



Chisholm Catholic Primary School

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Wednesday, 15 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally reached the end of what has been a challenging term for all of us. Many thanks to our wonderful students who have shown resilience, perseverance and belief in themselves in these difficult times. I also wish to thank each one of you for the trust, honesty and faith you have in us as a school. Finally an enormous thanks to our passionate, dedicated, professional and enthusiastic staff for their commitment to our community. I am proud of each and every one of them.



It is with great pleasure that I share the news that both Mrs McKay and Mrs Fitzgerald are expecting in the new year. The Chisholm community wish Rebecca & Dale, and Kate & Jake much happiness as loving parents to beautiful, healthy and happy bundles of joy. I also wish Mrs Alana Attard and her husband Daniel love and best wishes for the impending birth of their first child.



Please keep in your thoughts and prayers members of our school community who are unwell, grieving or just feeling challenged at this time. We all have our own stories, some things are shared and others are hidden in our hearts.

Mr Andrew Emanuel has informed me of his decision to officially resign the position of Assistant Principal at Chisholm. His positive attitude, empathy, professionalism and passion for quality teaching and learning will be missed by all of us. His good humour and kindness will be missed by all of us. The permanent position for Assistant Principal at Chisholm has been advertised. Shortlisting and Interviews will occur in the coming weeks.

Fun Friday

This Friday, no new remote learning tasks will be posted. All students are encouraged instead to complete or catch up on any tasks they may have missed in their Google Classroom. A compilation of fun activities have been organised for children to choose to complete if they wish (see attached). Students may even like to do some of the tasks in the school holidays for fun. Our Grade Zoom Student Connectors on Friday will continue as usual. Please remember to remind your children to follow our Zoom protocols.

Holiday Reading

In order to maintain reading proficiency it is essential that all students read at home daily during the holidays. This daily practice will ensure that they are ready to continue the important work they will be doing with their teachers in their zoom reading sessions.

Students (K-2) have access to the PM eCollection website and students in Years 3 - 6 have access to the SORA eLibrary.

Reading Groups

This week (Week 10), all students from Years 1- 6 will receive through their email a link which they will be able to use for their zoom reading groups. These are set to begin in Week One of next term. Students will be able to use the same link to access zooms weekly. The time and day of the week your child will have their zoom will be given in the same email.

Just a reminder that the protocols for our reading group zooms have been shared in the letters that all parents have received regarding reading zooms, and will need to be adhered to for the benefit and safety of all students.

Chisholm's Got Talent

Chisholm's Got Talent will be returning in 2021 in a digital format. All children wishing to participate will have all holidays to rehearse and perfect their act. Once finalised, a (maximum) 3 minute video of their finished performance can be emailed to the school email address. Please ensure all of the performance is appropriate for student viewing (including costumes, props, lyrics, jokes and backgrounds), the video is filmed in landscape and all elements can be heard clearly. Submissions are due by the end of Week 1, Term 4 (Friday October 8). A Grand Finale video will be compiled for enjoyment which will be shared later in the term.

Flattened Teacher Challenge

This week your child will be receiving an invitation in the mail from their grade teachers to take part in a challenge that will be fun for the children to complete during the course of Term 4. All the instructions can be found in the task.

Please remember to upload the photos to a folder ready to share them with teachers during next term. We thank you in advance for supporting your child to complete this fun initiative.

General

A reminder that if your family requires additional support at this time, we are here to help. This includes parents & carers experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. Information is also available on our school website.

Finally, Premier Gladys Berejiklian and the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning Sarah Mitchell, recently outlined the NSW government's roadmap for schools to return to face-to-face learning in Term 4 depending on NSW Health guidelines. We will continue to update you on the progress of the proposed return to school early next term.

Please be assured that we will continue to support your children in their learning and wellbeing during this time. Our teachers will continue to check in with phone calls to support you also.

As always the health, safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and parents/carers is our priority.

Stay Safe, Take Care and have a restful break.

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