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Let us also pray for this community; that the presence of Jesus will be obvious in our words and actions this week.

God Bless

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Friday
8.30am – 3.30pm

SCHOOL PRAYER
This is our Catholic school
Let peace dwell here
Let the room
Be full of contentment
Let love abide here
Love of one another
Love of everyone
Love of God
and love of life itself
Let us remember that
As many hands build a house
So many hearts make a school.

Chisholm Catholic Primary School
NEWSLETTER

Volume 22 No. 07

Tuesday, May 12th, 2015

UNIFORM SHOP
Opening hours are
Mondays 8.15am - 9.15am
and
Fridays 8.15am-9.15am
and 2.30pm-3.30pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THIS WEEK...

Tuesday 12th May to 14th May
Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Sunday 17th May
First Eucharist 11am & 1pm

Parish Mass 9:30am in the MPA

FUTURE DATES...

Tuesday 19th May
Reconciliation - Yr 5 at 10am
Confirmation Parent Info night
7.30pm – MPA

Wednesday 20th May
Confirmation Parent Info night
7.30pm – St Matthews Church

Sunday 24th May
First Eucharist 11am & 1pm

Monday 25th May
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Pupil Free

FUTURa DEVELOPMENTa

Please Parents – Lead by example and teach children to enter and exit the school using the “SAFE” paths – DO NOT USE THE “DRIVeway” AS A “WALKway”.
Thanks for your cooperation.

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Monday 25th May will be our next staff development day. All staff will be involved in professional learning about improving reading comprehension and developing a deep understanding of what great readers do. This will be a pupil free day.
FROM THE REC

It was wonderful to have so many parents and friends joining us for our Mothers’ Day Liturgy last Friday. It was indeed a special time to celebrate the gift of mothers and the special women in our lives.

**First Eucharist**

Last Wednesday, our students preparing to receive the Eucharist for the first time attended the Workshop Day at St Matthew’s School. These students will be receiving the **Sacrament of the Eucharist** over the next two Sundays: May 17th and May 25th at either 11am or 1pm. Please remember these students in your prayers.

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

For those eligible and interested in participating in this program, it is essential that you attend one of the coming information evenings:

- Tuesday 19th May, 7:30pm at Chisholm Primary School; or
- Wednesday 20th May, 7:30pm at St Matthew’s Catholic Church.

For any questions, please contact Cita Adams 4577 3073 or 0415 682 183.

Please remember that **Parish Mass** is celebrated each Sunday morning at 9:30am in the Chisholm MPA. All families and parishioners are welcome.

Maree McMahon – Acting Religious Education Coordinator

**MOTHERS’ DAY THANK YOU**

Last Friday we celebrated Mothers’ Day with a beautiful and very reverent liturgy followed by morning tea for all our mums. It was wonderful to see so many family members attend in this sharing of our faith. Thank you to the numerous teachers and children who were involved in the preparation to make this such a meaningful prayer time.

I would also like to express our thanks to Mrs Sarah Kitching and the many mums who helped to prepare morning tea. It was wonderful to see so many mums have the time to soak up the sun and share some social time together. Thanks also to all the mums who set up and worked at the mother’s day stall. This provides a great service to our children to buy a gift for their mums.

I hope that all our mums were able to enjoy the celebrations of the day with family and loved ones.

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2016**

Just a reminder to any parents wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten for 2016 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 2016, now is the time to remind them to place their applications at the school office.

**DIOCESAN WORKS FUND**

This term we will be joining with all the other schools and parishes in the Diocese to help support the Diocesan Works Fund.

The Appeal raises necessary funds that support ministries and outreach services to people across Western Sydney. Some of these ministries include Catholic Care, which is the social services arm of the Catholic Church, making a critical difference in the lives of tens of thousands of individuals, children and families from our community each year. Some examples of these services include Catherine Villa, which houses and provides guidance to young mothers, and Blacktown Neighbour Aid. The DWF also provides funds to the Ephpheta Centre that provides support to the deaf and hearing impaired.

We will be combining this appeal with Chisholm Day on the 29th May. As a school and faith community we celebrate that our school was named after Caroline Chisholm. Caroline Chisholm was a woman of great faith who worked in a very practical way to support the disadvantaged in society. In following her example Chisholm Day will be a multi day and we ask for a gold coin donation to support the work of Diocesan Works Fund in supporting people across Western Sydney.

**WE ARE A RESPECTFUL LEARNING COMMUNITY...**

As a respectful learning community, there are procedures for you to go through when you or your children are needing help.

- Michelle, Denise and Julie in the Office are the first people to see (or talk to on the phone) if you need to get a message to your child or if you need to speak to your child’s teacher. They will ask the reason for your call so that as much information can be given to the teacher so that their reply is prompt and accurate. Please assist by being honest and respectful with our Office staff so that they can help you and your child. They will let the teachers know promptly. Try not to use the office as a message service to return homework, reading or library books as this is your child’s responsibility.

- If parents request to see the **Stage Leader, Mr Emanuel or Miss Byrnes** we will always ask if you have contacted the teacher first. This is for the very practical reason that the classroom teacher is the one who makes the most difference to your child. However we are happy to help you if difficulties prove to be more complex. Our aim is always to work together with you to get a positive outcome for the children at school.

- If you are contacting your child’s teacher in writing, please state the matters you would like to discuss. Please raise matters with respect and with honesty. Open, honest dialogue will always benefit the children.

Sincere thanks for your ongoing support.
This week our year 3 and year 5 students will participate in NAPLAN assessments. The tests run over 3 days and focus on the areas of:

- Writing and language conventions
- Reading
- Numeracy

We wish all of our students well for each of their tests and look forward to receiving their results in October.

**SPORT**

**Diocesan Cross Country**

Well done to the entire team of Chisholm Cross Country runners who competed in the Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek Motorsports Park. It was a particularly challenging track with between 100 to 144 runners in each event. Every athlete tried their best to improve their placing and times.

Congratulations to Abigail Saba who came 4th in the 8/9 years girls event. She will compete later this term in the MacKillop trials held at Eastern Creek. Good luck Abigail.

**Parramatta Diocesan Rugby Union**

Congratulations to Charbel Andonian on his selection into the Parramatta Diocesan Rugby Union side. Later in the year he will go to the selections for the MacKillop.

Best of luck at the next level Charbel!

Karen Baxter— Sport Co-ordinator

**CANTEEN**

**Caroline Chisholm Day**

Friday 29th May

Canteen MEAL DEAL...

All orders need to be written on lunch bags clearly marked …

“Chisholm Hot Dog & Drink Day”

* with the child’s name and class

AND * the number of Hot Dogs being ordered

*(each hot dog requires a separate paper bag)* Thanks.

All orders need to be placed at the Canteen BEFORE Wednesday 27th May, any queries please contact me at the canteen. Thank you.

**Canteen Roster ~ TERM 2**

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PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, OR IF YOU ARE ABLE HELP ON ONE OF THE SPECIFIED DAYS. Sandra 0421907442

Sandra Goldsbrough
Canteen Co-ordinator

**SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM**

On behalf of the social Justice Team, we would like to thank everybody who has donated to project compassion. In total we have raised a generous $1,111. All of the money has been sent on to Caritas Australia.

Nicholas Walker & Shawn McKeon

**CHISHOLM COMMUNITY GROUP**

Just a reminder that the CCG will be meeting tonight at 6.30pm in the staffroom. We will be discussing upcoming events

*Walkathon
*Chisholm Fair
*Fathers’ Day

As well as planning dates for the rest of 2015 meetings. All community members are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.

**SCHOOL TERM DATES – 2015**

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**Bede Polding College Yr7 Enrolments**

A reminder that completed enrolment applications for Year 7, 2016 at Bede Polding College must be returned to the College no later than Friday 29th May 2015.

Enrolment forms are available at the College Office. Thanks
TRAFFIC SAFETY

Problem: A number of drivers are doing U-turns across double lines in Collith Avenue, sometimes right in front of the school or bus bay area or pedestrian crossing.

THIS IS DANGEROUS TO CHILDREN’S SAFETY AND ILLEGAL. Drivers can be fined $243 and receive 3 demerit points.

Solution: ① Traffic entering from Rifle Range Road …

Traffic coming from Rifle Range Road:
- TURN LEFT into Harpur Cres
- RIGHT into Mileham Street
- RIGHT into Woods Road
- RIGHT into Collith Avenue and drive easily into the Kiss & Drop area.

(If Kiss & Drop area is ‘full’, you are asked to not block traffic by stopping outside this area but make another circuit by proceeding past the Kiss & Drop area and making a RIGHT into Harpur Crescent, then Mileham Street, then Woods Road to Collith Avenue and the Kiss & Drop area again)

Solution: ② Traffic entering from Rifle Range Road …

Traffic coming from Woods Road:
- TURN RIGHT into Collith Avenue. Drive easily and safely into Kiss & Drop Area
- RIGHT into Harpur Cres or continue along Collith and turn right into Rifle Range Road. Return to George Street via lights or down right at Mileham Street

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REMEMBER…
A card with your child’s family name must be displayed and fully visible from the front passengers window to assist teachers calling your child to your car. Thanks

We are safe, honest, respectful learners!