



Chisholm Matters

Newsletter of Chisholm Catholic Primary School, Bligh Park

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Thursday, 21 June 2018

Diary Dates

Friday 22 June

Athletics Carnival

Online Bookings Open
9am for Student Led
Conferences

Sundays

Parish Mass 9:30am
in the MPA

Tuesday 26 June

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Thursday 28 June

Reports sent home

Friday 29 June

Online Bookings Close
4pm for Student Led
Conferences

Monday 2 July

Parent Prayer

Monday 2 July

to

Thursday 5 July

Student Led
Conferences

Friday 6 July

Last day Term 2

Monday 23 July

School Resumes Term 3

Mon 23 – Wed 25 July

Year 6 Canberra
Excursion.

Monday 30 July

Super Hero Mufti
for Bear Cottage

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

We have had a wonderful couple of weeks at Chisholm. Our Project Based Learning work led by Year 3 & Year 6 has managed to teach us all a few things about the plight of the orangutan in Borneo and Sumatra.

We celebrated a beautiful commitment Mass on Sunday in our MPA. It was great to see so many students and parents there to support our candidates. Keep it up, we'd love to see you all every week.



Loving God,

You are the giver of all we possess, the source of all of our blessings.

We thank and praise you. Thank you for the gift of our children.

Help us to set boundaries for them, and yet encourage them to explore.

Give us the strength and courage to treat each day as a fresh start.

May our children come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.

May their ears hear your voice.

May their eyes see your presence in all things.

May their lips proclaim your word.

May their hearts be your dwelling place.

May their hands do works of charity.

May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.

Amen.

Please click on the following link to read some wonderful Persuasive texts written to me by Year 3 students. [Dear Mr Mifsud - Persuasive Text](#)

**A reminder that school commences at 8.45 each day.
Being late for school impacts on learning.**



"It doesn't matter who you are or where you come from, together we can ALL make a difference!" - William Clarke

Take Care

Michael

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CHISHOLM STUDENT ATTENDANCE EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY

87.7%

This week's overall attendance figure for Chisholm is:

This is 2.3 % below our Diocesan target and 3.7 % above the current Diocesan average of 84%.

Congratulations again to all students, parents & carers in Kindergarten and Year 2.

Who have an attendance rate of 91.5 and 93.5 respectively.

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 and our family and friends who are unwell. In particular Mr Rooke after the recent loss of his father.



Request for Student Information.

On occasion requests are made by parents and carers on behalf of outside agencies, including doctors. Many of these are related to your child's learning and / or wellbeing. We ask that any future requests be made in the form of a letter from the practitioner on an official letterhead. This letter can be sent directly to the Principal.

A heartfelt plea to all parents and carers who continue to dangerously cross the road each morning and afternoon in front of our school. You are setting a poor example for your beautiful, irreplaceable children, and putting their lives at risk. Use the Crossing!



Thank you

Michael Mifsud – Principal

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.

Uniform Policy - Hair

Despite consistent attempts to communicate the policy several students have continued to come to school with hair cuts that are shaved short on the sides and are a longer length on top. The school uniform policy requires haircuts to be of one even length.

A note will be sent home as a reminder where haircuts do not comply with the policy.

From the School Uniform Policy:

Hair is to be kept neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade and all extremes of fashion are to be avoided. Some examples of "styles" that are unacceptable include: ridges, lines, undercuts, steps, bowl cuts, any excessive shaping with gel, and any shaving cuts.

Girls hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied back from the face. Hair is to be off the face and out of the eyes.

Ribbons, hair slides etc, if worn should be in the uniform fabric or maroon. Scrunchies are sold from the Uniform Shop.

Parents who ignore the school policy are sending a confusing message to their children and are asked to support the majority of parents who are complying with the request.

In addition, parents are reminded that the school sport socks are the only socks that should be worn with the school sports uniform and are readily available at the school uniform shop. Low cut ankle socks are not part of the school uniform.

If the uniform policy is a concern for any parents please feel free to contact the school to discuss the matter further. Thank you for your ongoing support with keeping our uniform standards high.

Student Mobile Phones



A reminder: All students who carry a mobile phone to and from school each day are asked to sign them into the school office on arrival to school each morning. They will collect them from the office when they have been dismissed from class after the final bell.

All communication concerning your children during the school day will occur via the school office.

Please contact the office if you require further clarification.

Thank you

Andrew Emanuel – Assistant Principal

PARISH MATTERS

Mount St Benedict Centre – Labyrinth Workshop

The Labyrinth is an ancient way or path of pilgrimage leading to a deeper understanding of the continuing call of our Creator God into the transforming, all embracing presence of transcendent light and love. In this one day workshop we invite you to experience the meditative walking of the Labyrinth itself and the peace, healing and whole-ness it can bring you.

It will be held on Friday 29th June from 10.00am-3.00pm at 449D Pennant Hills Road. (Entrance off Hull Road). Cost is \$30 which covers morning tea but please BYO Lunch.

Reserve your place by email mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or ph 8752 5390

We offer our sincere condolences to Mr. Phil Rooke and his family on the loss of Phil's father last week. Requiescat in Pace (Rest in Peace) a great teacher and musician.

Parent Prayer

Parents are invited to join other parents in the Music Room for prayer once a month after the Monday assembly. The first 2 dates are 2nd July and 6th August. Take a little time out for yourselves from your busy life.

Confirmation

Please pray for our students preparing to receive the final Sacrament, which initiates them into our Church, as they meet in family groups to discuss their faith.



Altar Servers

If your son or daughter is interested in becoming an altar server, please discuss it with them and let me know. This is an important role and it would be wonderful to have them serve at school Masses.

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.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'M. Hancock'.

Marilyn Hancock – Religious Education Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Chisholm Athletics Carnival

A reminder that tomorrow **Friday 22 June 2018**, children in Years 3 – 6 will be taking part in the 2018 Athletics Carnival. This year, **students in Year 2 turning 8 Years** will participate in the 100m and 200m at the carnival. This will take place in the morning session. **PARENT HELPERS** are **URGENTLY** required. If you are able to assist, please meet Mrs Baxter on the school oval at 8.30am.

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Well done to the boys that competed at the Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day on Tuesday 19th June at Jamison Park. The conditions were unpredictable, and the day ended early due to rain, but the boys had a good day. A huge thank you to Mr Wallace and Mrs Gill for coaching the teams and the boys from Bede Polding who volunteered to referee on the day. Without your expertise these days can't happen. Thank you to Mrs Crothers and Miss Balzan who braved the weather on the day.

MacKillop Cross Country

Well done to Annalise Grima, Erin Banks, Nate Gill, Callum Kent, Fynn Callanan, Bree Rawlings and Damon Jones who competed at the NSWCPSS (MacKillop) Cross Country last Friday at Eastern Creek. It was a challenging, rewarding event and everyone finished the gruelling track.

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Good luck to the four Stage 2 soccer teams (Year 3 girls, Year 4 girls, Year 3 boys and Year 4 boys teams) who will compete at the Soccer Gala Day next Tuesday 26th June at Jamison Park, Penrith.

Karen Baxter – Sports Coordinator

GENERAL NEWS

School Fees

It has been brought to our attention that families are receiving a reminder notice for overdue school fees. All statements are now processed and posted by Head Office Parramatta and it appears that Term 2 fees were not sent to Chisholm Families. I apologise to families for the confusion and inconvenience caused by this issue.

Please contact me if you need to discuss this matter. msiegenthaler@parra.catholic.edu.au or 4573 3200.

Michelle Siegenthaler – Finance Secretary



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Sebastian Dabinett from 3 Grey who has completed the PRC for 2018.

Great job, Sebastian!

Your name will be on our Hall of Fame with all the others.

Choir News

Next Monday after the school assembly, the choir will be performing a song they have been learning this term.

We would love to see you there to support the students.



A massive thanks to Sciberras Fresh Fruit and Vegetables for supporting our Year 3 and 6 PBL project by generously donating fresh bananas and apples to our market stalls last Friday.



CHISHOLM COMMUNITY GROUP MATTERS

Twilight Fair News!

The planning for the 2018 Twilight Fair is well underway. We are in need of parent volunteers to help make the fair run smoothly. If you are able to help fill an hour shift between 3pm and 8pm we would appreciate that very much. Text the CCG your availability on 0433 195 734 and we will put your name down where it's needed. These events are not possible without your help, so thank you!



We will be collecting White Elephant items over the next few months, so if you are planning a clean out at home, think of donating your items to us. Any household items that are in good condition are welcome. Please no clothes or large furniture items.

We will be holding several drop off dates in the lead up to the fair, stay tuned!

In the last week of Term 2 we will be sending home 1 basket to each family which needs to be returned to school at the beginning of Term 3. All you need to do is fill the basket over the school holidays with goodies and wrap them in clear cellophane and return it to school. Suggestions include: gardening needs, party decorations, stationery, non-perishable food, baby items, etc.

We appreciate your help with this. The basket stall is always a favourite!



Rebecca Monaghan
On behalf of the CCG

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

We would like to introduce Parent Rep's into the Chisholm community.

Purpose of Parent Representative Volunteer

The purpose of the Parent Representative Team is to foster communication in the school and to assist in uniting the school community. The Parent Representative Team will enhance relationships between teachers, parents and the children.

A note will be sent home detailing the role and seeking nominations for a Parent Representative from each grade.

Melissa Parkinson
On behalf of the CCG

CANTEEN ROSTER		
TERM 2		
Friday	June 22	Kia Taylor, Tami Adams HELP NEEDED
Monday	June 25	Jade Millan
Tuesday	June 26	Michelle Dimech
Wednesday	June 27	Rachael Deep, HELP NEEDED
Thursday	June 28	Amanda Allen
Friday	June 29	Sarah Kitching, Clare Willemse, Renee Whitson
Monday	July 2	Nina Dimech, Christine Agius
Tuesday	July 3	Alexandra Jeffrey, Coralie Livingston
Wednesday	July 4	HELP NEEDED
Thursday	July 5	Alana Schroder, Jodie Kourtis

We are always looking for helpers so if you can spare a day please come and see me.

Canteen News

The following items are no longer available to order from the canteen as they have been discontinued by the manufacturer:

Teriyaki Sushi and Bag of 8 mini beef pies.

Please see the updated Canteen Menu & Price List on the school website [Canteen Price List June 2018](#)

Thank you
Sandra Goldsbrough - Canteen Coordinator



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

Ashton Dukes, Dean Szyszka, Sebastian Dabinett, Olivia Pottstock Millan, Ryley Wright, Melanie Casha, Heath Groom, Joshua Busa, Dylan Bryan, Tyler Zammit, Charlotte Dimech, Zharia Kourtis, Ebonie Teuma, Tya Wilson, Travis Evgenias,

Ella Bongiorno, Elizabeth Deters-Horan, Mila Rapson, Olivia Stivala, Edgar Sharples, Holly Merryfull, Aylah Miljkovich, Elyse Mathew, Marc Roquid, Adrian Buttigieg.

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

Learning Matters

Student Reports & Student Led Conferences

Your child will receive their semester 1 report on Thursday 28th June. It is an important snapshot of your child's performance at this stage of their learning journey.

This year you will have the opportunity to participate in a student led conference that will enable your child / children to lead you through their learning journey over the first semester.

They will share their learning goals across Key Learning Areas, share evidence of their learning and set challenges for future growth.



Purpose/ Goal

For students to:

- Communicate and share their learning journey with their parents in a way that develops ownership and responsibility for their learning.

To make the most of your conferences, parents may wish to consider the following questions for your child:

1. What can you do now, that you couldn't do last year?
2. What is your favourite activity?
3. Which piece of work are you most proud of?
4. What would you like to be able to do better, by the end of the year?

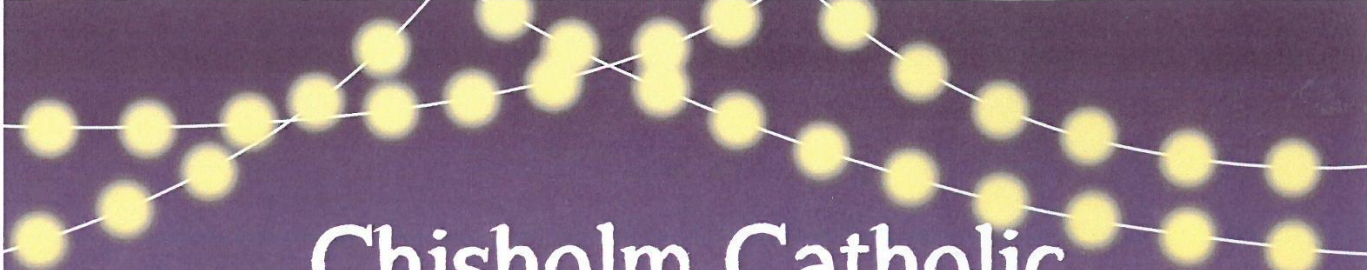
A letter with login details for the student led conferences will be sent home so parents and carers can book a time to share in the learning.

Student led conferences will be scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday of week 10 with Wednesday being a later evening to cater for parent work schedules.

We look forward to seeing you to share the learning.



We are safe, honest, respectful learners!



Chisholm Catholic TWILIGHT FAIR

Saturday 27th October, 2018

3pm - 8pm

30 Collith Avenue, Bligh Park

Rides • Photo booth • Show Bags
Art & Craft • Face Painting
Chocolate Wheel • BBQ • Haunted House
Plus much more...

