Dear Families of Chisholm,

“This day was made by the Lord; We rejoice and are glad”
Ps118:1-2.16-17.22-23(24)

The death and resurrection of Jesus is God’s greatest gift of hope and message of peace for each of us. The message of Easter is the message of the Risen Lord, of His triumph over sin and death.

The Easter events recorded in the scriptures are remarkable for the number of times Jesus began a conversation with the simple word “peace”. It is of course a traditional Jewish greeting “shalom”, but Jesus gave it a new depth of meaning. By peace, He means inner peace – peace of the heart, which is not dependent on possession or wealth or competition with others. As well as bringing peace to his disciples, Jesus recommended that they put fear aside and trust in Him:

“Be not afraid, I am with you”

This Easter we are each invited to trust in God. We give genuine witness to Christ when in difficult times we show that peace which comes from faith in the Risen Lord.

This Easter let us pray:

We thank you Lord, for places of simplicity and peace
Let us find such a place within ourselves.

We thank you for places of refuge and beauty
May we find such a place within ourselves.

( Michael Leunig)

Welcome Back to School
It is lovely to be back at school for Term 2. We have commenced the term at a fast pace having come together already as a whole school community to celebrate a beautiful Easter and ANZAC day liturgy and there are many events ahead that I know parents will enjoy participating in.

This Friday 9th May at 9.00am we will gather again to celebrate in liturgy the gift of mothers and the special women in our lives. These women give us strength and comfort and deserve our love and admiration. Following our liturgy there will be a “morning cuppa” served for those who are able to join us. We wish all our mums a very happy Mother’s Day on Sunday 11th May.

As we commence a new term, may our community be blessed for the journey ahead.

Regards

Keiran Byrnes
It was wonderful to have so many parents and friends joining us on our Holy Week Journey during the last week of Term 1 and concluding with our Easter celebration last Tuesday morning. Over these times we walked the journey of Jesus to the cross and celebrated the glory of the risen Lord.

Today our Year 4 students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For most it was the first time since their first reception of the Sacrament last year. This Wednesday is the Workshop Day for those preparing to receive First Eucharist on 18th and 25th May at either 11am or 1pm. Students attending the workshop need to be at St Matthew’s School by 9:30am and collected by 2:30pm.

Please remember these students in your prayers.

Mothers’ Day Liturgy
This Friday 9th May at 9am we will gather to celebrate in liturgy the gift of mothers and the special women in our lives. These women give us strength and comfort and deserve our love and admiration. We invite mums to stay for morning tea following the liturgy. We wish all our mums a very happy Mothers’ Day on Sunday.

Maree McMahon – Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator

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

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2014

This year’s NAPLAN tests will be taking place next week, from the 13th – 15th May, inclusive. Students in year 3 and year 5 will complete testing in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. Teachers have been assisting the students in understanding test procedures, time management and strategies for answering a variety of question styles to support them in giving their best efforts during the tests.

Best wishes to all students involved in this year’s NAPLAN tests.

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.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

The school community came together last Tuesday for a remembrance ceremony to mark ANZAC Day. It was a special occasion to remember the service men and women who have given their lives in defending the rights and freedom that we share in Australia. We also prayed for peace in our communities, our country and the world as we were reminded that we are called to be peace makers and to share the peace and love of Jesus with all we meet.

KINDERGARTEN 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 this 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.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

By now, all 3-6 students doing the 2014 PRC should be starting to log their books read online. If you have any problems with logging on to the website, please see Mrs Lark. There are tubs of PRC books available for borrowing when it is your Library lesson.

UNIFORM NEWS

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

STAR SPOT

Congratulations to the following students...

Dom Haddad (SM) who has been selected to represent NSWCP5 MacKillop at the Soccer comp in Canberra

Zac Lipowicz (SB) who won the Hawkesbury District Highest batting Average for under 13

Sean Russell (SM), Daniel Goddard (SG) & Zac Lipowicz (SB) who have all been selected for the Diocesan Rugby Union Team

Nicholas Brincat (4W) competed in Kata, received 3rd and also competed in Kumite (sparring) and received 3rd. He went on and received a Silver Metal for Kata.

Well done to all students !!!

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

Alana Loveridge, Paris Newport, Kiara Dimech, Dane Johnson, Aidan Johnson, Noah Peter, Julia Taylor, Tanomola Meka, Tiffany Winder, Lydiah Tuckey, Sophie Coe, Matilda Dalton, Ryder Vanderburg, James Sharp, Kirrily Moss, Darcy Williams, Chelsea Privitera, Levi Cluderay, Jake McDermott, Mia Dorrough, Isabelle Martin, Phebe Dalton, Gabriel Tigere, Olivia Reddish, Jesse Blackman, Chelsea Halliday, Maygen Kirk and Zayden Larnach.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Please let me know if you are able to help on one of the specified days. Please call on 0421 907 442.

Sandra Goldsbrough – Canteen Co-ordinator

CCG – CHISHOLM COMMUNITY GROUP

The CCG general meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th May at 7pm. The meeting will be discussing upcoming events including this year’s Walkathon and Chisholm Fair. Please support this year’s executive team by setting aside some time to attend the meeting and even invite a friend. The CCG meetings are a great way to meet new parents and keep updated with what is happening in the school community.

MOTHERS DAY LITURGY & MORNING TEA –

On Friday 9th May at 9.00am we will gather again to celebrate in liturgy the gift of mothers and the special women in our lives. These women give us strength and comfort and deserve our love and admiration. We invite mums, grandmothers and carers to stay for a morning tea after the liturgy.

We wish all our Mums a very happy Mother’s Day for Sunday, 11th May.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

This will be held Friday 9th May 2014 after the Liturgy. Children will be given the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mum, grandmother or other important woman in their life. Helpers are all welcome; please meet Sarah near the canteen after the Liturgy if you can spare some time to assist at the stall.

Gifts will be priced between $1.00 - $5.00.

Please send your child with a plastic carry bag for them to bring their gifts home.

STUDENT BANKING VOLUNTEER

As you are aware our Student banking is processed every Wednesday from the schools front office. We are looking for a parent representative to volunteer some time to take over this process. If you are available to help please contact the school front office in writing attention of Michelle a.s.a.p.

Fire and Rescue NSW Open Day 2014

Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its Annual Open Day on Saturday 17 May 2014 between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

Children and their parents are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard our station’s fire truck, hold a fire hose and get an information bag while chatting with firefighters about what they do.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters and learn about fire safety in the home.

Winter is just around the corner and it’s the worst time of the year for house fires, so this is a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety.

Don’t leave fire safety to chance this winter – look us up on – 2014 Open Day Participating Stations to find your local Fire Station and join us on Saturday 17 May 2014.

Best regards

Community Engagement Unit
Fire and Rescue NSW
E: cedu@fire.nsw.gov.au
T: 9742 7179

Our Prayers and Sympathies are extended to –

The Pandelis Family
on the recent death of
Beverley Phelps
Mother of Michelle Pandelis and
Nanny to Trent (2G) and Emma (BPC)
May she Rest In Peace
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We are safe, honest, respectful learners!