Dear Families of Chisholm,

Catholic Schools Week 2016

From 6-12 March, our school will join with more than 620 Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate the annual Catholic Schools Week (CSW).

We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage, and are committed to celebrating and showcasing the achievements of students in our school.

This year’s theme is ‘I belong. You belong. We belong.’

The 2016 CSW theme ties with the Church’s celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which recognises our Catholic faith values of forgiveness, compassion, strength, aid and love.

Our school is proud of the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms every day, as well as the contribution our schools have made to Australian communities, in particular the more vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our wider community.

It is for this reason that I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us to participate with members of our parish and wider community in the spirit of this celebration.

Our school will be celebrating in the following ways.

Friday 4th March  Catholic Schools Week and Grandparents Day. We will celebrate mass at 9.00am. Open classrooms from 10.15 – 11.00am. Morning tea from 11.00-11.45am.

Tuesday 8th March  9.30-10.30am and 1:45-2:45pm. Open Day information sessions for prospective new families looking to enroll their children at Chisholm.

Sunday 13th March  9:30am Parish Commitment Mass for First Eucharist

Our school has a supportive community of teachers, parents, carers, CCG, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to focus on giving students the best possible education in the Catholic tradition, encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of Chisholm and I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes

For all the latest updates to the school calendar please check the term calendars located on the schools website.
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.

**GRANDPARENTS’ DAY:** This Friday is Grandparents’ Day, which we celebrate as part of Catholic Schools’ Week. We welcome all grandparents to join us for Mass, open classrooms and morning tea. Mass is at 9am in the MPA.

**FIRST EUCHARIST:** Tonight is the First Eucharist Meeting for the parents of our Year 4 students. The meeting is at 7.30pm in the MPA. If you are unable to attend this meeting there is also one on 2nd March at 7.30 pm at St Matthew’s. The Year 4 students will receive the Sacrament on either 22nd May or 29th May. There will be a Commitment Mass for these students preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time at Chisholm on 13th March at 9.30 am.

Marilyn Hancock – Religious Education Co-ordinator

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

Every day at school counts. School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in schools. It’s important that children are at school all day, every day. It’s ok to not be at school if you are sick or there is a natural disaster but it is not ok to be away because you slept in, to go shopping, to meet friends. Each day’s learning builds on what has been learned before so even one day can make a difference. Parents can help by promoting the importance of school by ensuring that their child attends school every day arriving punctually to begin lessons promptly at 8:45am. With this newsletter is a flyer regarding school attendance. Please read this carefully and help your child establish and consolidate a good attendance habit.

**OPEN DAY FOR 2017**

Our Open Day for Kindergarten 2017 will be held on Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 9.30am to 10:30am and 1:45pm to 2:45pm in our multi-purpose area. Prospective new families for Kindergarten in 2017 as well as students Years 1 to Year 6 are invited to attend our Open Day. Enrolment packs will be available on the day or from the school office. Our fee schedule for 2016 is available to download from our website.

A decision has been made to move away from printing the school newsletter each fortnight. This is both a cost effective practice and environmentally friendly. Sending home newsletters via email will commence at the beginning of Term 2. We will be using the email facility to notify parents more and more rather than via paper. All excursions and notes that require a reply slip will still continue to be sent home via your child. Other information notes ie: Grade overviews, CCG notices etc, will be sent via your nominated e-mail account setup on the school website in E-News Subscription.

E-News Subscription

Sign up now to receive our newsletters, with all the latest news and school events from Chisholm Catholic Primary School, straight to your email inbox. Access is on the website, please complete your details & click on the subscribe to E-News button, it’s that simple.

It is therefore important that you make sure that you submit your current email address and regularly check your emails for any information sent from the school. School newsletters are also available on the school website to download.

During the transition from paper to email some printed copies will be available for collection from the school office.

BEDE POLDING COLLEGE ENROLMENTS 2017

Applications for Enrolment to Bede Polding College for Year 7 2017 are available now.

During Catholic Schools Week, school tours will be conducted on Wednesday 9th March 2016 3:30pm – 5:30pm. Each tour starts with a brief ten minute presentation by the Principal, Mr Kevin Jones. The tours are led by students of the College.

Please call the school by Monday 7th March to register for a school tour. Any further enquiries, please phone the College on 4577 6455.
As of Monday the 28th of March (week 10, term 1) the uniform shop trading days will be changing. The new days of trading will be Monday 8:15 – 9:15am and Thursday 8:15 – 9:15am and 2:30 – 3:30pm. (No longer open on Fridays)

Uniform orders can be made using the uniform price list by simply filling out the price list and sending it through to the office.

Winter uniforms will be available for purchase as of Monday the 14th March.

Belinda Ross – Uniform Co-ordinator

Hills Zone and Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Well done to the 25 children that competed in the Hills Zone swimming carnival at Windsor Pool last Monday. A great effort from everyone - cheering and supporting competitors showed great team spirit. Congratulations to David Windsor 1st 50m Freestyle (new record), 3rd 50m Backstroke and 4th 50m Breaststroke also to Lachlan Beattie 4th Butterfly. Both boys then backed up and competed at the Diocesan last Friday. David Windsor has made it through to the next level at McKillop which will be held later this term. A huge thank you to our parents who assisted with the timekeeping throughout the day. It was appreciated by the organisers and students participating on the day.

Chisholm Sport Team Coaches
We are still looking for team coaches in all sports this year. Please contact Mrs Baxter through the school office ASAP.

School Cross Country

A note will come home this week regarding the Chisholm 3-6 Cross Country on 17th March appealing for parent helpers. Please watch out for the note. It’s a 2 hour event that starts at 9am and is completed by recess, please let Mrs Baxter know if you are able to assist. Also it is probably a good idea for those students interested to start doing a little training prior to the event, some training has been done during sport lessons this term already but extra home training will help with greater endurance.

Karen Baxter – Sport Co-ordinator

SPORT UNIFORM DAYS 2016

Children are to wear their sports uniform & bring their Library bags on the following days:

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The timetable requires that Year 1 children will need to wear their sports uniform on both Tuesdays & Thursdays to accommodate a rotation of sport lessons. Any specific changes will be notified in advance. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

CCG SCHOOL DISCO & TWILIGHT

CCG announces the first exciting event of the year “The Chisholm School Disco and Twilight Markets”

To be held on Friday 18th March 2016.

See the flyer for more details.

HAWKESBURY SHOW ART COMPETITION 2016

Every year the children of Chisholm are invited to enter an individual piece of artwork into the Art Competition at the Hawkesbury Show. An individual piece of work means that the children must have created the art at home, on their own. All entries need to be given to their class teacher by Tuesday 8th March 2016.

Artwork must be A4 and must be on flat art paper only.

The children must sign all artwork on the front.

Please ensure that the following details are on the back of the artwork:

- Name:
- Class:
- Age: (at 1st May 2016)
- Title of Work:

Looking forward to seeing some great artworks,

Julie Grunberg - Creative Arts

PROJECT COMPASSION DAY

This term we will be having a fundraiser called Project Compassion Day on Friday Week 8. This day will be full of fun activities and each grade will be given a different country/flag to dress up in. Each grade will come out of their class sometime within the day and join in some activities that will help raise awareness of the different situations in the countries Caritas is working in. This is all to go with the theme, “learning more, creating change”. This day will require a gold coin donation and there will be a note going home about this soon. We also encourage you to keep contributing to Project Compassion. Thank you

Veronica Bourke - 6M

| CANTEEN ROSTER |
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| **TERM 1**      |                 |
| Wed             | Mar 2           | Christina Moran, Simone Usher |
| Thurs           | Mar 3           | Amanda Allen, Michelle Kew |
| Fri             | Mar 4           | Kristina Anderson, Natalie Allen, Nicole Spiteri, Carmen Sultana |
| Mon             | Mar 7           | Rochelle Wilkins, Jade Millan |
| Tue             | Mar 8           | Danielle Egan, Kirsti Cody |
| Wed             | Mar 9           | Christie Cee, Michelle Kew |
| Thurs           | Mar 10          | Nicole Spiteri, Tanya Basí |
| Fri             | Mar 11          | Kristen Broadfoot, Tanya Basí |
| Mon             | Mar 14          | Kia Taylor, Coralie Livingstone |
| Tue             | Mar 15          | Michelle Dimich, Kim Ford |

Lent ~ Fish Fridays

4 Fish Fingers & Sauce $2.70
Fish Burger, Lettuce & Mayo $3.80

Sandra Goldsborough
Canteen Co-ordinator

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

Zachary Todd, Jessica Padroth, Sienna Blissnet, Sienna Pace, Ashlee Hedges, Carla Bietola, Logan Gruppetta, Lewis May, Hayley Turner, Cameron Spiteri, Charlotte Hair, William Dimech, Talisha Masini, Jacob Tunks, Christina Jounou, Bianca Bird, Matilda Williams, Que Penza.
Speaking and Listening
What do students talk about? There are many opportunities throughout the day for purposeful talk around the topics students are learning about as well as their own learning goals. Students are encouraged to articulate how they are going with their learning goals and what they can do to move closer to achieving them.

Reading and Viewing
Daily reading opportunities include:
Reading aloud to students involves teachers reading a variety of quality texts including novels and picture books. They model proficient reading and a love of literature.
Shared or Modelled Reading involves the teachers and students reading together from an enlarged text - either a big book, poster or a digital text displayed on a screen. Teachers model specific skills and strategies that students need to be a proficient reader at an appropriate level for the students. Students participate at various points throughout the modelled reading session.
Small Group Reading This may look different across the grades depending on the needs of the learners, but always involves the teacher working with a small group of students to enhance their understanding of a text. In each session, the students are responsible for reading the text, and the teacher acts as a guide on the side, prompting when necessary and leading discussion around the meaning of the text. Teachers identify a specific teaching point with the group, as a goal for the lesson. The teacher works with two groups of students each day, whilst others are working independently on tasks that will develop their reading skills.

Writing and Composing
Daily Writing opportunities include:
Modelled and Shared Writing is the opportunity for teachers to model writing skills and strategies to the students. Over the year, students build upon their knowledge of what a great writer does. Students are encouraged to contribute and share ideas as the text is composed.
Guided Writing involves the teacher working with a small group of students with a similar writing goal each day. Teachers offer individual support as students compose their own texts.
Independent Writing enables students to plan, draft, edit and proofread their own texts. Students produce texts for varied purposes and audiences such as imaginative, informative or persuasive texts.