



Celebrating 25 Years

# Chisholm Matters

Newsletter of Chisholm Catholic Primary School, Bligh Park

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## Diary Dates

**Monday 11 February**  
Welcome Mass  
10.15am

**Tuesday 12 February**  
CCG AGM 7.00pm

**Friday 15 February**  
Kinder Welcome BBQ  
5.30pm

**Monday 18 February**  
School Census Day  
  
Yr. 1 Excursion  
Hills Zone Swimming  
Carnival

**Monday 18 February**  
to  
**Thursday 21 February**  
Parent/Carer Grade  
Meetings

**Tuesday 26 February**  
First Eucharist Info  
7.30pm - Chisholm

**Wednesday 27 Feb**  
First Eucharist Info  
7.30pm - St Matthew's

**Sunday 3 March –  
Saturday 9 March**  
Catholic Schools Week

**Monday 4 March**  
School Photo Day

**Tuesday 5 March**  
Enrolment Open Day  
9.30am-10.30am  
&  
6.30pm -7.30pm

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

Welcome back to the new school year. There is so much to look forward to and so many exciting things to learn for all of us. We welcomed new students and staff members to our wonderful school and they have settled in beautifully. Our newest community members, Kindergarten, have settled in so well it seems as if they have been here for months.

Our refurbished learning spaces in Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6 are being utilised beautifully by our teachers and students. Collaboration at its best! Please make an appointment with me if you would like to have a look around.

In Week 4 you will have an opportunity to meet with your grade teachers at our *Chisholm Parent/Carer Grade Meetings* to learn more about what will be happening in your son/daughter's particular grade(s). We ask all parents/carers to attend their child's session.

During Catholic Schools Week you will also get an opportunity to experience the learning in our spaces with your children. This *Celebration of Learning* will give you an insight to the learning and teaching at Chisholm. You will also be invited to come along to a *Learning about Learning @Chisholm* session during *Catholic Schools Week*. This evening session will enable Parents/Carers to learn a little bit more about our Diversity Support and how collaborative learning works at Chisholm. This will take place on Wednesday 6 March at 7.00pm. More details will be communicated in the coming weeks.

As you are aware over the last few weeks the weather has been extremely uncomfortable. All staff at Chisholm put the students first. We will at all times make sure all children are comfortable.

A reminder that out of courtesy to our neighbours, please do not block access to or park in their driveways. Also, please use the pedestrian crossing when crossing the road. Your example will be your son or daughter's actions in the future.

Finally, a reminder to come along to our **CCG AGM next Tuesday evening in the Staffroom at 7.00pm**. It would be great to see you there and hopefully offer your services to the Chisholm community for 2019.

**Have a wonderful term and remember to please contact the school directly if you have any concerns.**

Take Care

Michael

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Assistant Priest: Father Gayan Thamel

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### CHISHOLM STUDENT ATTENDANCE EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY

**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 Essential.**

### Chisholm Prayer Space

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



### Hair Cuts

It has been noticed that on the return to school several students have 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.

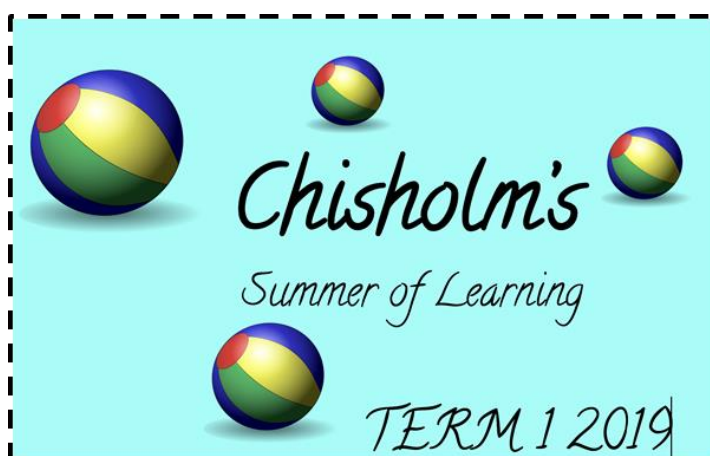
**From the School Uniform Policy:**

*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.*

*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.*

***Lot's of  
Learning fun!***



Thank you

Michael Mifsud – Principal

**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

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### GRADE / PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

At Chisholm we value and promote open lines of communication between school and home. We encourage teachers and parents to be in regular communication by making an appointment to discuss any aspects of your child's learning and development.

These appointments can be made at any time that the need arises in addition to other formal opportunities during the year such as student led conferences.

This year Chisholm will be holding Grade/ Parent meetings in week 4.

The purpose of these meetings is for grade teachers to

- Outline the structures and routines that will be in place to support the learning during the year.
- Provide a brief over view of the learning journey being planned for the year.
- Share strategies being implemented to support student needs
- Answer questions you may have relating to the coming school year

These meetings are scheduled in the evening to allow all parents to attend. Sessions will be held at different times to cater for parents who may need to attend more than one session. Each grade session will be specific to their learning group.

A note with dates and times will be sent home this week for you to plan your attendance.

### PARENT PICK UP AT CHISHOLM

Parents are reminded that there are 3 designated areas for waiting to collect children in the afternoon. These areas are

1. The undercover court area / seats.
2. The hand ball court area / seats.
3. The parent retreat area.

Thank you to all our parents who always assist the safe and smooth dismissal by following school procedures.

**Parents are asked to not wait at the school gates to pick up children to ensure that every child leaves with the correct adult**

To support child protection protocols, parents are asked to refrain from;

- Waiting outside classroom doors.
- Accessing children's school bags before the bell.
- Accessing verandahs near year 1 & 2.
- Waiting near either of the toilet blocks including the silver seats near the senior toilet block and the uniform shop near the infant's toilets.
- Looking into classroom windows before classes are dismissed.
- Wandering around the grounds.

The best way we have of knowing who enters the school grounds at dismissal time is if adults are gathered in the designated areas.

In addition, parents are advised, the routine for afternoon access is that school gates will be open at 2.55pm. This allows 5 minutes waiting time before pickup. Adults needing to gain access before this time can do so via the office as per usual.

Your ongoing support in keeping ourselves and our children safe is appreciated and valued.

### SUPERVISION IN THE MORNINGS

Playground supervision begins at 8.15am and concludes at 3.30pm. Please note that children who arrive at school before this time will be unsupervised and for this reason we request most strongly that they do not come to school before 8.15am. Children are not to be on the premises outside the stated school hours.

### SCHOOL HOURS

Morning Supervision	8.15am
Morning Bell	8.45am
Recess	10.45am – 11.15am
Lunch	1.15pm – 1.45pm
Afternoon Bell	3.00pm

Andrew Emanuel – Assistant Principal



### Parent Prayer

**When:** the first Monday of the month (in the school term) after the assembly – 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**Where:** in the Music Room

This is a bit of time to reconnect with your faith by stepping out of the business of the day.

### Beginning of Year Mass

We will celebrate the beginning of the school year on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 10.15am in the MPA. At this Mass we will welcome Kindergarten students, new students and new teachers to Chisholm. We will also commission our new student leaders.



### Rite of Reconciliation

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will participate in the Sacrament of Penance once each term.

### Ash Wednesday

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 and Mass will be celebrated at Chisholm at 9am. Join us for the beginning of Lent and the journey to Easter.

## FROM THE PARISH

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

*This will be held every Sunday, during the 9am Mass starting Sunday, 17th February 2019. Parents, if you have children in Kindergarten through to Year 6, this brief liturgy is an excellent introduction to participation in the rituals of the Mass and understanding the Word of God. The scriptures of the day are presented in a simple and interactive way geared to meet the needs and understanding of the child. Parents are always welcome to accompany their child, check out what it's all about, and meet the wonderful team of volunteer prayer leaders.*

*During the 9am Sunday Mass last weekend, volunteer facilitators, who will be helping the children to better understand the Sunday Liturgy of the Word, were commissioned. This helps children grow in faith by hearing the Word of God at their level of understanding.*

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - EUCHARIST

If you wish your child to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist, preparation is beginning shortly. Your child needs to be in Year 3 or above and baptised Catholic to begin this initiation into the Church. The program is parish based, family centred and school supported. The program begins with a Parent meeting either at Chisholm (Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm) or at St Matthew's (Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm). The First Eucharist Masses are on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am and 1.00pm and on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 11.00am and 1.00pm. To enrol in the program, parents must attend one of the parent meetings.

If you have any questions please see me or speak to Mrs. Cita Adams, the Sacramental Co-ordinator in the Parish office (4577 3073).

In Christ,

Marilyn Hancock – Religious Education Coordinator



## SPORTS NEWS

### Hills Zone Swimming Carnival

Good luck to the students who qualified for the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival. The carnival is on Monday 18th February 2019 at Windsor Oasis Swimming Pool. A note regarding the day was sent home this week.

### AFL After School Clinic

Commencing 20th February on Wednesday afternoons from 3.05pm – 4.05pm AFL NSW will be running an AFL clinic after school on the school grounds. Details regarding the clinic will be sent home next week. The organisers will come out to do some promotion classes with the students during sport. This program is run by AFL NSW with qualified coaching staff. All payments and enquires go through AFLNSW please **do not** send any payment to the school office, however, Chisholm does support the program. The clinics are not run by Chisholm staff and **school supervision is not provided**. For this reason, parents are responsible for the supervision of their children during these sessions. Please look out for the details next week if you are interested.

### Chisholm Cross Country

The Chisholm Cross Country will be held on Friday 15th March. For those who wish to compete competitively you should start training at home.

### Sport Coaches

Chisholm will participate in several Gala Days for students in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 this year and I am asking for any parents that are interested in coaching teams specifically in Touch Football, Rugby League, Netball or Football (soccer) to contact me through the school office. Details regarding these days be will announced at school so please ask your children to listen out for messages to avoid missing out.

Please see the days of the week the students are asked to wear their full **Sports Uniform**:

Kindergarten	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 3	Thursday	Friday
Year 4	Wednesday	Friday
Year 5	Wednesday	Friday
Year 6	Tuesday	Thursday

Karen Baxter – Sports Coordinator

## GENERAL NEWS

### Student Absences

Due to recent changes in the Student Information System we will not send out the SMS notifications until further notice.

Please advise the school through the **Skoolbag App** if your child will be absent from school.

Alternatively provide written advice to the class teacher on your child's return to school.

### School Census Day

School Census Day is **Monday 18 February** if you know that your child will be absent from school on Census Day PLEASE advise the school office as soon as possible.

## KINDERGARTEN WELCOME BBQ

Chisholm would like to invite all Kindy parents and children to join us for a special welcome BBQ on

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**  
**5.00pm – 6.30pm**

Sausage sizzle, poppers & tea/coffee will be served.

Children will have the opportunity to play some games with their new friends and parents will be able to meet new friends as well.

We hope to see you all there.





## STUDENT BANKING

Student banking will commence on **Wednesday 13 February**.

Thank you to Alana Carstairs and Amy Zammit who give up their time every Wednesday to process the banking for the Students.

## KISS & RIDE

There are clear council parking restrictions in the Kiss & Ride area that will be enforced by council rangers and police patrols. Please note:-

The **Kiss & Ride** area is a **NO PARKING ZONE** between:

**8.00am - 9.00am & 2.30pm - 3.30pm**

**THIS MEANS YOU CANNOT PARK YOUR CAR AND WAIT**

When using this zone you have a **2 minute** window to drop off or pick up and you need to remain with your vehicle. Staff on duty are there to assist by supervising the children and having them ready to pick up in the afternoon.

Parents/Carers are reminded that Chisholm is a **SAFE HONEST RESPECTFUL** learning community so speaking respectfully at all times is a community expectation.

In the event of traffic build up staff are expected to ask drivers to drive around the block so buses and traffic can keep moving.

The main traffic thins out from 3.15pm so parents might like to consider a slightly later pick up. Teacher supervision concludes at 3.30pm when any remaining children can be collected at the office. They are supervised at all times.

**To facilitate a smooth Kiss and Ride experience, please have an A4 sign clearly labelled with the family name displayed on your car windscreen. This enables teachers on duty to recognise the family and announce the name to the children.**

## FROM THE CCG

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

The Chisholm Community Group values and plans for:

- 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.

## Chisholm Community Group - AGM

The Chisholm Community Group (C.C.G.) will be holding its **Annual General Meeting** on **Tuesday 12 February** at 7.00 pm in the Staffroom. All community members are welcome and encouraged to attend. We look forward to catching up with familiar faces and getting to know our new families.

We hope to see you there!



*Congratulations to the following students who have celebrated their birthday in February and who will celebrate over the*

*coming weeks:* Zye Rolfe, Luke Brown, Georgia Zammit, Renee Dowie, Dean Vassallo, Riley Dukes, Joshua Puglisi, Sarah Puglisi, Kayleigh O'Brien, Jude Dalton, Kendall Monk, Alena Busa, Matthew Monaghan, Rosemary Bradford, Mackenzie Whitson, Lacey O'Brien, Charlie Morgan, Molly Cusack, Lachlan Parr, Taylor Freund, Liam Vella, Samuel Gollan.

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN

Parents and Carers, children need to have their recess and lunch orders completed at home in a lunch wallet, paper bag or envelope before coming to school.

Orders need to be placed in the class basket in the classroom. Students will not be permitted to place orders at the canteen in the morning as the high volume of students wanting to place orders in the morning causes the students to be constantly late for class and assemblies.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

CANTEEN ROSTER		
TERM 1		
Friday	February 8	Coralie Livingston
Monday	February 11	Nina Dimech, Tanya Biasi
Tuesday	February 12	Sarah Kelly
Wednesday	February 13	Tami Adams
Thursday	February 14	Natalie Allen
Friday	February 15	Clare Willemse, Elizabeth Williams
Monday	February 18	Jade Millan
Tuesday	February 19	Sam Puglisi
Wednesday	February 20	Moana Walker
Thursday	February 21	Andrea Deters-Horan, Alana Schroder


As you are aware we run a very busy canteen, and to do this we need more volunteers. Volunteers are still required for this term if you are able to assist please contact me.

Thank you

Sandra Goldsbrough - Canteen Coordinator

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## Stay informed with the SkoolBag App




The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.



- 1 Download the app**  
 Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store
- 2 Create an account**  
 Sign up in seconds with your email address
- 3 Add your school**  
 Search for your school and add your subscription groups



**SkoolBag** 

# *Learning Matters*

At Chisholm we encourage the students to be **Safe, Honest and Respectful Learners.**

This term, students in all grades will be learning about and discussing what being SAFE, HONEST and RESPECTFUL LEARNERS looks like, sounds like and feels like at Chisholm.

As classes begin to establish their routines in their new learning spaces, these values will be encouraged on a daily basis. To promote these values at Chisholm, we have a school based Positive Behaviour System comprising of **Chisholm Cards** which rewards students who are demonstrating these values.

Our **Chisholm Card Award** system works as follows:

Chisholm cards are awarded to students by their teachers for good decisions regarding their learning and behaviour.

- 5 cards = **Teacher's Award.**
- 10 cards = **Stage Leader's Award.**
- 15 cards = **Assistant Principal's Award.**
- 20 cards = **Principal's Award and Badge.**



Teacher awards are presented by the class teacher in the classroom.

Children will be presented with the other awards at the Monday morning assembly for their commitment towards being safe, honest, respectful learners.

**Congratulations to all of our students who have been Safe, Honest, and Respectful Learners.**



## **Summer of Learning** **Ignite Day Theme**



Each term at Chisholm, we begin with a theme that stimulates the children's imagination and therefore becomes an exciting topic that encourages discussion and student engagement in their learning.

This term our theme is the **Summer of Learning**. A display has been set up beside the canteen and different items are being added to the display daily. All children will have the opportunity to visit the display with their classes and complete a Literacy based activity around the theme as well as other engaging learning experiences in other KLA's.

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