



Chisholm Matters

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Diary Dates

Friday 3 August
Infants Athletics
Carnival

School Census Day

Tuesday 7 August
CCG Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 8 August
Mary Mackillop Mass
1.45pm

Monday 13 August
Kindergarten Excursion

Wednesday 15 August
Assumption Mass
1.45pm

Thursday 16 August
Hills Zone Athletics
Carnival

Confirmation 7pm

Friday 17 August
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Tuesday 21 August
Diocesan Netball Gala
Day

Wednesday 22 August
Confirmation 7pm

Friday 24 August
Pupil Free Day

Friday 21 September
Grandparents Day

Friday 28 September
Chisholm's Got Talent

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,



Our learning journey in Term 3 kicked off with a **'Wild about Learning'** Mufti day on the first day of term. It was great to see so many students and staff being so enthusiastic and happy to be at school.

Thank you for the excellent feedback regarding our student led conferences. The students gained much confidence in being able to share their learning with the most important people in their lives. As you know, this is just one of the ways the teachers communicate with Parents and Carers. Please make sure you stay in contact with teachers throughout the year

I would also like to share our appreciation and thanks to Catholic Education - Diocese of Parramatta for providing new LED light fittings throughout the school and solar panels. All members of our community will benefit for years to come.



Thank you for your generous donations for our Super Hero Mufti Day for Bear Cottage.

As always, I am available if you have any queries or concerns.

Take Care

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CHISHOLM STUDENT ATTENDANCE EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY

This week's overall attendance figure for Chisholm is:

88.9%

This is 1.1 % below our Diocesan target and 5.9 % above the current Diocesan average of 83%

Attendance EVERY DAY is important.



Chisholm Prayer Space

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers members of our Chisholm community and our family and friends who are unwell. We pray for Father Robert following the loss of his father in India, Leanne Hilder and her family following the tragic loss of her brother Mark and to Mrs McMahon and her family following the loss of her Aunt. May they rest in peace.



Hair Cuts

Despite consistent attempts to communicate the policy several students have continued to come to school with haircuts 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.

Thank you

Michael Mifsud – Principal

Chisholm Staff Spirituality Day - Pupil Free Day
Friday 24 August 2018

NO staff will be on site on this day.

Kindergarten 2019



For parents wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten for 2019 applications are now being accepted.

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 as there are limited places available.

Enrolment forms are available from the school office during school office hours.

Student Led Conferences

At the end of term 2 students had the opportunity to share their learning journey with their parents for the first time in student led conferences. For year 3 students this is happening this week.

Parents had the opportunity to provide some valuable feedback on the experience, which was overwhelmingly positive and supportive.

We value open communication between home and school and encourage parents to be in regular contact with their child's teacher as the need arises during the year.

I would like to share some comments that reflect the overall feedback from the community regarding student led conferences:

I found it better to understand what he is actually learning and struggling with. Definitely a great way to do interviews.

Understanding what students are working on. Seeing what they have achieved. I also like that the students are evaluating where they are at looking forward to what they plan on achieving next.

It was great to be able to hear my child tell me about her progress.

It's a great opportunity for the child to take pride in and have responsibility for their own learning.

You can see how proud the students are to show their work and allows you to discuss it there and then.

I was a bit sceptical' being a teacher myself, but I really thought it was great. A real positive experience I'd like to try at my school.

It was great to have my daughter explain all the work she has done and how much she has improved.

Parents are able to experience a school-based conference being led by their child. Students will be able to gain confidence through showing their work / accomplishments.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Last week I had the special opportunity to accompany year 6 to Canberra for their three-day visit to our nation's capital.

Our year 6 group were excellent representatives of our school and it was a privilege to spend the time with them visiting Old Parliament House, New Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, AIS, National Museum and Questacon.

I wish to convey my gratitude to the dedicated teachers Miss Fizely, Miss Balzan, Mrs Baxter, Miss Bennett and Mr Smith for their planning and organisation as well as the care and support that each of them displayed during our time away.

SMS Notifications of Absences

SMS notifications are sent to parents if their child is absent from school.

Parents are then asked to reply to the message with a **brief reason for the absence** with:

Student's first and surname, homeroom and explanation.

Example:

Tom Smith, 6W, sick with a cold.

Please do not use any characters (& / "etc.) or emoticons or returns.

Japanese Student Visit



This week the Chisholm community hosted a group of 12 Japanese students at the school.

Part of the aim of the program was to learn English language skills, experience life in an Australian school and to experience the Australian culture.

Our school leaders were excellent in their roles as buddies for the group and were all great hosts during the stay. The visit culminated in a cultural concert performed by the visitors for the year 6 students and a special lunch for the support buddies.

Thank you to all the families who were so generous in opening their homes as a host family on this occasion.

The students were a pleasure to have in the school and we look forward to another visit in the near future.

Thank you

Andrew Emanuel – Assistant Principal

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

CONFIRMATION

On Wednesday, the Confirmation candidates from our Parish came together at Chisholm for a workshop day. The candidates had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Father Arthur. They also practiced the ceremony, reflected on this step on their spiritual journey and participated in activities about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.



PARENT



After assembly on Monday (first Monday of the month) parents are invited to come together for a short prayer and a cuppa in the music room. Take this opportunity to chat with other parents and have a little bit of time out of your busy day to spend with God in a friendly environment.

MARY MACKILLOP MASS

Join us on 8th August at 1.45pm to celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Father Arthur is relieving at St Matthew's for a short time and will be saying this Mass, so we welcome him back.



MASS OF THE ASSUMPTION

This solemnity will be celebrated at Chisholm at 1.45pm on 15th August. We remember how Mary, the mother of God, went to heaven, body and soul. It is one of the few Holy Days of Obligation left in our Church's calendar.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY - 21 September 2018

This special celebration is around the time of the feast day of Sts Ann and Joachim who were Mary's parents and Jesus' grandparents. Grandparents will be invited to come and hear our students share their learning with them. The day will include Mass, a cuppa and visiting the classrooms.



In Christ,

Merilyn Hancock – Religious Education Coordinator

2018 Infants Sports Carnival

The Infants Sports Carnival is on tomorrow Friday 3 August on the school oval. The carnival starts at 9.00am

A reminder that your child needs:

- * School sports shorts and colour t-shirt (or ribbons etc) in house colours
- * Hat, and school tracksuit if cold (name clearly marked)
- * Recess and lunch in his/her school bag (canteen open as usual), and drinks. Make sure your child has plenty of water for the day.
- * A safety pin attached to his/her shirt.
- * Sunscreen

Please ensure your child has these things on the day.

2018 Infants House Captains

Congratulations to our Year 2 Infants House Captains:

Blue Natalia Sherry and Jayden Gordon

Red Hayley Phillips and Samuel Gollan

Green Tyler Jones and Joshua Jones

Gold Georgia Welding and Caleb Meti

Karen Baxter – Sports Coordinator

GENERAL NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who made the most of the school holidays by catching up on their reading and completing their Reading Challenge for 2018!!

Nicholas Gatt - 3M

Philip Banks - 4M

Olivia Brown - 4G

Ryley Kelly - 4M

Tim Sciberras - 4M

Phebe Dalton - 6M

Hayden Kelly - 6G



Have a look at the Hall of Fame outside the Library to find your own gold star!

There are only 4 weeks left for students in Years 3-6 to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge for this year.

The challenge finishes on Friday 31st August.

Fiona Lark – Teacher Librarian

Doing it For Our Farmers Donation Drive

Doing it for the farmers is a group of volunteers dedicated to raising awareness and supporting our local farmers who are experiencing tough times. A lot of farming families are going without the daily necessities to redirect the money into feeding their livestock.

They are currently running the drive throughout NSW and growing into QLD where they are seeking donations of non perishable foods and toiletries.

There is a basket in the **school office foyer** for your donations.

Alternatively, you can drop off donations to

Hi Tech Brake & Clutch
1/66 Drummond Street
South Windsor.

DOING IT FOR OUR FARMERS DONATION DRIVE

Head to our facebook page for a full list of donation points.

New and unopened items.
Some examples include but are not limited to the following products:

Non Perishable Food:	Household Items:	Sanitary Items:
Canned Food	Shampoo & Conditioner	Hairbrush
Glass Jar Food	Toothpaste & Brushes	Hair Spray/ Gel
Sauces	Floss	Hair Dye
Soups & Noodles	Soap	Dry Shampoo
Breakfast	Sun Screen	Nappies
Snacks	Nail Clippers	Wipes
Confectionery	Tweezers	Formula
Pasta, Rice & Grains	Tissues	Baby Wash
Coffee & Tea	Cleaning Products	Baby Shampoo
Drinks	Razors	Baby Lotion
	Shaving Cream	Bibs
	Deodorant	Socks
	Bodywash	Handkerchief
	Lotion	Bodywash
Pet food of all kinds		

"This is a wonderful thing to do. About 20 years ago we were in a severe drought and we were all desperate. Sydney organise a care package of toiletries to be sent out to the farmers wives. I was one lucky person to receive one of these. I never thought I was depressed until that moment. I cried and cried. It meant so much. Even to this day it still brings tears to my eyes." Veronica.

If you would like to help please bring in your items to the collection basket in the office or drop in to Hi Tech *Hi Tech Brake & Clutch* who is a Registered Collection Point 1/66 Drummond Street South Windsor

Lets HELP Our Farmers!

Congratulations to the following student:

Toby Camilleri (6G) who received an award in Recognition of Representing New South Wales in the 2018 Trans Tasman Challenge – Athletics.

Well done Toby



The award was presented to Toby at last Monday's school assembly by Prue Car MP - Member for Londonderry.



CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 3

Friday	August 3	Kristina Anderson, Alana Schroder
Monday	August 6	Nina Dimech
Tuesday	August 7	Coralie Livingston
Wednesday	August 8	Tami Adams, Alana Schroder
Thursday	August 9	Natalie Allen
Friday	August 10	Christine Agius, Clare Willemse
Monday	August 13	Jade Millan
Tuesday	August 14	Sam Puglisi,
Wednesday	August 15	Heidi Kent
Thursday	August 16	Alana Schroder, Andrea Deters-Horan

The full Term 3 Canteen Roster can be found on the school website under School Notes [Term 3 Canteen Roster](#) or via the Skoolbag App.

As you are aware we run a very busy canteen, and to do this we need more volunteers.

If I have left your name off the roster or if you can help out one day a term please ring me or come and see me.

Thank you

Sandra Goldsbrough - Canteen Coordinator

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

Zarah Giles, Joaquin Raguro, Riley Gauci, Philip Banks, Jett Pollock, Jessica Stevenson, Joshua Franklin, Blake Reynolds, Ricardo Jelinek, Timofei Kachan, Nakita Lousick, Riley Sammut, Indiana Thomas, Koby Zammit Benjamin Turner,

Sienna Millar, Archie Scala, Reice Jones, Elizabeth Lark.

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

YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

The National Museum of Australia

by Indianna Toms and Annalise Grima

On the 24th of July year 6 visited the National Museum in Canberra. The museum was extremely fun and put everyone in a joyful mood. We did some entertaining and interactive activities in groups. There were many beautiful eye catching sculptures.



The Australian War Memorial

by Zachary Todd, Christian Hanson and Jarrod Gauci



Year 6 went to the Australian War Memorial on Tuesday 24th July. At the War Memorial, we were divided into groups of 10 and were given a tour around the museum. We were able to see a large variety of real war vehicles and artifacts that were used during the war. Some students were fortunate enough to place a poppy on the well known remembrance wall. Furthermore, there was a tomb with a large plaque stating *the Unknown Soldier*. This was a very emotional experience as we learnt that this particular soldier represents all the unknown soldiers who have fought for our country but have never been identified.



Parliament House by Year 6

We visited New Parliament House, when we went on our excursion to Canberra. This really helped us to better understand what we had learned in class about democracy in Australia.

Unfortunately, we went at a time when Parliament was not in session so we didn't get to watch Question Time or see any of the debates. However, we were able to go into the Senate and sit in the sound proof room in the House of Reps. We also saw the famous paintings of many of Australia's Prime Ministers.

The AIS

by Erin Banks and Carla Bietola

On the 24th of July 2018 Year 6 visited the Australian Institute of Sport (known as the AIS) which gives you a much closer look at the Australian athletes in real training. The whole experience of the building is absolutely phenomenal and without a doubt mind blowing. Another amazing part of the building is known as Sportex. Inside Sportex are stimulators that feel as if you're in the real Olympic Games. In your mind you can hear the crowd cheering you on as you run down the home stretch. There were a variety of activities for example Paparra Olympic Games, (wheelchair races etc) strength, soccer/scoring goals, wall climbing, ice sliding, football, basketball, bike riding and canoeing.



Australian Institute Of Sport

by Grace Scala and Mikaylah Dimech

On Tuesday the 24th of July, Year Six visited the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport). At The AIS we observed the professional athletes training and preparing for their next big event. Year Six got to visit many exciting and interesting venues at the AIS such as the swimming pool, gym, gymnastic stadium and the basketball and volleyball courts. Afterwards we went to the Sportex Centre. The Sportex Centre is an interactive room. It was a great way to increase our bond with classmates and teachers. Overall the AIS was by far one of the most enjoyable and amusing attractions Year 6 visited in Canberra.

Questacon

by Ethan and Christian S

On Monday the 23rd of July Year Six went to Canberra. We went to lots of great attractions including old Parliament House, Parliament House, Mount Ainsley, Embassy tour, Australian Museum, Australian War Memorial and Questacon. On Wednesday the 25th of July Year 6 went to Questacon. This was a fun scientific attraction where we learned to make and explore. The highlight of Questacon for Year 6 was a drop/gravity slide. Students were made to climb stairs 8 feet high, and once you reached the top you hold a bar and drop down the slide. It was a once in a lifetime experience. Questacon was such a scientific learning experience. There is a caged lightning strike that occurs every 15 minutes. There was also an earthquake machine that it demonstrates how earthquakes work.



We are safe, honest, respectful learners!

Parents and Carers, tomorrow (Friday 3 August)
is the **School Census Day**.
If your child is absent from school, please send in an
absent note via the Skoolbag App.

Thank you for your cooperation.