



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
Monday 8.15am-9.15am
and
Thursday 8.15am-9.15am
and **2.30pm-3.30pm**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THIS WEEK...

Wednesday 1st February
Thursday 2nd February
Friday 3rd February
Kindergarten – Best Start

Sundays

Parish Mass 9:30am
in the MPA

FUTURE DATES...

Monday 6th February
Kindergarten commence

Tuesday 14th February
Yr 5 Reconciliation
Parent / Teacher Interviews
Yrs. 1 - 6

Wednesday 15th February
Beginning School Mass 9am

For all the latest updates to the school calendar please check the Calendar of Events located on the school's website [Chisholm website](http://www.chisholmblighpark.catholic.edu.au)

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

A new year brings lots of new beginnings. I'm excited about beginning my new role as part of the Chisholm community. I am looking forward to getting to know you and working with you as we continue to strive for excellence in all we do.

A very warm welcome to all our children and staff for 2017 – those returning and those who join our learning community for the first time this year.

I hope that you enjoyed a relaxing holiday! This year looks to be an exciting one for Chisholm Catholic Primary. Thank you to parents and carers for all you have done to ensure the children have returned refreshed, enthusiastic and ready to learn in 2017.

All staff have been working tirelessly for your children over the last few weeks and the teachers have some engaging learning experiences organised for them.

On many occasions throughout the year you will be invited to attend events and participate in activities at our school. The children and the teachers look forward to your involvement. As always, if you are unsure or have any concerns, please ask.

We look forward to catching up with you during the upcoming weeks as you take up the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher.

Everyone is invited to join our community on Wednesday, 15 February for our Beginning of School Mass where we will welcome our new Kindergarten students, commission our school leaders, welcome new staff and celebrate the new school year.

Take Care

Michael Mifsud



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.

**If you work really hard
and are kind,
amazing things
will happen**

WELCOME BACK! BEGINNING YEAR

MASS: Our Beginning Year Mass is at 9am in the MPA on 15th February. Please join us to celebrate the new

school year and welcome new students and new teachers.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK is Week 7 and on Friday (10th March) we will celebrate Grandparents' Day as part of this week of celebrations. The day will begin with Mass at 9am, followed by open classrooms and morning tea. This is always an important day for the Chisholm community.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Our Year 4 students will begin preparation for First Eucharist this term. The Parent Meeting is on Tuesday, 28th February at 7.30 pm in the MPA here at Chisholm. If you are unable to attend this meeting there is also one on 1st March at 7.30 pm at St Matthew's. The Year 4 students will receive the Sacrament on either 24th May or 4th June.

In Christ,



Merilyn Hancock – Religious Education Co-ordinator

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Welcome to new staff members Luke Sultana, Bernadette Rogers, Jaclyn Hands, Toni Mitchell, Samantha Naylor, Anna Dedovic, Nancy McGavin and Sandra Hanigan.

We wish you all the best for 2017 and hope you have a rewarding year at Chisholm.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in schools. Every day of attendance adds to a student's academic achievement and success at school. Parents are essential partners in promoting good attendance because they have the ultimate responsibility to ensure that their child attends school every day arriving punctually to begin lessons promptly at 8:45am.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – TERM 1

Parent teacher interviews will be held this term in week 4, Tuesday 14th February and Thursday 16th 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.

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 today.

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.

SPORT & LIBRARY TIMETABLE 1

Please make sure students wear their correct sports uniform and bring their Library bags to school on the following days:

Tuesday - Year 6, Year 3, Year 1

Wednesday - Year 4, Kinder

Thursday - Year 5, Year 2, Year 1

DROP OFF

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

STUDENT SCHOOL LEADERS 2017

Congratulations to our 2017 student school leaders. These children were chosen as leaders as they are excellent role models and for being consistently safe, honest and respectful learners. These students will be commissioned and presented with their school leader badges at our Opening School Mass:

Rory Callanan, Abigail Saba, Chloe Teuma, Charlotte Brown, Erin Nelson, Rhys Carstairs

SPORT

Hills Zone Swimming Carnival

A note will be sent home this week regarding the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival. There has been a change to how the team is selected this year. Students will be notified this week if they have qualified according to qualifying times.

Diocesan Sports Trials for 2017

The Parramatta Diocesan Sports trials are starting this term for 2017. These are not school trials for sports teams but rather representative standard trials run by the Parramatta Diocesan Sports Council 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. There is a strict criteria for these trials which the children need to meet in order to attend these try outs and a limit of 2 students per school for sports such as netball, boys soccer and cricket. Please carefully consider this before sending in expressions of interest.

Coaches Needed

Coaches are needed for a variety of sports throughout the year such as Soccer, Rugby League, Touch Football and Netball. If you are available to assist please contact Mrs Baxter through the school office.

AFL After School Clinic

Commencing on 22nd February on a Wednesday afternoon 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, however, Chisholm does support the program. Please look out for the details next week if you are interested.

Karen Baxter – Sports Co-ordinator

2017 MAI'S THANK YOU

We would like to extend our gratitude to all of the parents who brought their children in last Friday and Monday for the Mathematics Assessment Interview. This interview is a key tool in enabling teachers to better understand each student's knowledge and understandings across the number strand in Mathematics. As a result it then helps them to better target the learning in each class and for each child. So on behalf of all of the teachers and your children we would like to say thank you for your support.

Simon Crothers on behalf of
The Maths Team

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN

Parents, children need to have their lunch orders completed at home before coming to school. The high volume of children wanting to write lunch orders in the morning causes the children to be constantly late for class and assemblies.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 1		
Wed	Feb 01	Simone Usher
Thurs	Feb 02	Amanda Allen
Fri	Feb 03	Tami Adams, Elizabeth Williams
Mon	Feb 06	Jessica Toms
Tues	Feb 07	Christine Moran
Wed	Feb 08	Bernadette Sciberras HELP NEEDED
Thurs	Feb 09	Nicole Anderson, Michelle Kew
Fri	Feb 10	Kristen Broadfoot, Kristina Anderson
Mon	Feb 13	Kia Taylor
Tues	Feb 14	Michelle Dimech

If you are able to help on any of these days, please contact me on 0421 907 442.

Volunteers are still required to assist in the canteen.

Sandra Goldsbrough - Canteen Co-ordinator



Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday over the coming weeks:

Kayla Hume, Meyia Ryan-Clerke, Logan Follington, Rylee McKeon, Luke Brown, Renee Dowie, Dean Vassallo, Sarah Puglisi, Joshua Puglisi, Riley Dukes, Zachary Vella, Kayleigh O'Brien, Alena Busa, Rhiannan Moss, Matthew Monaghan, Lacey O'Brien, Cohen Moore.

Congratulations to the Rapson family on the birth of beautiful baby girl

Ellie Grace

Born on 15th January 2017
Sister for Riley (6W) and Sienna (3G)

Learning Matters!

Principal	Michael Mifsud
Assistant Principal	Andrew Emanuel
Religious Education Co-ordinator	Merilyn Hancock

2017 Class Room Teachers

Early Stage 1	Kinder Grey	Samantha Brimfield
	Kinder Maroon	Leanne Hilder
	Kinder White	Lyndal Dowd
Stage 1	1 Grey	Bernadette Rogers
	1 Maroon	Jaclyn Hands
	1 White	Jan Ryan
	2 Grey	Mark Galea / Rebecca Sidorenko
	2 Maroon	Toni Mitchell
	2 White	Rosemary Smith
Stage 2	3 Grey	Maria Micallef
	3 Maroon	Ashleigh Tabone
	3 White	Simon Crothers / Samantha Naylor
	4 Grey	Michelle Feneley / Sue McNamara
	4 Maroon	Rosemary Johnson
	4 White	Maree McMahon
Stage 3	5 Grey	Janet Young
	5 Maroon	Belinda Gatt / Cathie Emanuel
	5 White	Anna Dedovic
	6 Grey	Jana Fizely
	6 Maroon	Rebecca Cordukes / Julie Grunberg
	6 White	Merilyn Hancock / Lisa Kay

Creative Arts	Sarah Watson / Julie Grunberg
Reading Recovery	Diane Jones / Carmen Ford
EMU/Maths	Carmen Ford / Andrew Emanuel / Ashleigh Tabone
Literacy/Numeracy - Instructional Leader	Natalie Colburt
Sport	Karen Baxter
Learning Support	Mary Sullivan, Nancy McGavin, Diane Jones, Andrew Emanuel
Learning Centre	Fiona Lark
Teacher Assistants	Cathie Conolly, Helen Hutton, Sandra Hanigan, Michelle Sztelma, Christine Cassin
Information Technology Trainee	Luke Sultana

Stage Co-ordinators

Early Stage 1/Stage 1	Mark Galea
Stage 2	Simon Crothers
Stage 3	Belinda Gatt

2017 Ancillary Staff

Office	Denise Argus, Michelle Siegenthaler, Kelly Milgate
Cafe	Sandra Goldsbrough / Tami Adams
Uniform	Belinda Ross

We are safe, honest, respectful learners!