



Celebrating 25 Years

Chisholm Matters

Newsletter of Chisholm Catholic Primary School, Bligh Park

Term 3 Week 9

Thursday 19 September 2019

Diary Dates

Friday 20 Sept
Grandparents Day
Mass 9am

Activity 10am
Morning Tea 11am

Wednesday 25 Sept
Yr. 5 Fundraiser Stall

Thurs 26 Sept
Chisholm's Got Talent
11.30am

CCG meeting 7pm

Friday 27 Sept
Last day for Term 3



Monday 14 October
School resumes for
Term 4

**Monday 28 –
Thursday 31 October**
Cultural Mural
Workshops

Friday 1 November
All Saints Mass 9am

Monday 4 November
Parent Prayer 9am

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updates to the school
calendar please check
the Events page on
the school website

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

Our Book Character Parade was a wonderful success on Tuesday morning. Thanks to the students, parents and staff at Chisholm. A huge congratulations to Mrs Lark for her coordination of our Book Week Celebrations which will conclude on Friday with Grandparents Day.

We have had a very busy later part of Term 3 at Chisholm. The renovations of our office area have commenced. Although there have been a few minor glitches, we are set up with a safe and secure temporary school entry and office area until the works are completed. Please be patient during this time.

We will also be renovating our Year 5 rooms over the break and into Term 4. Year 5 will be learning out of the MPA until these works are completed. 2020 will see Chisholm Catholic Primary as a K - 6 collaborative, flexible, agile learning environment continuing to cater for the individual needs of all students.

A further reminder to all Parents and Carers 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.

A reminder that respectful communication between home and school is ongoing. Please contact your son/daughter's teacher(s) if you have any queries. Please give them ample time to get back to you with a time to address any concerns.

Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow at our Grandparents Day Mass, Activities, Book Fair and Morning Tea.

Please contact me if you have any concerns.

Remember: Kindness is Contagious!

Take Care

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Book Character Parade



CHISHOLM STUDENT ATTENDANCE EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY

Attendance

***EVERY DAY is Essential
and does Matter.***

***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.

Chisholm Prayer Space

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



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

KINDERGARTEN 2020 - FINAL WEEKS TO ENROL



For parents wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten for 2020 applications will be **closing soon**.

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.

Supervision in the morning

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.

Community Safety and Afternoon Dismissal

Afternoon school dismissal is a busy time in any school and here at Chisholm the exit of nearly five hundred students and large numbers of parents has its challenges.

It is important to remember that it is always each person's responsibility to keep themselves and others safe.

Parents are asked to help by

- Being patient, calm and considerate of others
- Observing the school designated pick up areas
- Spreading Kiss & Ride pick up times between 3.00pm – 3.30pm
- Strictly obeying road rules
- Using the pedestrian crossing
- Considering neighbours



Children up to 10 years of age should be supervised around traffic and **should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road**.

Parents and Carers are reminded that there are 2 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.

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.

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

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

Andrew Emanuel – Assistant Principal

Grandparents Day Mass



Just a reminder that we will be celebrating our Grandparents in a special Mass on **Friday 20th September at 9:00am** in the MPA.

Following Mass, Grandparents have the opportunity to visit their grandchild's class to take part in the learning activities as well as visit the book fair in the school library where there will be books available to purchase.

A special morning tea will be provided for our Grandparents following class visits.

It should be a lovely morning where we can celebrate all the time and love Grandparents bring to their Grandchild's life.

SPORTS NEWS

NSWPSSA Golf Championships

Congratulations to Ti Fox who placed 10th during the NSWPSSA Golf Championships in Blackheath earlier this term.

NSWPSSA Softball Championships

Congratulations to Lucas North who competed in the NSWPSSA Softball Championships in Tamworth last week. The MacKillop team were runners up in the three day carnival.

Diocesan Netball Gala Day

Great work to the 12 Chisholm netball teams that competed at the Diocesan netball gala day in Penrith in week 6. All teams demonstrated great sportsmanship and perseverance on the day. Congratulations to Junior Boys Grey, Senior Boys Maroon and Under 10's White who won their pools on the day. A huge thank you to all the parents, siblings and Bede girls who assisted with coaching and umpiring on the day. It was one of the biggest gala days that we have been involved with at Chisholm and our student's behaviour was outstanding. Well done to everyone who supported the day.

Diocesan Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day

A fantastic effort from everyone who took part in the Diocesan Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day at The Kingsway, St Mary's. Once again, our students were outstanding and demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the day. Thank you to the boys from Bede Polding who refereed for Chisholm and parents who coached the teams on day. Congratulations to the Year 4 girls and Year 4 boys who won their pools on the day.

MacKillop Athletics Trials

Well done to the 11 students who competed at Homebush at the MacKillop Athletics Trials. We had some impressive results with Nate Gill 1st High Jump and 2nd 800m, Courtney Kitching 1st in discus and Jemma Camilleri 2nd in both Shot Put and Discus. They will be back at Homebush in November for the NSWPSSA Athletics Championships. Good luck to all of you.

Athletics School Sports Australia Championships

Good luck to Jemma Camilleri who is in Darwin this week competing in the Athletics School Sports Australia Championships we look forward to hearing your results. A reminder that there are still raffle tickets available to purchase in the school office to help support Jemma.

Karen Baxter – *Sports Coordinator*

Cultural Mural

Coming in Term 4... Cultural Mural designed by Chisholm students.

During the term, Chisholm have been liaising with the Jarara unit to plan a new cultural mural which will be designed and painted by our students. The mural will be reflective of the landscape and animals in the Hawkesbury area.

A series of workshop days have been planned so that all students will be able to learn more about our Australian Indigenous cultural background. This will enable all students to contribute ideas that will make the mural have a significant meaning to each of them.

Our Ignite day will be centred around this and more detail will be given at our first school assembly in Term 4 about the different events that will be happening in preparation for our mural. In Week 3 next term, all students will take part in workshops to contribute ideas. Bede Polding students will work alongside Chisholm students on Tuesday 29th October to paint the final design.

School Fees

Thank you to those families that have finalised their account for the year or are continuing with their payment arrangements. The third instalment of school fees is now overdue and reminder letters have been issued.

If you are experiencing any financial difficulty, you are encouraged to contact Bernadette Alexander in the school office to arrange a confidential appointment with Mr Mifsud.

A reminder to families, as per CEDP policy, a term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during term for the next term.

Uniform News

Summer uniforms are available for purchase from the uniform shop during opening hours. The new optional addition to the uniform of the girls skorts are available for \$30 ea.

All students are to be in their full summer school uniform by the start of Term 4, Monday 14th 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

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 3

Friday	September 20	Jackie Kennedy, Belinda Parr
Monday	September 23	Jade Millan
Tuesday	September 24	Michelle Dimech
Wednesday	September 25	Moana Walker
Thursday	September 26	Nicky Spiteri
Friday	September 27	Sarah Kitching, Renee Whitson

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!! - SPRING FAIR COMMITTEE 2020

We have had 1 person volunteer to help with the preparations for the proposed 2020 Spring Fair. As advised in the last newsletter, if we can't get at least another 6 people volunteer to help by the CCG Meeting next week, then the decision will be to forego the fair next year. There is a lot of time and effort put in to plan the fair and we as a committee of 7 cannot do this alone. We need volunteers to help get sponsors, look for suitable stall vendors, food and drink etc. If you want to help, please come and talk to us about the time that you can commit to us and we can figure something out. **YOU DICTATE YOUR TIME TO US!!**

COLOUR-A-THON 2019

The Colour-a-thon will be held on Friday 15th November at school. It will consist of up to 6 coloured stations and we are beginning to approach sponsors in the coming weeks to sponsor each coloured station. As stations are limited, we will only require up to 6 sponsors. We are also in the process of getting quotes for white shirts and glasses for all the children. If this is something you would like more information about, please reach out to Amy Hague to discuss options for your business.

TWILIGHT FAIR 2018 MONEY

Thank you to the parents that have sent in your feedback, we are still open to receiving more feedback to take to the CCG meeting next Thursday night.

Just some clarifications that were queried in the feedback in case other parents have the same assumptions.

- 1.) The items we have put forward (Long Jump Pit, Outdoor classroom, toss ball tower) ALL fit in the budget. It isn't an either/or case and all items combined will cost \$30k.
- 2.) The long jump pit would be utilised throughout the year during school sports lessons, not just the once at the athletic carnival.
- 3.) Please understand we have had numerous meetings this year including every CCG meeting where new ideas were invited, shared and discussed in length from anyone that attended these open meetings. This isn't what we are looking for at this point. We have researched, & put forward the decision to the school and the school has asked for feedback on the above ideas before making their final decisions
- 4.) Lastly, please be kind with your responses. We know that we can't make everyone happy and we know that there will be some people that disagree with the items we have put forward, but we as a collective group made what we feel is the best decision with the information we had presented at the time.

If you have any feedback, would like to discuss any of the above in further detail or see designs for the above works, please email or come and see Amy Hague and we are happy to answer any of your questions. Please keep in mind, the above decisions were not made lightly and were made with the entire student body in mind.

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Learning Matters

Year 6 PBL Excursion to Bede Polding

Last week Year 6 had the opportunity to cook in the Bede Kitchens and visit the agricultural area alongside the Year 9 Bede students who mentored them through the activities. Both Year 6 and the Bede students got a lot out of the experience and it was wonderful to see them working so well together.

Year 3 and Year 6 have also continued the work in our own gardens at school where seeds planted are well on the way to germinating into young seedlings.

The students had the opportunity to observe changes since last planting and Year 6 created a labelled drawing of their garden bed where they will monitor the growth of their plants in the coming weeks.



Book Week

Celebrating reading as our secret power...

Book week celebrations began with a blast on Tuesday this week, with students dressing up as book characters. They all had the opportunity to parade their outstanding costume designs at a fantastic whole school event in our school MPA.

Each grade had a theme or author they were encouraged to use as an inspiration for their costume design and the creativity was clear to see.

Reading is so important and the students learning to enjoy and love reading is a great reason to celebrate reading books.



We are safe, honest, respectful learners!