Dear Families of Chisholm,

Throughout this term I have been meeting with new children and their families seeking enrolment at Chisholm for 2016. Throughout these interviews it has been an honour and privilege to hear the hopes and dreams of each parent for their child/children, and to share in their anxieties as they face this next milestone in their child’s life. These discussions have enabled me to hear public perceptions about our school community.....and it’s all good!

Families have spoken of the high regard in which our school is held throughout the local community. They speak of its ‘good name’ and the recognised strength of how our students treat each other and how our staff supports them in developing their values and attitudes. Central to this, many families have shared that they see their child’s enrolment in our school as an opportunity to re-enter the life of the church in sharing their children’s religious journey at school....and in turn, the parish. The final overriding commendation has been around what a great community we have here at Chisholm. Families have enrolled in the joy of knowing that they too will become part of this support network.

As Term Two draws to a close I would like to thank children, parents and staff for your dedicated commitment to the education of the children throughout the term.

Much has been accomplished through class learning programs, out-of-class activities such as, excursions, sports activities, parent group initiatives, celebrations of our faith and fundraising, just to name a few. Without the enthusiasm of staff, children and parents and many hours of hard work, these events would not be able to take place. My congratulations go to all who have contributed to such a successful term.

The children are also to be congratulated for their efforts to be safe, honest and respectful learners throughout the term. The behaviour of the children has been of an excellent standard and has been particularly noted on the occasions of Mother’s Day, Chisholm Day and the athletics carnival.

My thanks also go to the Chisholm Community Group who has been involved in the Mother’s Day stall and ongoing work in preparation for our school fair in November.

My best wishes to you all for a safe and happy holiday.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes
FROM THE REC

In John’s Gospel, Jesus said, “Come and see.” (1:39). I am privileged to have had this opportunity to “come and see” on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land organized by our Diocese for the Religious Education Co-ordinators. It was a humbling experience to walk in the steps of Jesus in the Holy Land.

Our spiritual leader was Fr Chris de Souza who broke open the Scriptures relevant to each place we visited. We carried a large wooden cross as we walked the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem. It was a very moving experience that will never be forgotten. The people in the holy places kept asking us to tell our fellow Australians what a beautiful country it was and how it was a safe place to visit. Gabriel, the man who, many years ago, initiated tours in the Holy Land, was an inspiration to all the pilgrims. We visited him in Jericho and he spoke passionately to us about his life, his work and his land.

Via Dolorosa, Jerusalem

Merilyn Hancock
Religious Education Co-ordinator

KINDERTGARTEN 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.

PARTIAL ABSENCES / LATE ARRIVALS

Thank you to all of our helpful parents who have been supportive in reducing the large number of unexplained absences by signing in their child/children if they are late arriving to school after the 8:45am bell. The school is legally required to keep accurate attendance records for all students. By signing in to school if late or signing out if leaving early you ensure that your child’s partial absence is accounted for as explained. Any unsigned late arrivals are recorded as unexplained. All class rolls are legal documents so accuracy is essential. We appreciate that mornings are often a busy time for families getting ready for work and school and that unforeseen circumstances do arise. However, we encourage and value punctuality with school hours and thanks again to the parents for supporting Chisholm’s efforts and for working together in this matter.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – TERM 3

Please be advised that a pupil free day has been scheduled for Monday 31st August. The day has been set aside for staff to focus on Religious Education and Spiritual Formation.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Thank you for all of your donations for fudge Friday and bring a bag day. We had lots of fun baking for you.

Thank you for all the support with the winter appeal and the mufti days. We have raised over $200 from Fudge Fridays and a whole room full of bags. This will go to St Vincent dePaul.

Thank you
Imogen Johnson & Lauchlan Johnson
Social Justice Team

A cheque was donated to St Vincent de Paul this week, which was made up from the fundraising efforts of our PJ day mufti, Fudge Friday and a school donation to bring the balance up to $1000.00.

Jana Fizely
Social Justice Coordinator

WINTER SLEEP OUT

Last Friday night 45 students from year 6 participated in this years 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 workshop activities. Members of the Social Justice team presented their research project and the teachers set up a soup kitchen.

PLEASE TAKE CARE OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

Recently there have been a few concerns around children leaving school and the safety of pedestrians and other community members outside of the schools gates. We regularly remind children to walk safely to their cars when called if being collected at “kiss and drop”, however we ask again that children do not walk around to the back of cars to drop bags off into the boot. It is a risk we strongly try to avoid.

As drivers we should also remember to be considerate towards our fellow motorists. If there is a large queue for the “kiss and drop” zone, we should continue to drive around the block, so as to avoid blocking the flow of traffic.

We are also asking all children who ride bikes or scooters to school that they wait until they are away from the school paths before they begin riding. It is also critical that they do not ride between cars and traffic as they cross the road. If needed, all bikes and scooters must be walked across the road at the pedestrian crossing. If your child rides to school they also need to be aware that they are not permitted to ride through the school grounds, please remind them of their responsibilities in keeping themselves and others safe.
SPORT

MacKillop Cross Country
Congratulations to Abigail Saba who competing at the MacKillop Cross Country at Eastern Creek recently. Well done on coming 26th overall improving on her Parramatta Diocesan placement. A fantastic effort.

Parramatta Diocesan Rugby Union
Well done to Charbel Andonian who last week travelled to Forbes to compete for Parramatta Diocese in Rugby Union. From all accounts it was an amazing experience which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Great work Charbel.

Netball Coaches
Next term Chisholm will compete at the Diocesan Netball competition at Penrith. I am urgently looking for coaches to train leading up to this event. If you are available please contact Mrs Baxter through the school office. I am trying to send as many teams as I can to this event so parental support is required.

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day
Good luck to our 3 stage 2 soccer teams that will be competing at the Diocesan Gala Day at Penrith this week. A big thank you to Mr Water, Mr Tunks and Mr Saba who will be training the teams on the day. Good luck to everyone involved.

Karen Baxter— Sport Co-ordinator

CANTEEN

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Please if I have missed your name or you would like to do a day please contact me. As you can see we are in urgent need helpers for next term. Thanks

Sandra 0421907442

Sandra Goldsbrough
Canteen Co-ordinator

STAR SPOT

Congratulations to . . .

Erin Nelson ~ 4W
who recently had her long hair cut off so that if could be donated to make wigs for people who suffer from illness and conditions that cause them to lose the hair. We recognise Erin’s generosity, kindness and thoughtfulness in caring for others!

also congratulations to…

Chelsea Halliday 3M,
who successfully auditioned for a role in a huge Pro-Am production of Mary Poppins opening in July at Riverside Theatres in Parramatta.

It’d be fantastic for the school community to show their support for Chelsea. She has done extremely well to land a role in Mary Poppins. Out of 200 kids, only 28 auditioned successfully.

Well Done both of you!!!!!

If you know of any student who has excelled in any area outside of school, please let us know in writing - this spot is reserved

SCHOOL FEES are due
If you are experiencing financial difficulties and are unable to meet this commitment, please contact Mrs Siegenthaler, Financial Secretary. Thank you.

Have a safe & happy holiday break...
**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 …**

2. **Traffic entering from Woods Road …**

**KEEP IT SAFE!**
Be a positive KISS & DROP user
KEEP OUR CHISHOLM CHILDREN SAFE!
- NO U-TURN IN COLLITH AVENUE PLAN!
- AVOID U-TURNS IN COLLITH AVENUE

**We are safe, honest, respectful learners!**