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. As a community we have celebrated our faith through our ANZAC service, Easter celebration, Mother’s day liturgy, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Chisholm Day Mass and many of our students received the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time.

Last Sunday, on the feast of Corpus Christi, families of children preparing for Confirmation celebrated mass together and committed to this next step in the children’s faith journey. In the Gospel stories, Jesus is always creating community around him, sharing meals and conversation. Jesus creates community around us in a beautiful, sacred way when we gather to hear the Word, break the bread, pass the cup and forgive each other. The Eucharist brings us together, helps us remember Jesus and sends us out into the world to share Jesus and his love with everyone.

The children have been working hard with their learning and this Thursday 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 an interview can be made online. Please follow the instructions sent to parents with your child’s report.

Finally, I also wish to advise you that I have been granted Long Service Leave beginning Monday 22nd June until Friday 15th August. During my absence Mr Andrew Emanuel has been appointed Acting Principal, Mr Simon Crothers Acting Assistant Principal and Mrs Susan McKenzie Acting Coordinator for Stage 2. Thank you to each of these colleagues for assuming these roles. I know that you will give Mr Emanuel, our Leadership Team and staff your full support during this period of time.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes
FROM THE REC

Our Year 5 students are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and last weekend they attend a commitment Mass either here at Chisholm or at St Matthew’s. This is a time when these students begin to take responsibility for their faith journey with the help of their parents, family and parish community. Please pray for them as they prepare to receive this Sacrament which is the final one to initiate them into our Church. (The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.)

Merilyn Hancock – Religious Education Co-ordinator

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

Just a reminder to any parents wishing to enroll 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

This term, Chisholm is raising money for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. To raise awareness of this, Chisholm is having a ‘Bring-a-bag Day’ Friday Week 8, 12th June. Children are encouraged to bring a bag of unwanted clothes to donate. So start clearing out your wardrobes!

Chisholm is also having a Pyjama Mufti Day Week 9 19th June. Children bring in a gold coin and wear their pyjamas to school. Proper shoes must be worn.

Thanks for your continued support.
Social justice team

STUDENT REPORTS

This Thursday, 11th June your child’s mid year / Semester 1 report will be sent home. Accompanying the report will be some important information for parents including details and a code for online booking of parent teacher interviews.

Your child’s class teacher may have requested an interview or you may wish to request an interview.

Bookings open at 3.00pm on Thursday 11th June and close at 3.00 pm on Monday 15th June.

Interviews are scheduled for Wed 17th June and Thursday 18th June (unless otherwise arranged with the class teacher).

We look forward to sharing your son / daughters learning progress with you as part of continuing to work in partnership.

PARTIAL ABSENCES

Recently concern has been raised at the number of children still arriving for school after the 8.45 bell that starts the school day.

Any child arriving after 8.45 needs to enter the school via the office and sign in as part of the school’s accountability regarding school roles.

While it is acknowledged that the mornings can be a busy time, parents are strongly encouraged to have their child/children at school on time at 8.45.

Please note that from Monday 15th June the school gates will be closed at 8.45am following the morning bell and music. Parents will need to enter and leave via the school office after this time.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

CCG – FAIR MEETING

We have a very dedicated and proactive CCG and on Tuesday night they will be meeting to start discussing and planning 2015 Chisholm Fair. We are looking for fresh, interested parents to contribute their ideas, time, expertise and support in any way they can. This is a great opportunity to really show the great Chisholm community spirit and become involved in your child’s school.

All parents are welcome and bring a friend. Hope to see you there.

SPORT

Primary Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Annual Primary Athletics Carnival. It was another successful and enjoyable day. All children competed with positive sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

Thank you to everyone who assisted at the Primary Athletics Carnival. What started off a little uncertain weather turned into another beautiful day. To the parents who assisted thank you for your continued support at these events. Without your help it would be impossible to have days like this. To the team of fantastic, amazing Bede students I am so proud and in gratitude who assisted thank you for your help.

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House captains 2015

Red – Caitlin Lees & Connor Ducros
Green – Nyree Kennedy & Layne Zammit
Gold – Tamika Cavanagh & Patrick Yeates
Blue – Melodi Evans & Dominic Haddad

Vice Captains

Red – Holly Johnson & Connor Hey
Green – Alana Loveridge & Aidan Barlow
Gold – Paige Wilkinson & Liam McKeown
Blue – Elisha Vella & Corey Friday

House Champion Wilkinson - 1st gold, 2nd blue, 3rd green and 4th red
Team Spirit Trophy - 1st gold, 2nd green, 3rd blue and 4th red

Well done to the Age Champions

Junior boys - Toby Camilleri
Junior girls - Olivia Dimech
11 years boys - Michael Wilkinson
11 years girls - tied Marne Van Zyl and Jasmine Pollock
Senior boys - Blake Hollister
Senior girls - Nyree Kennedy
Stage 3 Soccer Gala Days
Well done to the senior boys and girl Chisholm soccer teams on their recent participation in the Stage 3 Soccer Gala Days at Penrith. You need to be congratulated for the way in which you competed. Although we didn’t receive the results we would have liked, you showed the true Chisholm Spirit. Thank you to Mr Saba, Mr Zammit and Mr Masini for preparing the the players for the day. I really appreciate your assistance.
Well done to all involved.

MacKillog Cross Country
Good luck to Abigail Saba at the MacKillog Cross Country at Eastern Creek Sports Motor Park this Friday. We look forward to hearing how you go.

Karen Baxter— Sport Co-ordinator

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

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS – WHOOPING COUGH
In recent months there has been an increase in the number of school aged children in NSW diagnosed with whooping cough (pertussis).
Please be on the lookout for symptoms of whooping cough:
- a runny nose, followed by a cough, which becomes worse (older children and adults may have only a cough that can last for several months)
- a cough that occurs in spasms, which may be followed by vomiting
- a cough with a ‘whoop’ (a sudden noisy gasp at the end of coughing)

In order to prevent further cases, if your child or any member of your family has symptoms of whooping cough please see your doctor and take this notice with you. This is extremely important if there is a baby less than 12 months of age living in the household. Pertussis can be a serious life-threatening infection for babies.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in its early, infectious stage (within 3 weeks of the cough starting), please advise the school and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics.

Immunisation reduces the risk of infection, however the vaccine does not give lifelong protection, and reinfection can occur. The vaccine is provided free of charge for babies and children at 2, 4 and 6 months and again at 4 years. Please contact your doctor or your local public health unit.

Please check that your child has received this primary course. If your child has not been fully immunised, discuss a catch-up plan with your doctor.

For more information, please call your local public health unit.

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Our Prayers and Sympathies are extended to –
The Wilson Family on the recent death of Daisy Wilson
Grandmother to Billy Taggart (2M) and Jordan Taggart (3W)
May she Rest In Peace
### CHISHOLM DAY 29TH MAY, 2015

**Sarah Chisholm,**
Caroline’s great-great-great grand-daughter presented the Chisholm Day Awards with the help of Father Arthur.

The award recipients were:
Talia Axiak, Jessica McKean, Ashley Clisby, Cassandra Dimech, Erin Nelson, Jason Mennell and Nyree Kennedy.

| Father Arthur sharing his gardening expertise. | BMX riding organized by Mrs. McNamara. | The Cooking Workshop organized by Mrs. Tynan. |
| IT Workshop organized by Miss Fizely | Mrs. Weller shared her scrapbooking skills. | Learning how to take photos. Skills shared by Mrs. Glover. |
| Kite-making was exciting. Mr Richards shared his skills. | Mr Spice spent time giving our students karate skills. | Mr Eastwood, an aboriginal artist, led a painting workshop. |
| A cricket workshop helped to develop batting skills. | Football NSW ran a workshop for our footie enthusiasts. | Miss Huempel shared her painting skills. |

Chisholm Day started with Mass, then in class, students found out about Caroline Chisholm’s contribution to Australia. Students then had the opportunity to spend two hours in a workshop run by experts. They were able to choose from a variety of eighteen workshops.

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We are safe, honest, respectful learners!