images to other users. It is important to note that these classifications are set by the app's creator and are not overseen by an independent body.

## How are kids using Snapchat?

Snapchat is used by many young people to connect with their friends and to send photos to each other. However, Snapchat can be used for inappropriate purposes and it is important to sit down with your child and explain to them that it is not okay to share images that are rude, offensive or sexualised.

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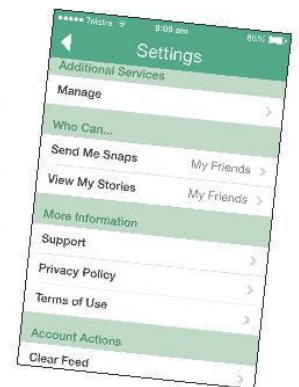
Any application when used incorrectly has the potential to cause harm. It is important that you communicate openly with your child about how they may be using an application and the legal and ethical ramifications of inappropriate use. Children and young people also need to be aware of the risks of communicating with people they don't know via any mobile application.

## Does an image really delete on Snapchat?

There are many ways an image can be saved, even on Snapchat. iOS and Android devices have a feature which allows the device to take a photo of what is on the screen (screenshot). Snapchat notifies the sender if an image they have sent has been captured, however there are also other ways images can be saved without the sender being notified, so it is important to encourage children to think before they send a snap.

## What are the privacy settings on Snapchat?

Snapchat has limited privacy settings so it is important to monitor your child's usage of the application. One privacy setting that is available is the ability to restrict who can send your child photos or videos, 'snaps'. This can be enabled by going into the **Settings** menu, select 'Who can send me snaps', then select 'My friends'. This will ensure that only users in your child's contact list can send images.



It is important to read the Snapchat privacy policy as it provides information about how the images and videos are stored and used. Users need to be aware that Snapchat has the right to reproduce, modify and republish photos and videos, and save them to the Snapchat servers, particularly in relation to the 'Live Story' feature.

## Is Snapchat a 'safe sexting' application?

It is important to know that there is no such thing as 'safe sexting' and Snapchat is no exception. Young people need to be aware that as soon as they send an image they have lost control over where it ends up. Sending sexually explicit images of someone under the age of 18, with or without their permission, could be an offence under State and Commonwealth legislation.

## What are the potential problems with Snapchat?

Sharing images that are rude, offensive or sexualised can see young charged under State and Commonwealth legislation which carries serious legal consequences. Ethically, young people need to be aware of the impact that their online behaviour has on their reputation and others.





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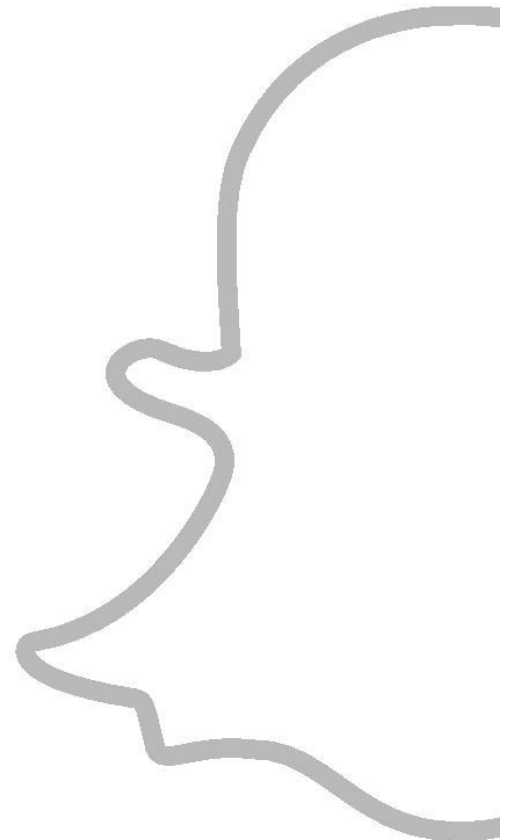
If these images become public, the child in the image can be subject to bullying and cyberbullying. This may happen face-to-face at school or even online with people posting and sharing the image on social networking sites or through instant messenger applications. It is important that parents and carers are aware of the issues associated with various apps and websites so that they can openly communicate with their child about safe and responsible use.

## How do I delete my child's Snapchat account?

After talking with your child about the ethical use of Snapchat and your family's rules around technology, you may feel it's appropriate to delete the Snapchat account.

Open discussions are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Removing technology from your child when they have used it inappropriately is not the best response as it may lead the child to access technology through other means making it more difficult to monitor, supervise or support them if something goes wrong.

However, in some cases it is necessary for a parent to delete an account. To do this, you need to go to <https://support.snapchat.com/delete-account> and enter your child's account username and password. If you do not have your child's password you can submit a deletion request to Snapchat.



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Sexting is commonly defined as the sharing of sexualised or naked images via the internet or mobile phone, this includes mobile applications like Snapchat. Children need to realise that as soon as that image is sent they have lost control of it. Quite often we see images uploaded to the internet, including on various social networking sites, that have been shared between two people privately. Taking, sending and saving these sorts of images can also constitute child pornography offences and can have long term legal ramifications on a child's future.

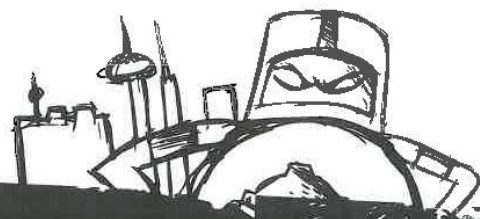
If these images become public, the child in the image can, and often is, subject to bullying and harassment. This may happen face-to-face at school or even online with people posting and sharing the image. It is extremely important that parents and carers are aware of the issues associated with various apps and websites so that they can openly communicate with their child about safe and responsible usage.

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Open and supportive discussions around technology usage are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Simply removing the technology is not the best response as it could potentially drive your child's usage underground where there are few opportunities for you to support them.



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**CHISHOLM CATHOLIC PRIMARY**

# **TWILIGHT FAIR**



**Rides & Entertainment, Show Bags,  
Art & Craft, Stalls, Face Painting,  
BBQ, Chocolate Wheel  
and much more...**

**3:30pm  
to  
8:30pm**

**30 Collith Avenue,  
Bligh Park**



**Saturday  
14th  
October  
2017**



**Come & Have Some Fun!**