



# Chisholm Matters

Newsletter of Chisholm Catholic Primary School, Bligh Park

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## Diary Dates

**Friday 31 August**  
Father's Day BBQ  
Open Classrooms  
Father's Day Liturgy  
Father's Day Stall

**Friday 7 September**  
Touch Football Gala  
Day

**Sunday 9 September**  
Penance Commitment  
Mass

**Tuesday 11 September**  
CCG Meeting 7pm

**17-21 September**  
Book Week / Fair

**Monday 17 September**  
Book Week Character  
Mufti Day

**Friday 21 September**  
Grandparents Day

**Thurs 27 September**  
Bush Dance 6-8.30pm

**Friday 28 September**  
Chisholm's Got Talent

**Last day Term 3**

**Saturday 27 October**  
Chisholm Twilight Fair



Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

We have had many students representing our school over the last few weeks at Zone & Diocesan Athletics, Gala Days and today the Voice of Youth contest. We are blessed to have such respectful students who are committed to representing our school with such pride. A huge thanks to our parent helpers who assist our school at these events. We couldn't do it without you.

We are all looking forward to our Father's Day celebrations tomorrow morning. Please come along for our celebrations. Don't forget that we also have Book Week, Grandparents Day, Chisholm's Got Talent and the Big Bush Dance in support of our struggling farmers leading up to the end of term. [Bush Dance Promo](#)

We remember those less fortunate; those that look for a place to live so that their children can be safe and that they can live a happy and fulfilled life.

We believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.

We believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger.

When he returned to his own country he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power.

Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured, and unjustly condemned to death. But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead, not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God's reign.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's reign among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.

We believe that the Church is the secure home for foreigners and for all believers. We believe that the communion of saints begins when we embrace all God's people in all their diversity. We believe in forgiveness, which makes us all equal before God, and in reconciliation, which heals our brokenness.

We believe that in the Resurrection God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time. We believe in life eternal, in which no one will be a foreigner but all will be citizens of the kingdom where God reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Please make time to assist our CCG in the lead up to our Twilight Fair next term. It promises to be a wonderful experience and it is our major fundraiser for the year. It's all for our children.

Take Care

Michael

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CHISHOLM STUDENT ATTENDANCE EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY

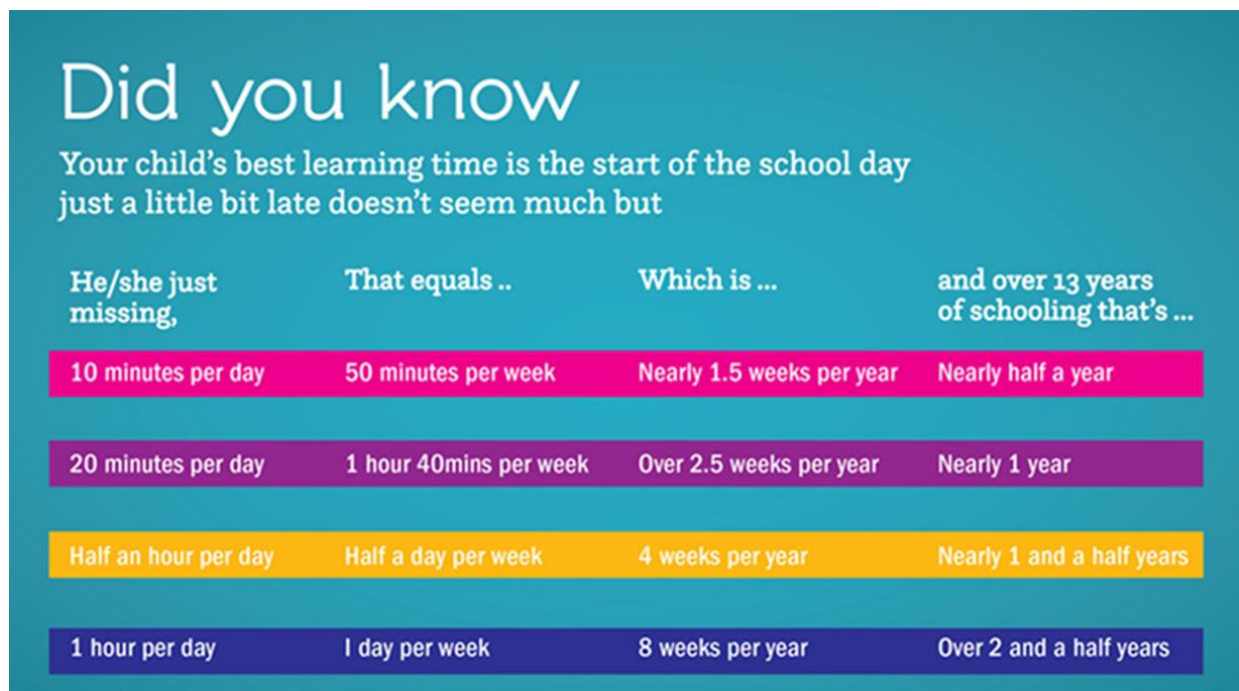
This week's overall attendance figure for Chisholm is:

**88.6%**

This is 1.4 % below our Diocesan target and 5.6 % above the current Diocesan average of 83%.  
Congratulations to Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4 for attendance rates at 91.4, 92.3, 91.3 & 90.0 respectively.

IT IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT ANY STUDENT WHO ARRIVES AFTER 8.45am  
BE SIGNED IN BY A PARENT/CARER.  
THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN.

**Attendance EVERY DAY is important.**



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.*



**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.  
Any phones that are not signed in will be confiscated and parents will need to collect them from the office.

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

Michael Mifsud – Principal

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### Kindergarten 2019



For parents wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten for 2019 applications are about to close.

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.

### Uniform and Hair

A big thank you to all of our parents who are very supportive and continue to send their child/children to school dressed in the correct school uniform and with appropriate grooming, especially haircuts. This is a great way to instill self-respect and respect for the school community to which they belong.

An increasing number of boys are coming to school with haircuts that are not even in length, are layered or sculptured. Parents are reminded of the following grooming requirements regarding hair.

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. We thank you for your ongoing understanding in not sending mixed messages to the children and supporting us in being consistent.

### Medical Updates

Over time circumstances regarding medical plans, medication or medical conditions may change for your child/children.

To assist in supporting any medical needs parents are reminded that it is important to communicate any changes in writing so both the class teachers and office staff are aware.

Thanks for your ongoing support.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN Readiness

Last week our Year 3 and Year 5 students participated in a NAPLAN online readiness test that aimed to test the delivery of the test platform and the online test environment.

Our feedback is that our school systems and facilities coped very well with the requirements needed to administer NAPLAN Online. Chisholm will be part of the implementation of NAPLAN Online in 2019

Andrew Emanuel – Assistant Principal

## FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – STAFF PILGRIMAGE – 24<sup>th</sup> August

Why visit holy place of other faiths? In the Vatican II documents, there is a very important one called **Nostra Aetate** (*Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions*) which reminds us that we need to enter into dialogue with other faiths.

*"Our first task in approaching another people, another culture, another religion, is to take off our shoes, for the place we are approaching is holy. Else we may find ourselves treading on another's dream. More serious still, we may forget ... that God was there before our arrival."* Max Warren

*"The places of pilgrimage have marked a kind of geography of faith, that is, they make visible, almost tangible, how our forefathers encountered the living God, how HE did not withdraw after creation or after the time of Jesus Christ."* Pope Benedict XVI.

Chisholm staff went on a pilgrimage to the Great Synagogue, Sydney, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney and the Gallipoli Mosque at Auburn. These are the great monotheistic faiths that originate with Abraham. What we have in common: Abraham - the founding father; Jerusalem – a holy city; the Scriptures – similarities; pilgrimage – to holy places; the unspoken name – Yahweh, Allah. We prayed at each holy place.

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Preparation for this sacrament is about to begin, so if you have a son or daughter in Year 3 or above who would like to participate in this parish-based, family-focused, school supported program please see me or phone the Parish Office (4577 3073).

### GRANDPARENTS' DAY - 21 September, 2018

This special celebration is around the time of the feast day of Saints Ann and Joachim who were Mary's parents and Jesus' grandparents. Grandparents will be invited to come and read a picture book to their grandchild/ren and share in our special Mass.

9.45 – Sunshine reading and open classrooms

10.45 – Morning tea

11.30 – Mass in the MPA

In Christ,



Merilyn Hancock – Religious Education Coordinator



## SPORTS NEWS

### Netball Gala Day

Well done to everyone who competed at the Netball Gala Day at Jamison Park, Penrith. The sportsmanship and behaviour of all involved is to be commended. A huge thank you to our parent coaches for their time especially those coaching a sport they were new to. It was especially good to hear comments from opposing teams about how delightful it was to play against our school. Lastly thank you to the Bede Polding girls who umpired and helped out the coaches. You were very patient and kind.

### Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the Chisholm students who competed in at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Rooty Hill. Well done to the students who have made it to the MacKillop Trials in a few weeks time.

The Senior Boys relay team (Toby Camilleri, Nate Gill, Dylan Bryan and Brayden Waters), Lacey O'Brien 9 years 100m, Olivia Jones 8 years 100m, Monique Gordon 11 years 100m, Nate Gill 800m and 200m, Damon Jones 100m, Toby Camilleri Shot Put and Discus, Jemma Camilleri Discus and Courtney Kitching Discus. Good luck to everybody involved.

### Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day

Good luck to our 4 Touch Football teams that will compete at Rooty Hill on Friday 7th September 2018.

Karen Baxter – Sports Coordinator

## GENERAL NEWS

### Uniform News

**Tuesday 18<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 15<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

#### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday  
8.15am – 3.45pm

#### Uniform Shop Hours

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| Monday   | 8.15am – 9.15am |
| Thursday | 8.15am – 9.15am |
| Thursday | 2.30pm – 3.30pm |



# Twilight Fair News

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

Fair planning is going well however we are still in need of LOTS of helpers for the day. Unfortunately at this stage we have 2 stalls that we will not be able to include in our fair unless we can get someone to co-ordinate them. This doesn't have to be one person, it can be a group effort. We don't want to see these stalls disappear but we may have no choice.

A note has gone home today that you can fill out and send back in with your contact details and your availability. We greatly appreciate ANY assistance.



## **White Elephant**

Please note the following dates and times for drop-off of White Elephant items.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – 9am to 12pm**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October – 10am to 1pm**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October – 11am to 2pm**

Some of our CCG team will be at the school gate near the crossing to accept your drop-offs. Start your cleanouts now and let your friends and family know that they can do the same. No clothes or bulky furniture please.

**No White Elephant items are to be left in the School Office.**



## **Rides**

This year we have new and exciting rides at our Twilight fair.

There will be more rides than ever before!!!

We will be offering Entertainment passes that will include the all-day rides passes and unlimited entry to the *Haunted House*.

More information about pre-paying your entertainment passes and the new rides will be sent home shortly.



Rebecca Monaghan  
On behalf of the CCG

| CANTEEN ROSTER |              |                                       |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| TERM 3         |              |                                       |
| Friday         | August 31    | Kristina Anderson, Elizabeth Williams |
| Monday         | September 3  | Alana Schroder                        |
| Tuesday        | September 4  | Sarah Kelly                           |
| Wednesday      | September 5  | Jade Graham                           |
| Thursday       | September 6  | Natalie Allen                         |
| Friday         | September 7  | Heidi Kent, Belinda Parr              |
| Monday         | September 10 | Jessica Toms                          |
| Tuesday        | September 11 | HELP NEEDED                           |
| Wednesday      | September 12 | Kim Ford                              |
| Thursday       | September 13 | Alana Schroder, Andrea Deters-Horan.  |

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  
0421 907 442



*Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday over the coming weeks:* Leo Farrugia, Lucy Scala, Olivia Taylor, Cayleigh Herps, Thomas Bruce, Gabriella Hernandez, Yousef Paknejad, Lucas Wilson, Curtis Gatt, Gabrielle Bugeja, Charlie Milkins, James Vella, Silvana Virzi, Adrian Jankuloski.

# Learning Matters

## STAFF PILGRIMAGE – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018



### The Great Synagogue

Consecrated in 1878. Jewish people live in close proximity to the synagogue as they need to walk to the synagogue on the Sabbath.

#### We prayed the 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm in the synagogue.

The L-rd is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul;  
He guideth me in straight paths for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou hast anointed my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the L-rd forever.

**It is not until we meet a follower of another religion and take the time to listen to their views that we realize that all religions are fundamentally good.**

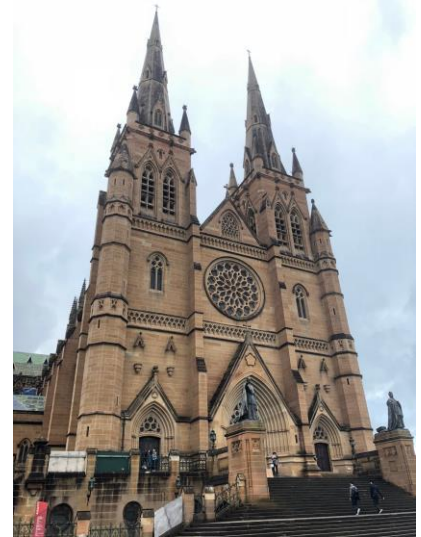
### St Mary's Cathedral

*Mary, the mother of Jesus, invites all who enter this sanctuary to appreciate their own fundamental worth and destiny. We are brothers and sisters beyond all distinctions of race, religion, nationality or economic class. Here we encounter the gracious mystery within whose presence we journey through life.*

It is dedicated to Mary because it is Mary who invites all who enter to seek God. Mary is the intermediary between God and humanity,

#### thus we prayed:

Father, The image of the Virgin is found in your Church.  
Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared  
and a love that never knew sin,  
for you kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception.  
Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith.  
Prepare once again a world for your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



**Meeting other believers – Three Faiths: One God - Interfaith dialogue is a process that seeks to achieve respect and mutual understanding and cooperation between people of different religions.**



The mosque's design is based on the Classical Ottoman construct characterized by a central dome and minarets and built by the Turkish community.

### Gallipoli Mosque

#### We prayed from the Qur'an

And it is he who created the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. – Qur'an 21:33

And he is with you wherever you are – Qur'an 57:4

And ask for forgiveness of your lord and repent to him.

Indeed my lord is merciful and loving. Qur'an 11:90

My Lord forgive and have mercy, for you are the best of those who show mercy. – Qur'an 23:118

Good and evil deeds are not equal. Repel evil with what is better. Then you will see that one who was once your enemy has become your dearest friend.

Qur'an 41:34

And all will come to him on the day of Resurrection alone. Qur'an 19:95

**Interfaith dialogue is a necessary step towards peace within our communities as it fosters respect and mutual understanding.**

# D4D



## **Dance for Drought**

### **Bushdance for Drought Relief**

**Bring \$5 for a farmer and have a great night**

Venue: Chisholm Catholic Primary School  
30 Collith Avenue, Bligh Park

Date: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 6.00 – 8.30 PM

**Cost:** \$5 person (child or adult) – includes BBQ  
sausage sandwich and a drink

Families with 4 or more children - \$20

Unaccompanied students will Not be admitted – children MUST  
be with at least ONE parent or carer

**A GREAT night out** for the family – Bush dance,  
music, line dancing competition, prizes

**The band:** a great band of teachers from our  
Catholic Schools – Phil Rooke on Fiddle