

Diary Dates

Friday 10 May

Mother's Day
Breakfast BBQ
7.45am

Mother's Day Liturgy
9.00am

Tuesday 14 May –

Friday 16 May
NAPLAN

Tuesday 21 May
CCG Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 22 May

First Eucharist
Workshop at St
Matthew's

Sunday 26 May

First Eucharist Mass
11.00am & 1.00pm

Monday 27 May –

Friday 31 May
Chisholm Week

Wednesday 29 May

Stg 3 Girls Soccer
Gala Day

Friday 31 May

Chisholm Day Mass
10.00am

For all the latest
Updates to the school
calendar please check
the Events page
on the
school website
[Events](#)

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

It has been a great start to our new school term and I just wanted to thank everyone for the support given to our learning community.



We commemorated ANZAC day last Tuesday with a special Catafalque Party and a wonderful speech by Mr Dave Ingram, Vice President of Windsor RSL. A huge thanks to Mrs Hancock for her organisation. The ceremony was a beautiful and reverent tribute to our fallen and returned heroes.



Our Chisholm 25th Anniversary Celebrations are fast approaching. The week beginning 27th May will see the children participate in a number of celebratory activities. Parents and Carers will also be invited to join in a number of activities during the week. We will conclude on the Friday with our special Chisholm Mass, celebrated by Bishop Vincent.

Our Chisholm Community group have organised a very important community event on Monday 27 May. The Session - Understanding Anxiety in Children and Adolescents will be led by the school counsellors from both Chisholm and Bede Polding. Our fellow Catholic schools in the Hawkesbury have also been invited. Please see the flyer in this Chisholm Matters for more details.

On Tuesday, our school undertook a process called Peer Review. This process determines whether a school is compliant as specified by the New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA). I have the pleasure to announce that we were once again successful in this process. Our Stage 1 teaching team, who represented us on Tuesday did a wonderful job of capturing and explaining our work to the panel of experts. Congratulations to all staff for their professionalism and commitment to Quality Teaching and Learning at Chisholm. We are a very fortunate school to have such dedicated and passionate staff.

I look forward to catching up with all of our Mums on Friday morning for our Mother's Day Barbecue and Liturgy. Thanks to all of our terrific Dads for volunteering to help to make it a special time for our wonderful Mothers.



Remember: Kindness is Contagious!

Take Care

Michael

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CHISHOLM STUDENT ATTENDANCE EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY

A REMINDER THAT 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.

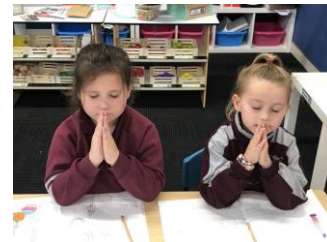
Attendance EVERY DAY is Essential.

Chisholm Prayer Space

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

Thank you

Michael Mifsud – Principal



AN OPEN LETTER TO YEAR 3 & YEAR 5 STUDENTS AT CHISHOLM CATHOLIC PRIMARY

Dear Year 3 and Year 5 Students

You will soon sit the NAPLAN test. Before you take this test there is something very important that you need to know:

This test does not assess all of the things that make you exceptional and unique.

The people who score these tests do not know that some of you love to sing, play an instrument, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use an App. They have not seen that some of you can dance elegantly or speak confidently about many topics to a large group of people. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad. They do not know that you participate in sports and that when you smile you make everyone around you feel happy. They do not know that you help your Mum & Dad and that you play with your brother, sister or cousins. They do not know that you are caring, thoughtful and that every day you do your best. Because these attributes cannot be tested.

The scores you get from this test will tell you how you did on that day, but they will not tell you everything. They can't tell you that you have improved on something you once found difficult. They can't tell you that you brighten up your teacher's day. They can't tell you how amazingly special you are.

So come to school ready to do your best for the NAPLAN test and remember there is no one way to test all of the wonderful things that make you, YOU!

Love from all of the Staff at Chisholm Catholic Primary

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

KINDERGARTEN 2020



For parents wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten for 2020 applications are now being accepted. Interview times are being timetabled and conducted with the aim that they will be completed by the end of the term.

If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at Chisholm in 2020, now is the time to remind them to place their applications at the school office.

Chisholm, enrolment forms are available from the school office during the school office hours.

NAPLAN TESTS - 2019 YEAR 3 & 5

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit [the public demonstration site](#).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

For more info:

- [How to support your child during NAPLAN](#)
- [information for parents and carers](#)
- [Watch a video that explains NAPLAN Online](#)
- [Subscribe to ACARA's monthly parent newsletter, Parent Update](#)

Below is the planned NAPLAN schedule for Chisholm:

NAPLAN (Online) - Term 2 Week 3, 2019

Specific Dates -

Tuesday 14/05/19	Writing Test Year 3 (9am) Writing Test Year 5 (9am) Reading Test Year 3 (11:15am) Reading Test Year 5 (12:30pm)
Wednesday 15/05/19	Language Conventions Year 3 (9am) Language Conventions Year 5 (11:30am) Makeup Session
Thursday 16/05/19	Numeracy Test Year 3 (9am) Numeracy Test Year 5 (11:30am) Makeup Session
Friday 17/05/19	Makeup Session

A reminder for all Parents of Year 3 and Year 5 Students:

Please ensure **your child brings their own set of earphones/earbuds** in order to complete the NAPLAN test. If you could please **place them in a labelled plastic bag** as they will be stored in the classroom in advance for testing which **begins next Tuesday 14th May**. They will **need to be brought in this week**.



Your support with this is much appreciated.

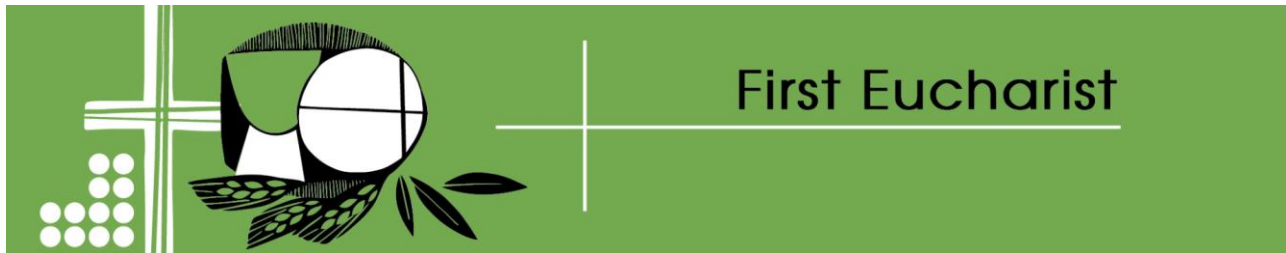
EASTER

Whilst Easter fell in the holidays, the Easter Season actually lasts for 50 days and ends with Pentecost. We had a special Mass for Easter on Monday so that we could celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.



25th ANNIVERSARY OF CHISHOLM

Mass will be held on 31st May at 10am on the undercover court. The Bishop will be concelebrating with Father Robert and Father Gayan. Many important guests have been invited. It is always a pleasure to have Dr Don Chisholm present, who is Caroline Chisholm's great-great-grandson.



During this Easter Season our Year 4 students are preparing for First Eucharist. The following dates are reminders:

First Eucharist Workshop day -

Wednesday 22nd May at St Matthew's from 9.30am – 2.30pm.

(Myself and a Year 4 Chisholm teacher will be there to help run the workshops.)

First Eucharist Masses –

Sunday 26th May at 11am and 1pm

Sunday 2nd June at 11am and 1pm

In Christ,

Marilyn Hancock – Religious Education Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Diocesan Cross Country

Well done to our entire Chisholm Cross Country team who participated in the Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek. We had some outstanding results from our runners this year. All students demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship as they supported every runner throughout the day. Thank you to the parents who assisted as officials throughout the day it is appreciated by both the teachers and students at the event. Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 8 and have qualified for the MacKillop Cross Country later this term.

Nate Gill 1st place - 12 Years Boys
Damon Jones 1st place - 11 Years Boys
Bree Rawlings 4th place - 11 Year Girls
Olivia Jones 5th place - 8/9 Girls

Stage 3 Diocesan Touch Football

Well done to our 6 stage 3 teams who participated in the Diocesan Touch Football Gala Day at the end of last term. The students had a wonderful day improving their skills and understanding of the game. A huge thank you to our parent helpers who coached or managed on the day, Mrs Gill, Mrs Rawlings, Mrs Jones Mr Galea and all the other parents who supported them throughout the day. Congratulations to the Year 6 girls' team who won their pool on the day.

MacKillop Softball Trials

Congratulations to Lucas North on making the Diocesan Softball team. He will be trialling for a place in the MacKillop team later this term.

Woolworths Blast Cricket Clinic

Last week Cricket NSW was at Chisholm promoting their After-School clinics. This year they will be running a program specifically designed for Chisholm students. This is called the Master Blaster which will be for all students from Kinder to Year 6. Please keep an eye out for the flyer which is coming home this week for more details or use the link below to register if your child wishes to attend. The program commenced on Wednesday, 8th May 2019 and runs for six weeks.

The clinic is like the NSW AFL Auskick Clinic run after school least term.

While Chisholm staff endorse the program, it is run and supervised by Cricket NSW. Please contact Mitchell Elvery on 0432 876 028 or Mitchell.elvery@cricketnsw.com.au with any enquires.

<https://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder?format=CBMB&postcode=BLIGH%20PARK%20NSW%202756>

Karen Baxter – *Sports Coordinator*

GENERAL NEWS

WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

All students are required to be in full winter uniform by Week 3, **Monday 13th May 2019**.

Winter uniforms are available to purchase from the Uniform Shop.

Belinda Ross *Uniform Coordinator*

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Samuel Cody 3G, Susannah Cody 4G and Jaylah Dimech 4W!!

They are the first students to complete the Reading Challenge for 2019!!

Well done and thank you for showing our school community what great readers you are.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

The Earn & Learn promotion is back at Woolworths for 2019. 1 sticker is earned for every \$10 spent at Woolies. There is a collection bin for Chisholm at Woolworths in Windsor, as well as outside the Library.

Last year we collected over 30,000 stickers! Let's see if we can beat that record this year. The promotion goes from now until the 25th June.

Thanks for your support.

Fiona Lark - *Teacher Librarian*

School fees

Term 2 school fee statements have been issued and are due by the 5th June 2019. If you have not received your statement or you are unable to make payment by the due date, please contact Bernadette Alexander in the school office.



Congratulations to the following students who will celebrate over the coming weeks:

Caleb Hartog, Lachlan Laird, Kobi Clarke, Jaycee Monk, Sophie Coe, Lucas North, Matilda Dalton, Keira Gill, Alyssia Barreto, Levi Cluderay, Chelsea Privitera, Nainika Inampudi, Helen Deters-Horan, Anabelle Forbes, Jayden Gordon, Clay Rawlings, Charlie Watts, Charlotte Borg, Zayden Larnach, Indee Lewis, Marlee Gill, Monique Gordon, Paige Lewer, Jacob Vella, Jack Adam.

CANTEEN ROSTER		
TERM 2		
Friday	May 10	Tami Adams
Monday	May 13	Tanya Biasi
Tuesday	May 14	Michelle Dimech
Wednesday	May 15	HELP NEEDED
Thursday	May 16	Christina Agius
Friday	May 17	Jackie Kennedy, Clare Willemse
Monday	May 20	Belinda Parr
Tuesday	May 21	Jackie Triccas
Wednesday	May 22	Tami Adams
Thursday	May 23	Natalie Allen

As you are aware, we run a very busy canteen, and to do this we need more volunteers. If you are able to assist in the canteen, please contact me.


Thank you
Sandra Goldsbrough - Canteen Coordinator
0421 907 442

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

CCG NEWS

Understanding **ANXIETY** in Children and Adolescents



SPEAKERS:


Deb Robinson
School counsellor

Monique Beglinger
School counsellor / Psychologist

HOSTED BY:

Chisholm Catholic Primary
Working with
The Chisholm Community Group

CHILD MINDING WILL BE AVAILABLE BUT MUST BE BOOKED IN



TOPICS:

- What is anxiety?
- What may be the signs of anxiety in your child?
- What are strategies that can help children and teens?
- What support services are available?

WHEN: Mon 27th May, 2019

TIME: 6 - 7PM
(Prompt start at 6pm)

WHERE: CHISHOLM CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
30 Collith Ave, Bligh Park

COST: FREE! We will provide some great tip sheets and resources on anxiety for you to take home

WHO CAN ATTEND: ANY parent or caregiver of a student who receives a Catholic Education through the Diocese of Parramatta.

RSVP: For catering purposes and child minding numbers, please RSVP no later than Thursday 23rd May via the link on the Skool Bag App

[RSVP Form for Anxiety in Children and Adolescents](#)



To celebrate Mother's Day, The CCG are hosting a BBQ breakfast just for mums! After the breakfast there will be a liturgy held in the MPA and then during the day, The CCG will host a Mother's Day Stall where children can buy something for Mum with a variety of gifts ranging from \$1 - \$5!

A huge thank you to the Dads who are volunteering on the BBQ, it is great to see so much support from them! Also, a big thank you to Sarah Kitching and the Stall volunteers for giving their time to make every child's Mother's Day special!

ANXIETY WORKSHOP – MON 27th MAY

On Monday 27th May, The CCG along with Chisholm Catholic will be hosting an Information night called Understanding Anxiety in Children and Adolescents. In support of this workshop, we have opened up invitations to parents with students that attend Bede Polding, St Matthew's and St Monica's as well.

Our guest speakers are School Councillors and Psychologists Monique Beglinger and Deborah Robinson. They will cover topics such as

- What is Anxiety?
- What may be the signs of anxiety in your child?
- What are strategies that can help Children and Teens?
- What support services are available?

Child Minding will be available but needs to be booked in advance. There will be a note from the SkoolBag app sent out which you can send through your RSVP's.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on the details below!

CCG MEETING

The next CCG Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st May at 7pm in the staff room! We would love to see you there!

We will be discussing topics such as our Anxiety workshop, preparations for the Trivia night we have planned for later this term along with much more!

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Anzac Day Commemoration Service at Chisholm.



On Monday 29th April, when the students resumed school, the students had the opportunity to participate in a most moving ANZAC Day commemoration service. They listened to guest speaker Mr Dave Ingram, Vice President, Windsor RSL who spoke about the landing of the Australian soldiers in Anzac Cove in Gallipoli and the ANZAC spirit. The service led by Fr Gayan also included a Catafalque party who guard special monuments and serve as a sign of respect at special commemorative events. After the ceremony some of our special guests visited classrooms to discuss their roles and service to our country.



Year 4 Excursion - Cockatoo Island



On Thursday, 2nd May Year 4 caught the Rivercat from Sydney Olympic Park to Cockatoo Island. Once we arrived, we enjoyed morning tea, soaking in the views of spectacular Sydney Harbour. We then explored this incredible Island which is rich in Australian history, led by our very knowledgeable education guide. We had the opportunity to take on the roles of different members in the community

and explore the original living quarters of the guards and the convicts that lived on the island.



We are safe, honest, respectful learners!



Invitation to Chatterbox Live Q&A Event

27 April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

CEDP has always valued parent feedback and with the use of new technologies, we now have the opportunity to become more connected with families in real-time. As part of our commitment to promoting student and parent voice in our schools, we have launched a new initiative called *Chatterbox Live*.

We have had success using social media platforms to host Chatterbox Live in a number of primary and secondary schools already. I was impressed with the range of questions students asked me on issues related to schooling in today's world.

I am extending the invitation to our parent community to join us for the first Chatterbox Live event for parents and carers. This will be held on Thursday, 13 June at St Andrews College Marayong from 7.00pm. I'm looking forward to hearing your views and responding to your questions related to Catholic schooling in the Parramatta Diocese.

Registrations to attend the event in person will open on May 20 at 9am. If you would like to attend in person, please register your interest as soon as possible by visiting chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au.

If you're unable to attend in person, you are welcome to tune in live by 'liking' the CEDP Facebook page to be reminded when the event begins. You can do this at www.facebook.com/CatholicEdParra/.

If you have any questions or would like further information in regard to this event, please contact Lachlan Andrews via landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au or on 9840 5790.

I look forward to strengthening our engagement with parents.

Regards

Gregory B Whitby AM KSG
Executive Director