



Chisholm Matters

Newsletter of Chisholm Catholic Primary School, Bligh Park

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Diary Dates

Monday 26 November
Bede Polding
Orientation

Friday 30 November
Yr. 2-5 Swimming
Carnival

Year 6 Big Day In

K-Yr.1 Fun Day

Monday 3 December
Parent Prayer 9.15am

Tuesday 4 December
CCG Meeting 7pm

Friday 7 December
Christmas Music
Showcase 9am

Parent Thank you
Morning Tea 10.45am

Monday 10 December
Awards Assembly
8.45am

Friday 14 December
End of Year Mass &
Year 6 Farewell
11am -1pm

Monday 17 December
Christmas Mufti Day

Uniform Shop last Day

Andrew Chinn Concert
5.30pm

Wed 19 December
Last Day Term 4

Thursday 20 December
Friday 21 December
Pupil Free Days

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

It's great to be back after my recent time away with Natalie and Toby in Europe. We visited many fabulous places together, visited family in Italy, enjoyed delicious food, but most of all spent quality time with each other.

Last week we welcomed our new Kindergarten students at our Orientation for 2019. What a beautiful group of children. We also met with their parents and carers who were all enthusiastic. They are all looking forward to their sons and daughters experiences at Chisholm over the next 7 years. A very big thanks to Sara Morgan and Sylvia Horvath for their wonderful insights into what makes Chisholm Catholic Primary School the choice for their children.

Congratulations to our CCG for their efforts this year particularly with the Twilight Fair. Their commitment to bringing together such a quality community event never cease to impress me. I am extremely grateful for all of their contributions. A special mention to Bec Monaghan and Andrea Deters-Horan for coordinating such a tremendous event.

Andrew Emanuel and I met with the CCG for a Twilight Fair review meeting on Tuesday evening. Following a lengthy evaluation of this year's event it was decided that our next Chisholm Fair will be in 2020. This will give us time to plan, gather sponsors and recruit parent and carer assistance which was unfortunately lacking this year. An event such as our Twilight Fair requires volunteers before, during and after the event. This 2 year target will hopefully enable us to achieve success at our next Fair. Without your assistance it will be impossible to proceed. Next year we will be planning smaller fundraisers including an exciting 'Athon'. Once again thanks to those who contributed to and supported this year's Twilight Fair.

We are all excited about next year and the plans for the refurbishment of the Year 1 and 2 learning spaces. Due to the recently received staffing allocation for 2019 our Year 3 will consist of 2 class groups as will our Year 6 grade. This is based on student numbers in each grade group. For this reason our Year 3 and Year 6 spaces will also be modified to enable the grade groups to work together. The main changes will provide for a more open space between the classes to allow for flexible groupings and collaborative teaching.

In my absence our new Senior Finance Officer Bernadette Alexander commenced at Chisholm. Bernadette comes to us with a wealth of experience. We are all very fortunate to have her at our school. I know you will make her feel welcome as I know she will always greet you with a smile.

Over the next few weeks we will be finalising staffing for 2019. A full list of staff will be published as soon as it has all been confirmed.

As always please contact me if you have any concerns or questions. We are in this together.

Take Care

Michael

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Unity is strength...
when there is
teamwork and
collaboration,
wonderful things can
be achieved.

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CHISHOLM STUDENT ATTENDANCE EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY

This week's overall attendance figure for Chisholm is:

86.3 %

This is 3.7 % below our Diocesan target and 4.3 % above the current Diocesan average of 82%.
Congratulations to Year 3. Their attendance rate this week is 92.6.

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.

A graphic with a purple starburst shape on a teal background. To the left of the starburst is an illustration of a stack of four books (yellow, green, blue, and red) with a yellow conical flask on top, emitting a small flame. A magnifying glass is positioned over the text inside the starburst. The text inside the starburst reads: "Did you know", "1 in 6 primary students are not attending school regularly. Schools are here to help.", and "If you are having attendance issues with your child please contact us so we can support you to address them." Below the starburst, on the right, are two logos: "every learner every day" with a green checkmark icon, and the "Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta" logo featuring a blue flame icon.

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Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

BACK TO SCHOOL 2019

Parents, if you intend travelling overseas or interstate during the Christmas holidays and your child/children will be returning to school late in 2019 due to extended holidays or any other reason, could you please notify the office, in writing, that this will be happening noting the date your child will be returning for the 2019 school year.

Chisholm Prayer Space

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



Uniform Requirements

	Summer Uniform	Winter Uniform
Boys	Maroon Shorts Grey shirt (short sleeve) Grey socks Black lace-up leather shoes	Grey trousers Grey short sleeve shirt Grey Socks
Girls	Grey check uniform White Socks Black lace-up or buckle up leather shoes	Maroon / Grey tunic Maroon / Grey slacks Blue blouse White socks or grey stockings
Unisex: Sports	Grey polo shirt Maroon sports shorts Maroon track suits	‘Chisholm’ sports socks are compulsory Joggers

Maroon zip jackets or sloppy joes are also worn.

Maroon hats are worn daily.

A “No hat, no play” policy applies at Chisholm.

PARENTS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- ◆ Tracksuit pants are only to be worn on sports day:
- ◆ Chisholm Sport socks are to be worn. These are purchased from the Uniform Shop.
- ◆ Girls stockings (winter) are to be **light** grey. *(Socks are not to be worn over stockings).*

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 and steps.

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.

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

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.

Thank you

Michael Mifsud – *Principal*

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

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Semester 2 Reports

Your child's Semester 2 report is being prepared by their class teacher and will be sent home on Thursday 13 December.

You may wish to request an interview and make a time to meet with your child's teacher, at your convenience. As always, we encourage open communication and your child's class teacher is the best person to talk to if you need any information about their learning at any time. We look forward to sharing some of the great student learning and achievements from this semester as we continue to work in partnership.

Awards Ceremony 10th December

CRITERIA – END OF YEAR AWARDS

Two categories of awards are presented to each class group at the end of each year. Each classroom teacher will nominate one student for these annual awards. Students may receive an award more than once during their time at Chisholm. Not every student will receive an award during their time at Chisholm. The two categories are:

Christian Leadership

- ✓ Consistently displays a caring attitude towards others
- ✓ Reflects school expectations in attitude and action
- ✓ Exemplifies a safe, honest, respectful learner

Learning

- ✓ Demonstrates initiative in pursuit of excellence and independence
- ✓ Shows creative and critical thinking in response to tasks
- ✓ Exemplifies being a safe, honest, respectful learner

This year, our awards will be presented at our Assembly on Monday 10th December at 8.45am.



Parent Thank You Morning Tea 10.45am

The staff of Chisholm would like to thank the large number of parents who generously give their time to support the school, in so many different ways, throughout the year. As a way of recognising this huge contribution we would like to invite all parents who have supported the school in any capacity in the Classrooms, Canteen, CCG, Learning Centre, as a coach, or any other area, to a thank you morning tea on Friday 7th December. We hope to see you all there so we can say thank you!

Andrew Emanuel – Assistant Principal

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN THE REAL WORLD

Jesus calls us to action every day. The Stage 3 Expo on Friday was fantastic. Congratulations to the students on such successful learning which took them from theory to action. Very impressive. Students were articulate and understood the issues they were showcasing in such professional ways.

ST MATTHEW'S CHRISTMAS CAROLS - CANCELLED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the St Matthew's Christmas Carols (7th December 6pm-8.30) have been cancelled. Next year there will be a bigger and better event to celebrate the birth of Jesus in our community. Thank you for the support of the parents who sent back their replies so promptly to allow their children to participate. Your child/ren will still be performing on the same date but at 9am in the morning.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC SHOWCASE

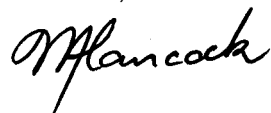
Date: Friday 7th December, 2018
Time: 9am

ANDREW CHINN CONCERT: A STAR IS BORN

Date: Monday, 17th December, 2018
Time: 5.30 (Sausage Sizzle)
6.30 (Concert)

Get into the spirit of Christmas by coming to our Christmas events.

In Christ,



Merilyn Hancock – Religious Education Coordinator



SPORTS NEWS

Parramatta Diocesan Sports Trials for 2019

The Parramatta Diocesan Sports trials for 2019 are starting this term. These are not school trials for sports teams but rather representative standard trials run by the Parramatta Diocesan Sports council to represent Parramatta at the MacKillop trials. If your child is in Years 5 or 4 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 are strict criteria for these trials which the children need to meet in order to attend these try outs with 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.

Year 2-5 Swimming Carnival

The Chisholm Swimming Carnival for Years 2-5 is on next Friday 30th November 2018. Please return the completed permission notes with signatures for the nominated events.

We are in need of parent helpers for the carnival. If you are able to assist please contact Mrs Baxter.

National PSSA Softball Championships

Congratulations to Darcy Williams and the entire NSW PSSA Male Softball Team. Last week Darcy competed in Canberra at the National PSSA Softball Championships. The NSW team went through the competition undefeated and won the gold medal.

Karen Baxter – Sports Coordinator

GENERAL NEWS

Christmas Hampers

Chisholm is collecting food items for St Vincent de Paul to distribute in their Christmas hampers for families in the Hawkesbury area. Each grade has been designated a category. Each child will be assigned a day to bring their item in as part of a reverse Advent calendar (a note has been sent home explaining this and also letting you know your child's day).

Kindy- Christmas food (e.g. pudding, custard)

Year 1- tinned vegetables/fruit

Year 2- soup (packet/tinned) or biscuits

Year 3- tinned meat (e.g. tuna, spam)

Year 4- cereal

Year 5- pasta sauce/pasta

Year 6- cordial or long life milk



In return for the item, **Monday Week 10** will be a **Christmas Mufti Day** to say thank you. Come in your merriest, most festive gear!

Jana Fizely

CHISHOLM COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

The Chisholm Community Group are thrilled to announce that we were able to present Mr Mifsud and Mr Emanuel on behalf of Chisholm Catholic Primary School a cheque for

\$30000 raised from the Chisholm Twilight Fair!! This is an amazing effort and we feel so proud to do so on behalf of the greater Chisholm Community.



On Tuesday evening we came together to reflect on all aspects of the fair. We had lots of discussions about what worked well, what we enjoyed and what maybe didn't work so well and what we can tweak for future fairs. We appreciate the feedback coming in from our Chisholm families!

CCG MEETING: Tuesday 4th December, 7pm in the staffroom. This is our last meeting for the year we'd love to see you!

We are looking forward to the end of year event the Andrew Chinn Concert on the 17th December.

Rebecca Monaghan
On behalf of the CCG



Kindergarten Mission

This term in Kindergarten we have been exploring ways that we can help those in need. We were given the question 'How can we be kind and loving like Jesus?'.



We worked hard making bookmarks, bracelets, books, posters and food items. We had a photo booth, disco and even portrait drawing!

We raised a total of \$432!

Thank you to all of the students at Chisholm who were able to donate money.



'I feel so happy and proud that we are able to help the farmers'. Ruby J



'The best part is that we made lots of money and we can help people' Olivia.

Uniform Shop

Monday 17 December will be the last day of trading for the Uniform Shop for 2018.

The Uniform shop will re-open in 2019 on **Wednesday 30 January 2019**.

It will be open from **10.00am** until **12.00pm**.

CANTEEN ROSTER		
TERM 4		
Friday	November 23	Kristen Broadfoot, Tami Adams
Monday	November 26	Clare Willemse
Tuesday	November 27	Sarah Kelly
Wednesday	November 28	Jade Graham, HELP NEEDED
Thursday	November 29	Natalie Allen
Friday	November 30	Swimming Carnival
Monday	December 3	Jessica Toms
Tuesday	December 4	Andrew Broadfoot
Wednesday	December 5	Nicky Spiteri
Thursday	December 6	Amanda Allen

As you are aware we run a very busy canteen, and to do this we need more volunteers.

If I have left your name off the roster or if you can help out one day a term please ring me or come and see me.

Thank you

Sandra Goldsbrough - Canteen Coordinator

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★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

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

Mackenzie Kitching, Ella Walker, Jaxson Goodier, Gedy Tuguinay, Alexis Sharp, Emma Lappalainen, Luke Ireland, Olivia Brown, Jaxson Smith, Matthew Innes, William Mudge, Eesha Chand, Seth Roeland, James Grima, Ava Portelli, Noah Kew, Grace Gruppetta, Braxton Kennedy, Charlotte Schroder.

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a Christmas Concert with
Andrew Chinn



*Composer of ...These Hands,
Rainbow, Together As One,
In the Beginning,
Shine Among Them &
Under Your Star*

appearing at:
CHISHOLM CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
30 Collith Avenue, Bligh Park
Monday 17th December 2018
5.30 SAUSAGE SIZZLE
6.30 CONCERT
Please bring a rug or folding chair.

Learning Matters

This term in our Geography and History unit, students in Year One are learning about important holidays and celebrations in Australian and other countries. This unit involves researching how other countries celebrate important holidays and events.

Last Friday the Year One students participated in a Chinese Dragon Dance Incursion conducted by EG incursions. The students learnt about why the dragon is used in their dancing, the significance of the colour red and the different movements that are used to make the dragon come alive. The children were then given the opportunity to participate in their own Chinese Dragon dancing performance.

The students were engaged and enjoyed the experience of learning about the Chinese tradition of dragon dancing.



PBL News

Our PBL Kitchen Gardens Project in Years 3 and 6...

The gardens have been progressing and students have been able to make some healthy recipes using their 'home grown' vegetables.

Year 3 developed a recipe on how to make rice paper rolls using a range of fresh vegetables. They used a procedure to make the product. There was an emphasis on using verbs and adverbs as the steps were demonstrated. The theoretical component involved looking at the nutrition content in the rice paper and noodles and classifying food students had in their lunch box according to the healthy diet pyramid. The students were excited to be able to harvest some of the lettuce and beans grown in the Year 3 gardens and use it to make their rice paper rolls.



Year 6 were involved in the process of being 'food handlers', creating a dish from a procedure they had devised to make a garden salad.

They had lots of fun in the process of developing the skills including: research, organisation, team work, following a procedure, packing and cleaning, thinking about and discussing the importance of hygienic practices.



Remembrance Day

We had the opportunity to participate in a beautiful Liturgy in our school MPA led by Fr Gayan for Remembrance Day, organised by Mrs Hancock. It was a special commemoration with guest speaker Leon Walker and a LAC who visited classrooms and spoke to the students about the significance of Remembrance Day. On Sunday the 11th November, student leaders from Chisholm represented our community laying a wreath at a service at Macquarie Park in Windsor.



We are safe, honest, respectful learners!