



Chisholm Catholic Primary School NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL PRAYER

*This is our Catholic school
Let peace dwell here
Let the rooms
Be full of contentment
Let love abide here
Love of one another
Love of everyone
Love of God
and love of life itself
Let us remember that
As many hands build a house
So many hearts make a school.*

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
8.30am – 3.30pm

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UNIFORM SHOP

Opening hours are
Mondays 8.15am-9.15am
and
Fridays 8.15am-9.15am
and **2.30pm-3.30pm**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THIS WEEK...

Wednesday 4th February
2pm Infants (K, 1, 2)
Incursions Bullying

Parish Mass
Sundays 9:30am
in the MPA

FUTURE DATES...

Tuesday 10th February
Beginning Year Mass 9am
CCG - AGM

Wednesday 11th February
Canberra Excursion

Thursday 12th February
Canberra Excursion

Friday 13th February
Canberra Excursion

Tuesday 17th February
CCG - Executive Mtg

Dear Families of Chisholm,

Welcome back to 2015!

Thank you to everyone for all that you have done to ensure the children have returned refreshed, enthusiastic, dressed immaculately and ready to learn in 2015.

A special and warm welcome...

- To all our new families and students, we hope you feel welcomed and part of this wonderful school learning community.
- To our Kindergarten students who have come to "big school" with great excitement, enthusiasm and anticipation.
- To new members of staff Ms Lyndal Dowd, Miss Ashleigh Brown and Miss Rosemary Huempal. I also welcome Mrs Belinda Gatt and Mrs Diane Jones who are well known to our community and will be taking up full time class teacher positions for 2015.

And a welcome back...

- To our wonderful staff who have spent many hours planning and preparing during the holidays.
- To our returning families who continue to trust and support our school community.

A special thank you to all families who brought their child(ren) into school last Tuesday for the Mathematics Assessment Interviews. This day commenced our goal of interviewing every child in the school individually as quickly as possible. The response was absolutely overwhelming and shows your support and commitment to your children's education.

We pray for God's blessing on each of these people and for all our community for the year ahead.

God, our Father

Bless us, so that Your Spirit within us
Will give us a common bond

As together we take responsibility for the
Well-being of Your gift of creation to us.

We ask for strength and determination

To create more space in our lives for You,

So that by the example of our lives,

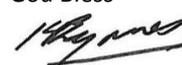
Our children will be inspired to follow Your ways.

We look forward to catching up with many of you during the upcoming weeks and encourage each of you to take up the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher. Everyone is invited to join our community next Tuesday for our opening school mass where we will welcome our new Kindergarten students, commission our school leaders and celebrate the new school year.

As always if you are unsure of something or have any concerns, please ask a member of staff who will be only too willing to assist you.

May the year ahead bring you many blessings.

God Bless


Keiran Byrnes



KEEP CHILDREN



SAFE
DO NOT
ENTER or EXIT
SCHOOL VIA
CARPARK

Please Parents –
Lead by example and
teach children to enter
and exit the school using
the "SAFE" paths –
DO NOT USE THE
"DRIVEWAY"
AS A "WALKWAY!"
Thanks for your
co-operation.

FROM THE REC

Sunday Mass at Chisholm

Mass is held here at Chisholm every Sunday at 9:30am. Each Sunday, a small community gathers together in the school MPA to celebrate Mass, followed by a light morning tea.



This term there are four celebrations in which we worship God as a school community through the Sacrament of the Eucharist. All parents are invited to these celebrations. The times vary a little so please check them below.

Our **Beginning Year Mass** is on 10th February at 9.00 am in the MPA. Please join us to celebrate the start of a new school year. Kinders are particularly welcomed as they begin their formal education at Chisholm.

Ash Wednesday is 18th February and we will begin the journey through Lent to Easter with Mass at 9.00 am. You are invited to join us and begin the Lenten journey.

The week beginning March 9th is **Catholic Schools' Week** and we celebrate with all Catholic schools in New South Wales and the ACT. We remember our Catholic schools' contribution to education in our state and all the successes we celebrate. On Wednesday, 11th March, not only do we celebrate Catholic Schools' Week but also the contribution grandparents make to our lives. Mass will be at 9.00 am in the MPA. Please join us.

Every term, Chisholm prepares a Parish Mass, at which our choir sings and our students take an active part. This term it will be on 8th March at 9.30 am. There is usually morning tea after this Mass. **Please note that Mass is held every Sunday in the MPA at 9.30 am.**

FIRST EUCHARIST: Our Year 4 students will begin preparation for First Eucharist this term. The Parent Meeting is on Tuesday, 24th February at 7.30 pm in the MPA here at Chisholm. If you are unable to attend this meeting there is also one on 25th February at 7.30 pm at St Matthew's. The Year 4 students will receive the Sacrament on either 17th May or 24th May.

Merilyn Hancock – Religious Education Co-ordinator

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – TERM 1

Parent teacher interviews will be held this term in week 4, Wednesday 18th February and Thursday 19th February.

These interviews are a great way for you to meet with your child's teacher, to discuss their needs, ask any questions that you may have and to work in partnership.

The interview times will be made online. Login details and booking arrangements will be sent home soon so you can secure a suitable time.

We look forward to meeting with you and sharing information that will help us understand the children as learners at Chisholm.

DROP OFF AND COLLECTION OF STUDENTS

To assist in the safe drop off and collection of students' parents are reminded that

- ❖ Supervision before school begins at 8.15am
- ❖ Children arriving before supervision begins sit and wait in the designated paved playground until supervision starts
- ❖ Classes begin at **8.45am**
- ❖ Parents using the kiss and drop area need to exercise caution and assist traffic flow by moving to the closest available space at the front of the line
- ❖ Parents meet their children in one of three designated areas in the afternoons (**3.00pm**)
 1. Parent retreat
 2. Silver seats – Paved playground
 3. Silver seats – Undercover area

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

A GREAT START ~ THANKS

Congratulations to all parents on the way the children were presented for the start of the school year.

In particular the children looked fantastic in their school uniforms and the sense of pride was very obvious as class rooms were visited last week.

Wearing the correct uniform encourages self-respect, respect for others and respect for our school.

Thank you for your efforts in supporting the Chisholm uniform policy.

For your convenience details of the uniform & grooming policy are outlined here, from the parent handbook:

GROOMING AND HAIR

Students are to be neatly and cleanly dressed at all times. Shoes should be clean and well presented.

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, bowl cuts, any excessive shaping with gel, and any shaving cuts.

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.

WET WEATHER PROTECTION

Protective wet weather clothing may be worn to and from school. It is not to be worn during school.

JEWELLERY AND ACCESSORIES

*Apart from one pair of sleepers or small plain studs and a wrist watch, jewellery is not permitted for safety reasons. A chain with cross or religious medallion may be worn under shirt line. **NO** rings (birth/baptismal rings excepted), make-up or nail varnish is allowed. Nails should be kept clean and neatly trimmed.*

Boys may not under any circumstances wear earrings

HATS

Only the correct school hats (slouch) may be worn - purchased through the Uniform shop. The school has a 'no hat no play policy'.

SCHOOL BAG

Books are to be carried to and from school in the correct maroon school bag, purchased from the Uniform Shop.

LAPSES IN THE WEARING OF UNIFORM

Parents will be notified and their co-operation sought for any lapses in this area. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

HELPFUL HINTS

- ✦ *Clothes dried inside out will prevent fading*
- ✦ *Washing Instructions - wet paint can be washed out immediately in cold water. If paint has dried, soak garment overnight in cold soapy water then hand-wash in lukewarm water using ordinary soap. Do not use hot water, laundry detergents or spray-on stain removers. Do not machine wash.*

Andrew Emanuel

PUBLISHING CHILDREN'S PHOTO'S

From time to time throughout the year, we publish photos taken of our children taking part in various activities, eg, the Walkathon, Book Week, Caroline Chisholm Day, etc., etc. Sometimes these articles are reproduced for the School Newsletter, the Chisholm Catholic Primary School Website or some other Parramatta Diocese Catholic Education publications. If there is any reason you do not wish your child's photo to be used, please contact the school, in writing. Thank you.



CCG – CHISHOLM COMMUNITY GROUP

The Chisholm Community Group will be holding its AGM on Tuesday 10th February at 7pm in the Learning Centre: CCG meetings occur once each term and are a great way to keep informed about our school community and to be involved in the life of the school. 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. Hope to see you there!

SCHOOL TERM DATES – 2015

Term 1	Tuesday, 27 January	Thursday, 2 April
Term 2	Monday, 20 April	Friday, 26 June
Term 3	Monday, 13 July	Friday, 18 September
Term 4	Tuesday, 6 October	Friday, 18 December

NUT ALLERGIES – ANAPHYLACTIC SHOCK

important message

Chisholm has children within the school who suffer from anaphylaxis. This is a severe allergy to certain foods – in this case, peanuts and other nut products. The allergy is so severe that the smallest exposure to nuts can have life threatening consequences. *Even a trace amount of peanut oil residue transferred from a child's hands when they flush the toilet, use a tap or open a door is enough to cause a severe reaction.* The school, therefore, treats this extremely seriously.

We ask that you support us by not sending any food items that contain nuts to school with your children. Our school canteen does not stock any items containing nuts.



Thank you for your co-operation in this matter

SPORT

Diocesan Sports Trials

The Parramatta Diocesan Sports trials are fast approaching. These are not school trials for sports teams but rather representative standard trials run by the Parramatta Diocesan Sports council for students to represent Parramatta at MacKillop trials. If your child is in Years 5 or 6 and is playing representative sport or in the case of no reps in a well-placed Division 1 team, please contact Mrs Baxter in writing with an expression of interest by this Thursday as the registration process for this closes this week.

AFL After School Clinic

This term from weeks 5-9 of a Wednesday afternoon AFL NSW will be running an after school AFL clinic on the grounds. Details regarding the clinic will come home next week when the organisers 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. Chisholm does support the program however the school doesn't accept payments or registrations. Please look out for the details next week if you are interested.

Parent Coaches

We are currently looking for a number of new coaches to run our sports at Chisholm this year. Help is needed especially in the areas of netball, touch football, rugby league, indoor cricket and soccer. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Baxter through the school office. Many of our long time coaches left last year so we are looking for a new breed of parents to take over the reigns. If we are unable to find coaches certain competitions may not be available for the children this year.

Diocesan Sport team News

Congratulations to Spencer Williams who made the Diocesan softball team last term. Good luck at the next level of competition.

Mrs Baxter – Sports Co-ordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY DAYS 2015

KINDER	Wednesday
YEAR 1	Tuesday & Thursday
YEAR 2	Thursday
YEAR 3	Tuesday
YEAR 4	Wednesday
YEAR 5	Tuesday
YEAR 6	Thursday

CHANGES FOR NEXT WEEK ONLY DUE TO YEAR 6 AT CANBERRA
Year 6 library day will be held on Tuesday and Year 3 will be on Thursday

Fiona Lark - Teacher Librarian



Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday over the holidays & will over the next two weeks:

Sally Galea, Nicholas Gatt, Penelope Shaffer, Breanna Monaghan, Nicholas Walker, Cameron Owen, Amelia Phipps, Cooper Clynick, Harrison Cusack, Susannah Cody, Oliver Abraham, Melodi Evans, Brianna-Marie Vella, Isabella Johnston, Serafina Monteleone, Zachary Kaun, Annalise Grima, Briana Cronin, Dylan Gow, Kane Marsh, Emma Withers, Alyssa Adams, Brodie Miljkovich, Kyan Rabbitt, Abbie Vincent, Paige Bryan, Bella-Rose McKeown, Sofie McKeown, Emily Baker, Patrick Yeates, Ethan Cordukes, Samuel Burk, Chloe Davenport, Cooper Cox, Emily Wilson, Harrison Hayek, Jai Walker, Aleisha Cipriano, Brielle Wild, Billy Taggart, Jason Mennell, Layne Zammit, Sienna Rapson, Thomas Goddard, Laura Bevan, Damon Jones, Brie Mitchell, Christopher Gatt, Bianca Szyszka, Blain Shepherd, Ella-Jae Buhagiar, Christian Sultana, Hayley Sciberras, Holleigh Edwards, Isabella Cody, Kane Cox, Charlotte Lane, Amelia Ireland, William Ayscough, Tamika Cavanagh, Joseph Delle Coste, Kayla Hume, Meyia Ryan-Clerke, Logan Follington, Rylee McKeon, Marne Van Zyl, Ben Ringrose, Dean Vassallo, Sarah Puglisi, Joshua Puglisi, Riley Dukes, Crystal Watts, Rhiannan Moss, Matthew Monaghan, Cooper Magann, Lacey O'Brien, Tarajay Lavender.

If your child is celebrating a Birthday at school & would like to share the celebration with their class (e.g. Birthday cake), please send cupcakes or something similar (individual items) as the classroom teachers are not equipped to cut up whole cakes. Thanks

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 1		
Wed	Feb 4	Elizabeth Williams, Elizabeth Vassallo
Thurs	Feb 5	Vicky Withers, Help needed
Fri	Feb 6	Monique Walker, Tami Adams
Mon	Feb 9	Kelly Williams, Help needed
Tue	Feb 10	Michelle McDonald, Sam Puglisi
Wed	Feb 11	Bernadette Sciberras, Michelle Penza
Thurs	Feb 12	Donna Goddard, Help needed
Fri	Feb 13	Michelle Vickery, Alison Lappalainen
Mon	Feb 16	Nina Dimech, Help needed
Tue	Feb 17	Nicole Bruce, Georgina Buchanan

Please find with this fortnights newsletter, a Term 1 Canteen Roster, if I have missed your name off or you would like to do a day please come and see me in the canteen.

Thank You

Sandra Goldsbrough
Canteen Co-ordinator



Learning Matters!

TERM 1, 2015 ~ PARENT PLANNER

*Last Updated
28th January 2015*

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Jan	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd System Leadership Meeting - Rosehill Gardens 8:30 to 4	23 rd	24 th /25 th
Feb 1	26 th Jan Australia Day Holiday	27 th Jan Teachers Commence	28 th Jan Yr 1 to 6 return Staff Mass 3.30	29 th Jan Kinders start	30 th Jan 9am Cheers & Tears	31 st Jan/1 st Feb
Feb 2	2 nd Hymn Practice 2pm	3 rd	4 th 2pm Infants (K, 1, 2) Incursions Bullying	5 th	6 th	7 th /8 th
Feb 3	9 th	10 th Beginning Year Mass 9am CCG - AGM	11 th Canberra Excursion	12 th Canberra Excursion	13 th Canberra Excursion Census	14 th /15 th
Feb 4	16 th Hymn Practice 2pm	17 th CCG – Executive Meeting	18 th <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Whole School Mass 9am	19 th Meet the teacher	20 th	21 st /22 nd
Feb/ March	23 rd	24 th Reconciliation – Yr 5 9.45am 7.30pm – First Eucharist Info Night - MPA	25 th 7.30pm – First Eucharist Info Night – St Matthew’s Church	26 th Meet the teacher	27 th	28 th Feb/1 st March
March 6	2 nd Assembly – Sunday Readings Hymn Practice 2pm	3 rd Reconciliation – Yr 6 9.45am	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th /8 th 7 th First Eucharist Commitment Mass 6pm St Matthew’s 8 th First Eucharist Commitment Mass 9.30am Chisholm & 9am St Matthew’s
March 7 Catholic Schools Week	9 th Assembly – Lent Week 2	10 th Reconciliation – Yr 4 9.45am	11 th Whole School Celebration 9am Grandparents Day – M/Tea	12 th Open Day for New Prospective Families 9.30-10.30 & 1.45- 2.45	13 th	14 th /15 th
March 8	16 th Assembly – Lent Week 3 Hymn Practice 2pm	17 th <i>St Patrick</i>	18 th	19 th <i>St Joseph</i>	20 th	21 st /22 nd
March 9	23 rd Assembly – Lent Week 4	24 th	25 th <i>Annunciation</i>	26 th	27 th	28 th /29 th
March/ April 10 HOLY WEEK	30 th Assembly – Lent Week 5 Hymn Practice 2pm	31 st March	1 st April	2 nd <i>Holy Thursday</i> Holy Week Liturgy 9am School Closes	3 rd Good Friday	4 th /5 th EASTER SUNDAY

We are safe, honest, respectful learners!