Dear Families of Chisholm,

Last Thursday as part of our Diocesan approach to ensuring a quality Catholic education for our students our school participated in a process called Peer Review which is part of the 2014 School Compliance audit process. The process of Peer Review allows all schools to view, assess and provide critical feedback on the curriculum that will form a point of focus and, in our case, this year included English and Religious Education in Stage 3.

The process of compliance is a thorough one that must adhere and align to the compliance areas as specified by the NSW BOSTES registration manual. Those who engage in this process, including colleagues from the Catholic Education Office and other primary schools in our Diocese, are charged with the responsibility of discerning the curriculum against the BOSTES requirements to determine the status of a given Stage and Key Learning Areas. An understanding of the syllabus requirements is critical in undertaking this important process in a valid and authentic manner.

Each school presents and is peer-reviewed on:
- Timetables
- Scope and sequence
- Assessment plans
- Teaching programs
- Student class and assessment work samples
- Records of student achievement

During and immediately after the Peer Review process Chisholm has received most positive feedback from colleagues in the Catholic Education Office about our teaching programs. We presented “curriculum materials that clearly demonstrated not only compliance with regard to BOSTES requirements, but documentation that explicitly showed a high degree of quality in the development and implementation of the K-6 curriculum.” Further, it was noted that even with the challenge of a new curriculum in English in 2014, Chisholm has “engaged well with this in their program and assessment materials.” The staff were congratulated on “the outstanding curriculum that was presented, that clearly reflected a collaborative and professional approach.”

As a result, it is a time to give thanks for the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place each day in every classroom. I acknowledge and thank all the staff at Chisholm who work in the service of Catholic education to create the opportunities for students that allow them to grow and thrive.

We pray that we never take for granted the learning opportunities that we have all been given, and that we use the gifts of learning wisely and responsibly.

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

National Young Leaders Day 2014

Yesterday, 31st March, the six school leaders spent an amazing day at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. We listened to five speakers that inspired us to be the best leaders we could be. They taught us to never give up, to strive towards our goals and to live life to the fullest.

The first speaker was Mike Martin, he taught us some good life lessons like how nothing great, cool or long lasting ever started out that way. Now we know that we have to work hard to achieve our goals. Our second speaker was Bob Carr, he explained that if you work hard to achieve something, the outcome will impact on you in a positive way. Coen Ashton, who was born with a life threatening lung disease, was our next speaker. His life story was truly inspiring, as he spent most of his time in hospital. As doctors told him he may not live for much longer, he decided to live life to the fullest and not take his life for granted. He never gave up and he skied across the Murray River to raise awareness for his disease. He finally got a new set of lungs and is inspiring others to live life to the fullest. Andy Griffith was next up and he was very interesting to listen to. He told us that practice makes perfect and to never give up. He also taught us that we can inspire people through our words, not only actions. He was very enjoyable and taught us many important lessons. Ita Buttrose, achieved many of her goals in life and was successfully awarded Woman of the Year for 2013. She taught us that change offers opportunity. We all had a fantastic day and we will hopefully use these skills throughout our leadership role this year.

Jade Allen, Ella Davey, Sean Russell, Ashleigh Vickyer, Olivia Knight and Riley Broadfoot

Regards

Keiran Byrnes
HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS
Parents are warmly invited to join us for our Holy Week Celebrations commencing Monday next week and continuing in Week 1 Term 2.
Monday 7th April; School Holy Week Commemorations commence celebrating Palm Sunday at 9:15am
Wednesday 9th April; We will be remembering the events of Holy Thursday at 9:15am.
Friday 11th April; We will be remembering the events of Good Friday at 9:15am and Jesus is buried/Waiting at the Tomb at 12:30pm.
Term 2 Tuesday 29th April; we celebrate the Resurrection at 9:15.
Parents are also welcome to join us for our ANZAC day assembly at 8:45am on Monday 28th April.
On Thursday 10th April; Students will participate in Stations of the Cross during the morning sessions.

Merilyn Hancock – Religious Education Co-ordinator

* Parish Mass is Celebrated each Sunday morning at 9.30am in the Chisholm MPA. All families are welcome.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Chisholm school photos will be taken on Tuesday 8th April.
Children need to bring their photo envelopes to school on this day even if you decide not to purchase a photograph pack. If you are wishing to purchase a family photo, children need to collect an additional envelope from the office.

Please note … Please have correct money for the photographers on this day, as no change can be given from the office.

Children are expected to wear summer school uniform. Please ensure that you or your child takes the time to fix up the ‘little things’ (shoes polished, correct hair colour accessories, correct sock colour etc). Girls with shoulder length hair are expected to have it tied back and children are asked not to use excessive gel products when styling their hair.

Please note classes involved in sports activities on this day need to wear their school uniform and bring sports shoes to change into.

Please ensure your child is on time to school as there is a strict timetable in place and photographs will be unable to be made up if your child misses their scheduled time.

If you have any other queries please contact the office.

ANZAC 2014
This year ANZAC Day falls in the school holidays. However on April 9th the six school leaders will be joining with students from the Hawkesbury and members of Windsor RSL to attend an ANZAC Memorial service in Hyde Park. During the service each school attending will lay a wreath in remembrance of the men and women who lost their lives in war.

Andrew Emanuel
Assistant Principal

STAR SPOT
Congratulations to Isabelle Martin (SB) who has been selected to represent NSWCPS MacKillop at the NSW PSSA Softball – Girls State Carnival to be held at Manly, in August ...

Well done Isabelle !!!
If you know of any student who has excelled in any area outside of school, please let us know – this spot is reserved for them.

KINDERTAGEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
Just a reminder to any parents wishing to enroll their child in Kindergarten for 2015 that 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 2015, now is the time to remind them to place their applications at the school office.

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

CHILD PROTECTION – THANK YOU / REMINDER
 Thank you to all our parent volunteers who have completed their Child Protection training and registration. The school is building up its data base of parents who have completed the online training and have presented their student declaration forms at the office for verification.
 Just a reminder that only parents who have completed the online training and registered, as well as signed and returned the student declaration form, will be able to help at school and at school events.

Child Protection for Volunteers may be accessed via the following link:

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

PARENT PICKUP ~ AFTERNOON ROUTINES

Parents are requested to collect children in one of three designated parent areas in the afternoon.

1. Parent Retreat Area
2. The undercover court
3. Silver seats in the paved play area near the canteen

Parents support with this request is important in assisting teachers in:
* Monitoring Strangers in the school once gates are opened at 2:50pm.
* Completing lessons uninterrupted
* Organising classes for afternoon dismissal
* Dismissing students on time and getting to duty on time

Thank you to all the parents who have supported our afternoon pickup routines and have assisted staff in their work and in keeping all our children safe.

DISABLED PARKING
Parents are reminded that the two disabled car spots are strictly reserved for families/children with special needs. To assist these children parents and staff are asked to leave the spaces vacant to allow easy accessibility.

Thank you to all the parents who are helping to keep everyone safe by using the pathway and not the driveway when walking through the school during drop off and pick up times.
NEW LINE FOR LUNCH
Pizza roundas (oven baked roll with a pizza flavoured centre) $3

HELPERS – New roster for Term 2 2014
Please find attached the Term 2 roster. As you can see, there are many days listing HELP NEEDED. If you are able to help on any of these days, please come and see me.

Sandra Goldsbrough – Canteen Co-ordinator

SPORT
Cross Country Yrs 3-6
A quick reminder that Years 3-6 will be participating in the School Cross Country on the Chisholm ground this Thursday, April 3rd commencing at 9am. All children in these years will be required to wear sports uniforms on Thursday. For children who have sport on Wednesday it will be normal sport lessons on that day also.

Diocesan and MacKillop Representatives for 2014
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the Parramatta Diocesan teams for 2014:
Netball – Heidi Heywood, Isabella Brazzill
Soccer – Dominic Haddad
Rugby League – Sean Russell, Zac Lipowicz
All these students will compete for Parramatta in Canberra at the beginning of Term 2.

Well done and congratulations to Isabelle Martin who was selected for the MacKillop softball team.

Good luck to you all and we look forward to hearing how you go at your next selection trials.

Touch Football
We are currently looking for parents to assist with managing Touch Football teams for a gala day on the last day of term. If you are available please contact Mrs Baxter or Mrs Barnes.

Karen Baxter & Belinda Barnes – Sport Co-ordinators

UNIFORM NEWS
Monday 28th April is change over date from summer to winter uniform. Winter uniforms are available for purchase from the uniform shop during opening hours.

Students have a two week transition period at the start of the term before they are expected to be in their full winter uniform.
All students are to be in full winter school uniform by Monday 12th May.

Please ensure items of clothing are labelled clearly to avoid any loss. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Belinda Ross – Uniform Co-ordinator

CCG – CHISHOLM COMMUNITY GROUP

Come along and join Kofi & Pinky for our 1st Community Event for 2014 and to welcome the Kindy and new children to Chisholm

When: Friday 4th April 2014
Cost: $5.00 per school child This includes Entry into the Disco, BBQ Sausage on a roll & a Popper. OR $2.50 for disco only
For the safety and enjoyment of all, the Disco will be held in the MPA in two sessions.

Infants Session (Kindy, Year 1 & 2)
4.45pm BBQ Dinner served 5.15 – 6.30pm Infants Disco
Primary Session (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)
6.30pm BBQ Dinner served 7.00 – 8.30pm Primary Disco

All food/tickets must be Pre-paid via RSVP slip. A limited extra will be available on the night. No food or drink will be allowed into the disco – however water will be available in the MPA.

Some hot food and drinks will be available for sale. No Hot food will be available after 7pm. Tea and Coffee will also be available for those parents wishing to wait for their children. Gold coin donation.

Children will remain in the MPA once they enter the disco. Whilst in the disco they will be supervised by teachers and parent helpers. Upon arrival your child will need to have their name marked off and they will receive their food and drink stamp. All children waiting to attend the disco / eating their dinner will need to be supervised by a parent.

Parents must be present to collect their child at the end of their session and are also invited to join the children in the disco for the last 10 minutes to join them for a dance.

For further information about the disco please contact the CCG via email at chisholmccg@gmail.com

2014 Hawkesbury Show
To Chisholm Parents
The Rotary Club of Richmond has invited local communities in the Hawkesbury to help out in this year’s Hawkesbury Show (Friday 9th to Sunday 11th May).
Chisholm has been invited to volunteer in this event, in return the school will receive approx. $20 per hour for each person that helps out. Duties are to simply assist in car parking and general gate duty (must be adult age and will be fully insured by Rotary International).
We need volunteers to commit to shifts which are allotted over the three days: 8am to 12 noon/12 to 4pm/4pm to 8pm on each of the three days.
If you are interested in helping out, we need your name, mobile number, email address and shift you wish to help out at sent to Gillian Martin on either a text to 0403 322 417 or an email to Gillian.martin@oakton.com.au asap (with details to be finalised in school holidays).
Regards
Gillian Martin
On behalf of Chisholm Community Group

SCHOOL FEES
Term 1 school fees are now overdue. If you do not have an arrangement in place, please organise full payment as a matter of urgency.
Camp Collaroy
by Jade Allen

Everybody in Stage Three gathered together in our school hall, early in the morning on the 5th of March, 2014. We all carried our colourful luggage to our class lines, where we sat and waited for our names to be ticked off. About 20 minutes later, we all headed off to the front of the school, to hop onto the buses, where we would begin our journey to Camp Collaroy.

When we arrived, we collected our luggage and headed down to a huge hall at the camp. We then settled down and organised ourselves into our cabins, so we could visit the rooms we would be staying in for the next couple of days. Then we all joined together for a little snack before our first activity. Some of the snacks we had at Camp for morning and afternoon tea, were a muffin, cookie and drink of orange cordial. The meals there were ok, but from what I heard, many students missed their mum and dad’s cooking at home. Every day we had seven meals, breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and supper. We all needed the energy for our exciting activities!

After that, we all gathered into our activity groups and went to our first activity. The activities there were absolutely amazing. Everyone learnt that when we push ourselves towards our goals and out of our comfort zones, the outcome can make us feel proud and brave. Many people struggled on the flying fox, abseiling, rock climbing and the giant swing, but I loved them all! Many activities also taught us how to work together as a team, such as the challenge, orienteering and initiative. Laser tag and archery were also extremely fun. We all had an amazing experience, and I would without a doubt go there any day. My personal favourites where the giant swing, laser tag, archery, the flying fox and rock climbing.

I had some positive and negative comments about the cabins at Camp Collaroy. The bathrooms where really nice, we had two bathrooms with mirrors, showers and toilets in each one. The cabin itself was really big and we had lots of room to put our belongings. We also had four bunk beds; this was a good and a bad thing because everyone wanted top bunk. So we ended up arguing over it, but it was good for me, because I got top bunk. All in all I enjoyed my time at Camp Collaroy.