Dear Families of Chisholm,

This weekend we will celebrate Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. The Liturgy of Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem – only a few days before he was arrested and crucified.

In the story of Holy Week we witness the journey of Jesus to the cross. We see Jesus in all humility and obedience choosing to surrender himself for the good of all creation. In walking the path he did, Jesus abandoned himself completely into God’s loving care and mercy. He shows us how to fall into the arms of God, trusting in God’s absolute goodness.

The Liturgies of Holy Week are a public profession of belief in Jesus and His mission. They are in fact a splendid act of faith.

Faith gives us an entirely new dimension to our lives just as it does to the rituals of Holy Week. Faith enriches our lives and the world in which we live. It is faith that enables us to allow God into our lives so that we can see ourselves, and our place in this world in a totally different and meaningful way.

Israel Folau, the much acclaimed, fullback for the Australian Wallabies Rugby Union team, once declared, “God is my GPS!” The idea of God as my compass, my map and direction finder seems to be an excellent challenge and aspiration for us all.

Holy Week presents us each with the opportunity to reflect on God’s plan for us. In today’s world with so much suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness we need to be people of faith “waving palms of hope, resurrection and new life” to point the way to a brighter future. Easter looks to the future, and Jesus invites us to look to the future with him.

Through the use of prayer and scripture the children and teachers will be reflecting on the significant events of Holy Week each day next week.

I take this early opportunity to wish all our families a happy and blessed Easter in the coming weeks.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes
HOLY WEEK

This is the most sacred part of our liturgical year. We will be remembering the last journey of Jesus to the cross by praying the scriptural Stations of the Cross, which were written by St John Paul II. Each class will dramatise a station. You are welcome to join us. There will be a liturgy at 9am each morning of Holy Week. These will be in the MPA.

- Monday – Palm Sunday (Kinder and Year 1)
- Tuesday – Stations 1-6 (Year 2 and Year 3)
- Wednesday – Stations 7 – 12 (Year 4 and Year 5)
- Thursday – Stations 13 – 14 (Year 6)

EASTER

There will be an Easter celebration with Mass at 9am on Wednesday 30th March in the MPA. Please come and celebrate the Risen Christ with your children. Year 6 will be participating in the ministries.

I am very fortunate to be able to attend the Holy Week ceremonies and Easter celebrations in Malta with other teachers from our Diocese. I have heard from our Maltese parents that this will be something very special.

Wishing you a prayerful Holy Week and a joyful Easter.

Marilyn Hancock – Religious Education Co-ordinator

BIKE SAFETY

At Chisholm we have an increasing number of children riding bikes or scooters to school. If your child rides to school parents are asked to remind their child/children about the following safety rules. Helmets must be worn while riding at all times. Bikes and scooters may only be pushed in the school grounds and on the footpath outside the school, especially in the afternoons during bus duty and Kiss and drop duty. Bikes and scooters are to be parked in the designated area between the Year 3 and Year 4 buildings. Children only have permission to use their own bike or scooter. Parents are also asked to discuss appropriate road rules while riding to and from school in the interest of keeping everyone safe. Thank you for your assistance.

CCG – CHISHOLM COMMUNITY GROUP

CCG’s first event of the year “The Chisholm School Disco” is fast approaching. To be held on Friday 18th March, refer to the flyers sent home for more details of this event, we would love to see you there. Our next event will be Mother's Day Liturgy & Morning Tea along with the Mother's Day Stall Friday 6th May.

KINDERGATEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

For parents wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten for 2017 applications are now being accepted. Interview times are being timetabled and conducted with the aim that they will be completed by the end of next term. If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at Chisholm in 2017, now is the time to remind them to place their applications at the school office.

PARENT HANDBOOK

The school’s 2016 Parent Handbook has recently been updated and is now available from the schools front office also available on the schools website.

UNIFORM & GROOMING

A big thank you to all of our parents who are very supportive and continue to send their child/children to school dressed in the correct school uniform and with appropriate grooming, especially haircuts. This is a great way to instil self-respect and respect for the school community to which they belong. Recently a number of boys came to school with haircuts that; were not even in length, were layered or sculptured. In addition some girls are neglecting to tie their hair back and wearing ankle socks. This does not meet the Chisholm uniform code.

Parents are reminded of the following grooming requirements regarding hair.

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 “hair 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. Correct length socks are also required.

If your child does not meet the Chisholm uniform code a uniform letter will be sent home with the expectation that the required adjustments will be made.

We thank you for your ongoing understanding in not sending mixed messages to the children and supporting us in being consistent with the Chisholm grooming and uniform policy.

UNIFORM SHOP

- 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)

Please note Winter Uniform Changeover will take place from Term 2, Week 2 Monday 9th May. (All students are required to be in full winter uniform by this date.)

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.

Year 6 Sport shirt orders are required before 1st April, if you haven't returned your order form please do ASAP thanks.

Belinda Ross – Uniform Co-ordinator
SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & EMAILS

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. At this time 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.

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SPORT

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Chisholm Cross Country/Fun Run
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Karen Baxter – Sport Co-ordinator

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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. We also encourage you to keep contributing to Project Compassion. Thank you

Veronica Bourke – 6M

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TERM 1

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Parents are reminded to please send plastic spoons from home for yoghurts, fruits etc. or these can be bought at the canteen for a cost of 10c each. Thanks

Sandra Goldsbrough
Canteen Co-ordinator

NON SCHOOL / PARISH

HOLY WEEK MASSES AND SERVICES

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7.30pm Communal Rite Reconciliation at Stanhope Gardens Parish

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### NO 5PM EVENING MASS ###

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Easter Monday ~ (Public Holiday)

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3W wrote about how much they loved their grandparents.

This is a very special day every year. Grandparents joined us for Mass, visited classrooms and had morning tea with us.

Curtis 3W

Thank you God for my grandparents because they spoil me and give me money. I love them because they do everything I like.

Jessie 3W

Thank you God for my Grandma. I love her because she always lets me sleep over.

Riley 3W

Thank you God for my Nan. I love her because in preschool she picked me up and she watched me play soccer when I was four.

Bella 3W

Thank you God for my Grandma and Grandpa. I love them because they give me big hugs and they bake me cupcakes too.

Stephanie 3W

Thank you God for my Nan. I love her because she gives me treats like chips and chocolate. She gives me and my sister heaps of hugs and kisses. She also plays chefs with us and kicks the ball with us too. That’s why my Nan is the greatest nan in the world.

Courtney 3W