Dear Families of Chisholm,

It is extraordinary to think that the seasons are changing and we are approaching the middle of the school year. The end of term brings us the opportunity to stop and reflect on the many events and activities that have taken place—events that shape and develop our school community. Amongst the many highlights, we have celebrated as a faith community through our ANZAC service, Mother’s day liturgy, the Sacrament of Reconciliation our Chisholm Day Mass and most recently our St Vincent de Paul Winter Sleep Out. Also some of our year 4 children received the Sacrament of Eucharist as part of their faith journey and plans are underway for the sacrament of Confirmation later in the year.

The children have been working hard with their learning and this Friday you will receive your child’s mid-year report. These reports are one way of communicating to you about your child’s learning achievements and challenges. However, it is challenging to do this comprehensively in a single report. The general comment at the end of the report gives a general summary of your child’s strengths and challenges for the time ahead. Please take time to talk through your child’s report with him/her and find opportunity to affirm, support and encourage him/her in areas of success and achievement. I also encourage you to take the opportunity to have a follow-up interview with your child’s teacher next week. Arrangements for interviews can be made online. Please follow the instructions sent to parents.

Much has been achieved this term and I am most grateful to our Staff for their ongoing commitment. We are blessed to have such wonderful children to work with each day and who continue to inspire and delight us in so many ways. They are certainly a credit to their families. Thank you to parents for the support you give to your children and to this community.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes

Have a safe & happy holiday break...
Sunday Mass at Chisholm

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.

All are welcome to attend this celebration of the Eucharist and we hope that many more from our school community will find peace in attending Mass in our beautiful school grounds. There is a children’s liturgy held during the Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month.

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.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

Chisholm School, through the Parish of St Matthew's, Windsor, is extending a warm invitation to any parents and their children who would like to be part of a Baptismal Program for children.

The program is for any parent who:
- would like to have their child baptised in the Catholic faith.
- has a child who is baptised in another faith but who is not fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

A note will go home soon asking for expressions of interest. An information meeting will be held at the Church on July 24, with the program to begin shortly after. We are looking forward to supporting you and child(ren) on this journey of faith.

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.

SCHOOL FEES - REMINDER

Thank you to those parents who have already settled their account. School Fees are now due and it would be appreciated if all accounts could be settled. If you are experiencing any difficulty in meeting this commitment, please contact me by phoning the office (4587.8915). Thank you.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday 14th July will be our next staff development day. All staff will be involved in a professional learning about improving reading comprehension and developing a deep understanding of what great readers do. This will be a pupil free day with the school routine for students commencing on Tuesday 15th July.

THANK YOU – WINTER APPEAL

A huge thank you, to our generous families who supported the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Through our “Beanie, Scarf and Gloves” multi day the community has raised $670.00 that will go directly to supporting needy families in the Hawkesbury area.

Thanks also to the families who also donated blankets and warm clothing as part of the appeal. Donations can still be made at the schools office until the end of term.

WINTER SLEEP OUT

Last Friday night 27 students from year 6 participated in this year’s Winter Sleep out event. The sleep out aims to –

- Create awareness of Homeless in our community
- Focus on what we can do to ease the problem

We were visited by a representative of the St Vincent de Paul Society who led work shop activities. Fr. Arthur also visited and spoke to the children. Members of the Social Justice team presented their research project and the teachers set up a soup kitchen.

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

Just a reminder that Semester one reports will go home this Friday 20th June.

Details about how to book interviews were included in a letter to parents that went home yesterday. Interview bookings are being made online this year.

THE ENVIRONMENT TEAM ~ TRASH FREE TUESDAY

Just a reminder from the Environment Team that TRASH FREE TUESDAY will continue in term 3.

We encourage you to bring containers instead of packets, gladwrap and foil. We need to reduce our rubbish as well as recycle to help our environment.

The Environment Team
**IT’S COMING**
The Chisholm Walkathon 2014.
When  Friday 25th July
Theme  Super Heroes
Start planning your Super Hero costume for this year’s walkathon. You can help raise money for learning resources and technology at Chisholm. Sponsor cards will be going home next week so you can start collecting sponsors. Come and join in the fun.

**SPORT**
Sports Carnival for all Year 3-6 students
Thursday 19th June is the school sports carnival, parent helpers are still required to help on the day if you can spare some time please contact Mrs Baxter.
Children are to wear their sports uniform to school on the carnival day however, they are encouraged to wear t-shirts, ribbons etc. to match their House colour. Please ensure children have a hat & sunscreen on the day as well as plenty of water and have had breakfast and brought their recess and lunch, the canteen will be available on the day.

Please note Infants Sports Carnival K-2 is scheduled for Term 3, Friday 1st August
Karen Baxter & Belinda Barnes – Sport Co-ordinators

**LIBRARY NEWS**
A big thank you to all the families that have helped this term with book covering the Library would not run as smooth without you.

*Amity Giles - Zarah (2G) & Bailey (KW)*  
*Alison Lappalainen - Emma (2G): Linda Lees - Caitlin (SB) & Lachlan (1G)*  
*Nina Dimech - Olivia (3/4G), Cassandra (2M) & Charlotte (KM): Andrea Deters - Elizabeth (KG) & Bernadette Sciberras - Isabella (SG), Hayley (SM) & Tim (KW).*

2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge
School Holidays are a great time to relax with a good book. Use this time to complete your Premier’s Reading Challenge. If you have lost your login details please see me before the holidays start.
Happy holiday reading! 😊

Fiona Lark - Teacher Librarian

**STARS SPOT**
Congratulations to the following students…
Jessica Brown (SR) & Liam Saba (4W) for the participation in the Diocesan Cross Country.

Good luck to Sean Russell (SM) Touch Football/Rugby Union
Zac Lipowicz (SB) Rugby League & Rugby Union
& Daniel Goddard (SG) Rugby Union
the boys will be representing Chisholm and Parramatta Diocesan over the next two weeks. Good Luck!!!

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!

**CAKES**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**Thursday 19th June,**
**Athletics Carnival Yrs 3-6**
There will be sandwiches and Muffins for sale in the canteen for the parents on the day.

Please find with this fortnight’s newsletter a copy of Term 3 - Canteen Roster

Sandra Goldsborough – Canteen Co-ordinator

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday over the next two weeks:
Stage Two’s Excursion to the City.

This Term the students in Years 3 and 4 have been completing a unit of learning called, “What Makes Our Australian Environment Unique.” What better way to observe the unique features of our wonderful country than a visit to Sydney Harbour to explore its beautiful and unique features. This is what we saw.

First we visited the magnificent Sydney Harbour Bridge and had morning tea next to the Pylon. It was enormous!

We walked through The Rocks and Circular Quay. On the way we visited historic Cadman’s House. We could see why people from around the world want to come and visit our magnificent harbour. It was breathtaking.

A visit to the city could not be complete without a visit to the Opera House. We had fun climbing up and down the stairs. We talked about some of the challenges in building something so intricate. We concluded our day with a visit to St Mary’s Cathedral. We had a great time and learnt about some of the important landmarks in our city.

We are safe, honest, respectful learners!