



Celebrating 25 Years

Chisholm Matters

Newsletter of Chisholm Catholic Primary School, Bligh Park

Term 2 Week 4

Thursday 23 May 2019

Diary Dates

- Sunday 26 May**
First Eucharist Mass
11.00am & 1.00pm
- Monday 27 May –
Friday 31 May**
Chisholm Week
- Monday 27 May**
Colonial Mufti
- Colonial Games
11.30am – 1.15pm
- Hot Dog Lunch for
Students
- Understanding
Anxiety in Children &
Adolescents 6.00pm
- Wednesday 29 May**
Stage 3 Girls Soccer
Gala Day
- Bush dance 1.30pm
- Friday 31 May**
Chisholm Day Mass
10.00am
- Sunday 2 June**
First Eucharist Mass
11.00am & 1.00pm
- Monday 3 June**
Parent prayer 9am
- Wednesday 5 June**
Stage 3 Boys Soccer
Gala Day
- Friday 5 July**
Pupil Free Day

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

As you know next week we will be celebrating Chisholm's 25th Anniversary. The children will participate in a number of celebratory activities. Parents and carers are also invited to join in a number of activities during the week. We will conclude the celebrations on Friday with our special Chisholm Mass, celebrated by Bishop Vincent and welcome back many former students, parents and staff. Looking forward to seeing you during the week.



A reminder to join us for a very important community event on Monday 27 May. Organised by our CCG, The Session - Understanding Anxiety in Children and Adolescents will be led by the school counsellors from both Chisholm and Bede. Our fellow Catholic schools in the Hawkesbury have also been invited. Please see the flyer in this Chisholm Matters for details.

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students for the positive approach they displayed during the NAPLAN tests last week. A huge thanks to the staff for their professionalism throughout the week. Although some schools experienced online difficulties throughout the week, Chisholm did not encounter any major disruption.

Social Media Reminder

A reminder that age restrictions vary across social media platforms; usually users should be no younger than 16 years old (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat etc.) If you allow your children to use these platforms at such a young age please closely monitor their use. Quite often improper communication between students can lead to misunderstandings and hurt for all concerned. This can then lead to disharmony amongst students at school, impacting on their learning. Respectful, meaningful, encouraging and productive comments and ideas are the best ones to encourage your children to make when communicating with others.

Thank you to all Parents and Carers who support us in our daily routines. Our Kiss and Ride has been operating very well lately. This is due to your patience, understanding and cooperation in support of our wonderful students.

Congratulations to Miss Triebe for her recent marriage. We wish both Jessica and her new husband Geoff a life filled with health, happiness and lots of love.

Remember: Kindness is Contagious!

Take Care

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CHISHOLM STUDENT ATTENDANCE EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY

Our attendance this week is at 85.4% which is 4.4% above the current Diocesan average.
Congratulations to all grades for their attendance rates this week.

Our aim is to be above 90% consistently.

**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. Remember Mrs Jones in your prayers, her Mother is unwell and she has flown to South Africa to be with her.



In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

Tell Them From Me *We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Chisholm Catholic Primary.*

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Details will be communicated through Skoolbag, Facebook and Twitter.

Thank you

Michael Mifsud – Principal

Staff Development Day - Pupil Free Day

Friday 5 July 2019

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, as places are filling quickly.

Enrolment forms are available from the school office.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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.

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.

School Hours

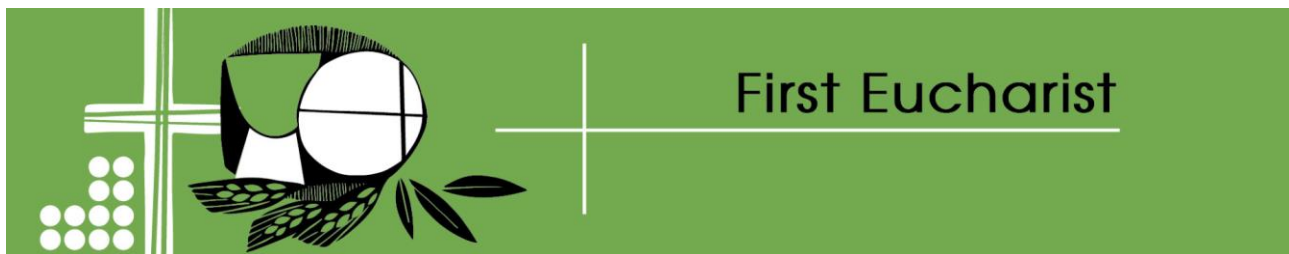
Morning Supervision	8.15am
Morning Bell	8.45am
Recess	10.45am – 11.15am
Lunch	1.15pm – 1.45pm
Afternoon Bell	3.00pm

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Friday
8.15am – 3.45pm

Your ongoing support is appreciated and valued.

Andrew Emanuel – *Assistant Principal*

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



During this Easter Season our Year 4 students are preparing for First Eucharist.

First Eucharist Masses –

Sunday 26th May at 11am and 1pm

Sunday 2nd June at 11am and 1pm

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 Professor Don Chisholm present, who is Caroline Chisholm's great-great grandson.

There will be a week of celebration (see below).

Chisholm Week 27th – 31st May

Monday 27th May

Students wear **Colonial clothing OR their sports uniform**

(This is **NOT** a casual mufti day)

11:30am-1:15pm - Colonial Games on the oval – Parents are invited to attend.

A Hot Dog and drink will be provided to all students for lunch. Parents are welcome to join their children for lunch. Parents are required to bring their own lunch.

No lunch orders will be available from the Canteen on this day.

If you are thinking about how you can get into the colonial spirit and need some ideas, take a look at some costumes from the past:



Wednesday 29th May

1:30pm - Bushdance on the undercover court. All welcome. Bring your dancing shoes!

Friday 31st May

10:00am – Special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long on the undercover court.

Special guests include founding principal, Ian Jordan, as well as past principals, teachers, staff, students and parents.

Followed by – Morning tea in the MPA for guests and parents.

In Christ

Marilyn Hancock – *Religious Education Coordinator*

SPORTS NEWS

Chisholm Athletics Carnival

On Friday 21st June 2019 Chisholm will hold its annual Athletics Carnival. All children in Years 3 – 6 will be taking part in the 2019 Athletics Carnival. This year, students in Year 2 who are turning 8 years of age will participate in the 100m and 200m at the carnival. This will take place in the morning session. A note will be sent home with all the details of the carnival and a request for parent assistance.

The Infants Athletics Carnival will be in Term 3 on Friday 9th August.

Years 3-4 Soccer Gala Day Coaches Required

Coaches are required for the Year 3 and 4 girls and boys Soccer Gala day on Wednesday 26th June. If you are available to assist please contact Mrs Baxter through the school office.

Karen Baxter – *Sports Coordinator*

GENERAL NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge

Two more super readers have completed the Reading Challenge for 2019!

Congratulations to Alexander Chapman, (4G) and Stefania Monteleone, (5M).

This makes a total of 5 students from Years 3-6 who have already completed the Challenge for this year.

Keep up the awesome work and thanks for setting a great example to others.



Woolies Earn & Learn

We have already collected over 5,000 stickers for our Earn & Learn program!

We are 1/6 of the way to our goal of 31,000 stickers.

Thank you to everyone who has brought in stickers and completed sticker sheets, and to everyone who has placed stickers in the Chisholm box outside Woolies in Windsor. We appreciate your support! This year our sticker points will be used for resources to use with our Coding lessons.

We still have 5 weeks left to collect stickers from Woolies. Let's keep collecting!

Fiona Lark – Teacher Librarian

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Congratulations to the following students who will celebrate over the coming weeks: Ayden Young, Michael Dimech, James Lappalainen, Troy Richards, Angelica Monteleone, Isabella Olsen, Kye Parsonson, Lilly Broadfoot, Brock Bartley, Courtney Kitching, Stephanie Magnisalis, Sarah Hague, Natalia Mansweto, Matilda Lynch, Elise Ashton, Ayanda Moyo, Zoey Anderson, Kieran Tuckey.

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 2

Friday	May 24	Sheila Lowe Bradford, Coralie Livingston
Monday	May 27	Jade Millan, Nancy Chanantho NO Lunch orders today
Tuesday	May 28	Sam Puglisi
Wednesday	May 29	Moanna Walker
Thursday	May 30	Rebecca Otto
Friday	May 31	Renee Whitson, Sarah Kitching
Monday	June 3	Jessica Toms
Tuesday	June 4	Andrew Broadfoot
Wednesday	June 5	Alana Carstairs
Thursday	June 6	Nicky Spiteri

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.

Sandra Goldsbrough - Canteen Coordinator

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

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

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?

This week is National Volunteers Week and we would like to thank everyone that helps us in the Chisholm Community Group. From having an outstanding and positive committee to

parents and carers that come to discuss ideas at our meetings. For volunteering up their time and effort to help with our events whether it be on a BBQ, behind a desk or at a disco. Every little bit helps. We see you, we appreciate you and Thank you!



WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE FAIR MONEY???

If you come to our CCG Meetings, you will know that ideas for this money has been discussed many, many times at length! (This week's meeting included).

We have thrown around ideas such as a large playground for all the children, refurbishing the long jump pit, to additions to our new and improved gardens in the form of storybook chairs, staging etc. As with every idea, there are reasons for and against, there are large risk assessments that need to be undertaken as well as ensuring the children are getting the best out of the funds.

In the coming weeks, the Committee are meeting with contractors to quote for some of the above ideas plus more and from that point, we will be in a better position to be able to make a decision.

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact the CCG or attend the next CCG Meeting.

CCG MEETING

The next CCG Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th June at 7pm in the staff room! We would love to see you there!

ANXIETY WORKSHOP

RSVP's for the Anxiety workshop are due today! We can't wait to see you next Monday in the MPA – 6pm start.

CONTACT US

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Learning Matters

Developing the quality of student writing through the use of sophisticated vocabulary, is a goal we have been working on at Chisholm. The article below has some great suggestions on ways you could help to build your Child's writing skills.

10 Tips to Help Build Your Child's Writing Skills

BY AMANDA BOYARSHINOV

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Writing helps communicate thoughts, complete tasks and demonstrate the mastery of a skill. It is an integral part of every elementary school student's education.

10 Tips for Building Writing Skills at Home:

1. Provide a variety of materials for writing. Fun pens and pretty papers can be a great motivational tool.



2. Create a space in your home for writing that is free from distractions.

3. Choose strong vocabulary words to learn at home for the week. Use these words in your daily oral vocabulary and written work. Words such as "obstacles" and "curious" are a great start. See if your child can use them both in a written story.

4. Integrate core academic area writing at home. Do a science project together and then write about the process or results.

5. Encourage writing for a variety of purposes. Your child could make a shopping list, write a fictional story or send a letter.



6. Use technology to improve writing. Encourage your child to send an e-mail to a friend or publish a story online.

7. Allow your child to observe you writing on your own. Be a good role model and smile while you are doing it, too! Take time to share your writing with him or her and talk about how you use writing in your personal and professional life. Show a variety of different written work such as a written letter, business communication or journal page.

8. Connect writing with your child's passion.

9. Celebrate writing in a variety of ways. You could:

- Tape completed stories to the refrigerator.

10. Last, but not least, it is important to provide time to write daily. In order for writing skills to improve, students must spend time writing. Add it to your family's daily routine and build it into the schedule. This will help your writer to practice and gain confidence in his or her writing.

We are safe, honest, respectful learners!