



Chisholm Matters

Newsletter of Chisholm Catholic Primary School, Bligh Park

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Thursday, 13 September 2018

Diary Dates

Saturday 15 September

Penance Enrolment
Mass 6pm

17-21 September

Book Week / Fair

Monday 17 September

Book Week Character
Mufti Day and
Character Parade 9am

Wed 19 September

Year 4 Excursion

Friday 21 September

Grandparents Day

9.45am Sunshine
Reading & Open
Classrooms
10.45am Morning Tea
11.30am Mass

Wed 26 September

Hawkesbury Cup

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 are drawing close to the end of term and with so many great things still to happen I wonder how we are going to squeeze them all in. Please support our community events as best you can. I know we are all very busy in our own lives but please give an hour or two to support your children and our initiatives over the next few months. Please call the office or contact a CCG member if you can help.

We have been blessed with some beautiful weather lately and it looks as though we will need to prepare for a hot summer. Please encourage your children to wear their summer uniform from now onwards. This includes the school hat, sunscreen and as an option sunglasses, these are available at the uniform shop. Remember - No Hat means No Play.

Today is RUOK Day. Sometimes we get a feeling that someone we know or care about isn't behaving as they normally would? Perhaps they seem out of sorts? More agitated or withdrawn? Or they're just not themselves. Trust that gut instinct and act on it.



By starting a conversation and commenting on the changes you've noticed, you could help that family member, friend or workmate open up. If they say they are not ok, you can follow our conversation steps to show them they're supported and help them find strategies to better manage the load. If they are ok, that person will know you're someone who cares enough to ask. Click on the link for further information. [RUOK Day](#)



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage
action



4. Check in

As always, if you have any queries, concerns or accolades please contact me through the school office.

Finally, thanks to all of our supportive parents and carers. We have been blessed with the most professional and dedicated staff and very respectful, capable and talented students. Let's continue to work together to make Chisholm the school of choice in the Hawkesbury.

Take Care

Michael

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CHISHOLM STUDENT ATTENDANCE EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY

This week's overall attendance figure for Chisholm is:

87.2%

This is 2.8 % below our Diocesan target and 4.2 % above the current Diocesan average of 83%.
Congratulations to Year 2. Their attendance rate this week is 90.7.

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.



Chisholm Prayer Space

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers members of our Chisholm community and our family and friends who are unwell.



Thank you

Michael Mifsud – Principal

Excitement comes from the achievement.
Fulfillment comes from the journey
that got you there.

Simon Sinek

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.

Pastoral Care and Student Welfare

School based pastoral care refers to the total care of the student. It is based upon a belief in the dignity of every person.

In a Catholic school, it is expressed through:-

- The development of quality relationships
- The provision of satisfying learning experiences
- The establishment of an effective care network
- The provision of experiences and structures that provide for the integrated spiritual and human growth of students.

At Chisholm Catholic Primary School the Pastoral Care and Student Welfare Policy promotes the ongoing development of Safe, Honest, Respectful Learners.

The Pastoral Care/Student Welfare Policy focuses on developing a community culture of

- Mutual respect
- Openness and honesty
- Ongoing Positive Support
- Community inclusiveness and belonging
- Engagement in learning
- Forgiveness
- Anti bullying

Our Pastoral Care and Student Welfare Policy is based upon principles which lead to Positive Behaviour Support.

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) is a broad range of whole school, group and individualised strategies for achieving significant social and learning outcomes while minimising problem behaviours. It is positive, proactive and focuses upon developing solutions and success for all in the learning environment.

While it is a whole school approach it puts the individual at the centre and aims to enhance the relationships within the community of learners.

Positive Behaviour Support is underpinned by six key principles.

1. A common Purpose and approach to discipline
2. A clear set of positive expectations and behaviours
3. Procedures for teaching expected behaviour
4. A continuum of procedures for encouraging expected behaviour
5. A continuum of procedures for discouraging inappropriate behaviours
6. Procedures for on-going monitoring and evaluation.

Chisholm Community Group

Chisholm Community Group works closely with staff in ensuring the best educational setting for all children.

The Chisholm Community Group aims to:

- maximise parental involvement at Chisholm
- foster community spirit within the Chisholm parent body
- assist in school / parent communication
- assist Chisholm in meeting resource targets

The Chisholm Community Group meets twice each term. Membership is open to all parents and guardians of children attending our school.

Andrew Emanuel – *Assistant Principal*

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Children enrolled in the programme attended the Enrolment Masses over the weekend. If you were unable to attend on that weekend, there will be an extra Enrolment Mass on Saturday, 15th September at 6pm. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

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

DANCE FOR DROUGHT

To help the struggling farmers, we will be holding a Bush Dance on Thursday, 27th September from 6pm - 8.30pm on our undercover court area. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family (The cost includes a sausage sandwich and drink). **Children must be accompanied by an adult.** A letter was sent home with a tear off slip so that we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes. Tickets (vouchers for food and drink) will be given out at the gate upon payment **on the night**. If you are unable to attend, you might like to donate to this appeal through our school office.

**Please note only the donations are to be sent into the office.
Tickets are to be purchased on the night.**



In Christ,

Marilyn Hancock – Religious Education Coordinator

PARISH MATTERS

FROM THE PARISH BULLETIN: PLENARY 2020

Information and Training Sessions have already been held however, there is a growing interest in Plenary 2020, so they are now repeating the earlier sessions. All parishioners are invited, as the sessions assist with both a parish level response as well as helping individuals share the Plenary invitation with friends and family. The next Information and Training

Sessions are –

Thursday, 20 Sept - 7 pm to 9.30 pm - Parramatta Cathedral Hall (1 Marist Place, Parramatta) Saturday, 29

Sept - 10 am to 12.30 pm - St Thomas Aquinas Springwood School Hall

(168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood) Saturday, 29 Sept - 2 pm to 4.30 pm - Emu Plains School Hall (17 Troy Street, Emu Plains)

Light refreshments will be provided at all sessions.

Please RSVP with date and time and parish to marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org

SPORTS NEWS

MacKillop Softball Championships

Congratulations to Darcy Williams and Lucas North who represented MacKillop in the NSW PSSA Softball Championships last week.

Congratulations to Darcy for your selection into the NSW Softball team for 2018. Good luck in November.

Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day

Well done to the 4 teams from Years 3 and 4 that participated in the Diocesan Touch Football Gala Day. It was a great day which was unfortunately called off early due to the weather. Thank you to the parents that supported the day and assisted with coaching the teams. A big thank you to Dylan Bryan and Toby Camilleri who both coached the teams during their lunch time over the past two weeks.

Karen Baxter – Sports Coordinator

Thank you

Thank you to our super talented Book-Covering parents:

Mr Galea (Sally and Lola), Mrs Hurst (Jack), Mrs Kelly (Hayden, and Ryley), Mrs Nagle (Noah) and Mrs Smith (Jaxson).

We appreciate your time in covering books for our Library.

Book Week

Our Book character mufti day is happening this Monday 17th! It's a great opportunity to celebrate the books we love to read and to share our love of reading with others.

Our Book Fair will open after the Parade and there will be a huge variety of books to choose from.

EFTPOS will be available.

If there are any parents who are able to assist, please see Mrs Lark this week.

Fiona Lark – *Teacher Librarian*

PARKLEA SAND & SOIL DISH UP A DIRTY DONATION!

A heartfelt thank you to Greg from **Parklea Sand & Soil** for organising the generous donation of garden mix to use in our Kitchen Gardens, PBL projects (Year 3 and Year 6).

Several tonnes of top quality garden mix (you can tell by the smell!) was arranged for us and delivered by Greg Hicks, step-father to Logan, Grace and Elloise Gruppetta. Greg said **Parklea Sand & Soil** were thrilled to have the opportunity to contribute to such a worthwhile project.

Greg is pictured here with four Year 6 students: Logan, Savannah, Holly and Kyle.



Uniform News

Due to the warmer weather students can start wearing the 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 15th 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

This week our CCG met to discuss our recent Father's Day event as well as the upcoming Bush dance for the farmers and the 2018 Twilight fair.

We hope you all enjoyed the Father's Day breakfast and had the chance to share some special moments with your children in the classroom and at the liturgy. Thank you very much to the parent helpers and amazing teachers who were up bright and early to help cook the hundreds of bacon and egg rolls that were enjoyed on the day by our children, their dads, grandparents and families.

This time of year is an exciting time with many opportunities for our families to connect with our school, their children and be involved. The bush dance on the 27th of this month is a great example of this with an opportunity to help our drought stricken famers. This should be a great fun event and we hope to see many of you there for some great boot scooting fun!

Our 2018 **Twilight fair** is fast approaching and we have been busy organising stalls, rides, entertainment and new and delicious food stalls to ensure our Chisholm children and the community have a wonderful time. The money raised from our major fundraiser will be used to buy exciting Play equipment for the school.

Now is a good time to de-clutter and spring clean! White elephant items can be dropped off on the following dates:

Saturday 22nd September – 9am to 12pm

Saturday 6th October – 10am to 1pm

Saturday 13th October – 11am to 2pm

A reminder and more details will be on the CCG facebook page closer to the date.



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

A big Thank-you to the parents and families in our school who have volunteered to co-ordinate and assist on the novelties stall, we are pleased to announce this stall can now go ahead.

We are still in need of helpers for our fruit and vegetable stall and many of our other stalls. If you can please help for even just one hour on fair day at one of our stalls it will be greatly appreciated and go a long way to making our fair a success!



If anyone has any **gumboots** that they no longer want and are happy to donate them for repurposing, please meet Brenda Chapman in the parent retreat on Friday mornings for drop off! These will be used for the school fair and possibly the Farmer fundraiser.

Art Competition



We are very excited about the artworks the students are creating in class and we can't wait to put the entered work on display in our Gallery at the Twilight Fair.

The \$4.00 entry fee was due in today, however we have extended the time to next **Thursday 20th September** as we don't want anyone to miss out.

There will also now be an **"Others Category"** for the art competition allowing those students who have created artworks at home and who would like to enter them can do so. There is no limit to the amount of entries an individual can enter and artwork for "Others Category" is due by **Tuesday 16th October** along with the \$4.00 entry fee per art piece. This will give students time over the holidays to complete their independent artwork.

All art will be returned at one of the assemblies after the fair with acknowledgments made to all participants. Prizes will be presented to the winners at this time too.

Many thanks

Andrea Deters-Horan
On behalf of the CCG

CANTEEN ROSTER		
TERM 3		
Friday	September 14	Kristen Broadfoot, Clare Willemse
Monday	September 17	Jade Millan
Tuesday	September 18	Michelle Dimech
Wednesday	September 19	Alanna Carstairs
Thursday	September 20	Amanda Allen
Friday	September 21	Sarah Kitching, Renee Whitson
Monday	September 24	Nina Dimech
Tuesday	September 25	Coralie Livingston
Wednesday	September 26	Heidi Kent
Thursday	September 27	Alana Schroder

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Archie Borg, Marissa Apap, Nathan Croser, Thomas Laney, Natalie Stevenson, Lachlan Lees, Lexy Buhagiar, Brodie Goodier, Mackai Mattingley, Joshua Blench, Dakota Magrin, Georgia Schwebel, Amelia Galea, Savannah Cullen, Lauren Clarke, Sienna Faithfull, Walter Purcell, Michael Follington.



Learning Matters

Year Three and Year Six are actively engaging in a PBL project called Kitchen Gardens this Semester. The project is part of the Stage 2 and Stage 3 Science and Geography program.

At this stage, students have germinated seeds that will later be transplanted into the garden beds that they have prepared.

There has been a focus on:

- features of living and non-living things
- soil types and properties
- water absorption
- what plants grow best in different areas
- companion planting

Students in the coming weeks will be investigating the alkalinity of soil and how to change the alkalinity of soil to provide the best soil for the vegetables they are growing.

The project will continue into term 4 where the gardens created by the students should be flourishing. The students have shown an abundance of enthusiasm and engagement in the project and are excited to watch their gardens grow. While they do, they are keeping a journal to document their learning and observations.



We are safe, honest, respectful learners!



"Cans for a Farmer"

1st to 30th September

Recently we went on a road trip through NSW and saw the devastation of our land and want to help our farmers.

For the last couple of months, we have been collecting cans, bottles and poppers, cashing them in and earning pocket money and have realised how quickly it adds up.

This is where our idea came from. We have decided that for the month of September we will collect, cans, bottles, poppers, basically anything that has 10c on it, cash them in and donate all funds to the **City Slickers Appeal**.

Please help us collect as many cans, bottles and poppers as possible to raise funds for our farmers. Please make sure that the cans and poppers are NOT crushed, or the machines won't accept them.

Our good friends at Sciberras Fresh Fruit & Vegetables have offered to be a community drop off area.



364 Kurmond Road, Freemans Reach

Opening hours

Monday to Friday 8am to 5:30pm

Saturday 8am to 4pm

Sunday Closed

COME ON AUSTRALIA,
LET'S HELP LOOK AFTER OUR OWN
BACKYARD

Thank you for your support

Thomas & Emily

"The Little Entrepreneurs"



Photo by: 642 The Candy at Xplore - Out & About

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:

Canned Food
Glass Jar Food
Sauces
Soups & Noodles
Breakfast
Snacks
Confectionery
Pasta, Rice & Grains
Coffee & Tea
Drinks

Pet food of all kinds

Household Items:

Shampoo & Conditioner
Toothpaste & Brushes
Floss
Soap
Sun Screen
Nail Clippers
Tweezers
Tissues
Cleaning Products
Razors
Shaving Cream
Deodorant
Bodywash
Lotion

Hairbrush
Hair Spray/ Gel
Hair Dye
Sanitary Items
Dry Shampoo
Nappies
Wipes
Formula
Baby Wash
Baby Shampoo
Baby Lotion
Bibs
Socks
Handkerchief
Bodywash

"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 farmer's 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 who is a Registered Collection Point
Lets HELP Our Farmers!

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

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 27th 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