Dear Families of Chisholm,

We only need to open the newspaper, watch the news, or check the multitude of social media available to us to know that our world is one in which far too many innocent people suffer from oppression, poverty and violence. Even though we access this information readily it is all too easy not to think about these dire situations if they do not immediately impact on our own lives directly. The violence can seem all too far away and removed for us to make any difference or be of any help.

What we can do, however, is pray. We pray that those from parts of the world battered by war and violence find peace. We pray especially for those in undeveloped nations who are at risk. Pope Francis reminds us that Peace begins with each one of us.

I would like each one of us, from the least to the greatest, including those called to govern nations, to cry out: Yes, we want peace! ...I wish that all men and women of good will would look to the cross, if only for a moment! There we can see God’s statement: violence is not answered with violence, death is not answered with the language of death. In the silence of the cross, the uproar of weapons ceases and the language of reconciliation, forgiveness, dialogue and peace is spoken. I ask the Lord that every man and woman of good will cry out forcefully: violence and war are never the way to peace!

Pope Francis, Vigil of Prayer for Peace, 7 September 2013

May Christ, the Prince of Peace, give us the courage to make real the dream of peace in the world, a peace which begins with the commitment of each one of us.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes
FROM THE REC

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.

At the Mass for the Feast of the Assumption here at Chisholm, St Matthew’s Parish community welcomed Emma Merryfull (SW) into the Catholic Church. Senior White celebrated this occasion with a party for Emma. We pray that God will bless Emma abundantly on her faith journey.

This Sunday at the 9:30am Mass here at Chisholm, there will be the Rite of Acceptance for the children preparing for Baptism. There are 4 Chisholm families and 12 children involved in this program.

M Hancock
Marilyn Hancock – Religious Education Co-ordinator

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

2015 applications are now closing **interviews have been conducted with the aim that they will be completed shortly**. Parents still wishing to enroll their child in Kindergarten 2015 are urged to submit their enrolments promptly. If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at Chisholm, now is the time to remind them to place their applications at the school office.

WALKATHON UPDATE

Congratulations and thank you to all of the generous and supportive families who have returned their Walkathon money. Through you generosity we have raised over $17,000 that will greatly assist with the purchase of ipads, laptops, apple TV’s and printers across the school. The learning technology assists with achieving the ongoing school goals of improving learning outcomes for all our students.

A reminder that all sponsor cards need to be returned, ASAP as there are still a large number outstanding. This will allow final arrangements to be made regarding special pizza lunches for classes who have raised over $1000.

Thanks for your ongoing support and thanks again to our wonderful CCG parents for all their hard work and effort.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN

Please note that **The Working With Children Check** was incorrectly advertised in last fortnight’s newsletter. It should have been:


All volunteers / parent helpers are now to use this new website.

The new updated site is easy to navigate and access information.

Please don’t hesitate to contact the school front office if you have any concerns.

CEO AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

Faith at the Fiddler: 28 August
A forum for young people aged 18-35 to come together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality in the warm and friendly atmosphere of Sydney’s most famous pub. This month’s speaker is Fr Brendan Purcell. Topic: ‘From Big Bang to Big Mystery – Human Origins in light of Creation and Evolution’. An initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Education Parramatta.

**Date:** Thursday 28 August 2014, from 5pm-7pm.
**Venue:** The Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill.
**Details:** Steven Buhagiar – Catholic Education, Parramatta, sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.au

Celebrating the Journey Mass: 14 September
All married couples are invited to the annual Celebrating the Journey Mass when couples who have significant wedding anniversaries of 25 years and over this year will be specially acknowledged. Bishop Anthony Fisher OP invites couples celebrating anniversaries of 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and over to be his special guests. A light lunch for couples and their families will be served in the Cathedral Hall after Mass.

**Date:** Sunday 14 September 2014 at 11am.
**Venue:** St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta.
**RSVP:** Through your parish or contact Lyn at CatholicCare Parramatta tel (02) 9933 0222, marriage@ccss.org.au

PARENT MATHEMATICS OPEN CLASSROOM FORUM

As part of the federal Literacy and Numeracy Week in week 7 this term, Chisholm has decided to run a Mathematics day on Thursday 28th August. This day will enable students to participate in a variety of Mathematics focussed activities and highlight the great learning that is happening at our school. As part of this day, the staff would like to welcome you to an Open Class session in the morning, where you can see and engage with the children in some of these wonderful mathematics activities. We also welcome you to a Mathematics Forum in the afternoon, where we will be sharing some activities and strategies to help your child’s learning in multiplication and division. We warmly invite you to join us at both these events.

The Open Class session will be from 9:00am to 9:45am
The Parent Forum will be from 2:00pm to 3:00pm

During the Forum you will:
- Learn about some of the ways we are teaching mathematics at Chisholm;
- Gain some insight into deepening your child’s understanding of multiplication and division concepts;
- Learn some games and tips that you can use at home with your child to support their mathematical learning.

CHANGE OF ASSEMBLY DATES

Please note, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Year 2 assembly that was scheduled for Week 7 has needed to be postponed. Year 2 will now have their assembly in Term 4, Friday 17th October, at 2pm.

Thank you for your understanding. Sorry for any inconvenience caused by this change of date.
Kindergarten Assembly / Date Change
Due to changing circumstances the Kindergarten assembly that was originally scheduled for Friday 5th September has had to be moved forward to Friday 29th August. Sorry for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

THE ENVIRONMENT TEAM ~ TRASH FREE TUESDAY
Just a reminder from the Environment Team that TRASH FREE TUESDAY will continue throughout 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

CCG – CHISHOLM COMMUNITY GROUP

Father’s Day Celebrations
At Chisholm
Friday 5th September
The Chisholm Community Group would like to remind all Dads, Grandparents, caretakers and children to join us for these special Father’s Day celebrations.

7.45 – 8.45am BBQ Egg and Bacon Breakfast
8.15 -8.45am Open Classroom
9.15am Father’s Day Liturgy

Please RSVP to the office ASAP with the number of adults and children attending.

Also the CCG will be holding the Father’s Day Stall on Friday 5th September, with presents ranging from $1 to $5.

Please send in a plastic bag for your child to carry their present home in.
If you can help, please meet at the canteen after the Liturgy. Thank you

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier’s Reading Challenge
There are still 49 students in Years 3-6 who have still not entered all their titles for the Reading Challenge. The Challenge finishes this Friday 22nd August. Any students who have not entered their titles by this date will not be eligible for their Certificate of Achievement.
Please contact me if you are having any technical difficulties.

Book Fair News
Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have generously donated their time to assist with our Book Fair in Week 9.
We still need some parents to help us on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th September during the lunch break (1:30-2pm) and after school (3pm- 3:30pm).
Please let me know via the Office Bags if you can help.

Fiona Lark - Teacher Librarian

SPORT

Hills Zone Athletics
Congratulations and well done to the entire Chisholm Zone Team who competed on Friday at Rooty Hill. The children competed with great sportsmanship and persistence. A huge thanks to the wonderful team of parents that helped with marshalling on the day. It was one of our best results with 19 students going through to the Diocesan this Friday.
Can’t wait to hear how you all go.

Congratulations to Sean Russell on winning age champion. A well-earned result!!

Touch Football and Netball teams
Well done to the stage 2 touch football teams (5th September) and netball teams (19th August) who will compete over next few weeks. Good luck to everyone involved.

Karen Baxter & Belinda Barnes – Sport Co-ordinators

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Sandra Goldsborough - Canteen Co-ordinator

STAR SPOT

Congratulations to …

Brooke Halliday (5R)
Chelsea Halliday (2G)
Jessica Callabiano (5W)

who have all successfully auditioned for Disney Camp Rock Musical with the Australian Institute of Performing Arts. They have been rehearsing since April & they will debut on stage this month.

Congratulations also to …Brad Walker (3M)
who won the iPad mini in our walkathon returned sponsorship cards

Well done to all !!!
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!
When children read they use many behaviours which allow them to make meaning of texts. Teachers draw the children’s attention towards these behaviours when reading at school. They can be easily followed when reading with your children at home.

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