Dear Families of Chisholm,

Welcome back for Term 3. I hope you all had the chance to spend some quality time together as a family and to do something special during the holiday break.

Term 3 promises to be busy with many opportunities for learning and celebrating together. Some highlights include:

- Year 4 Confirmation Masses
- Religious Literacy assessments Yr4 & 6
- Father’s Day Liturgy & BBQ
- Infants sports carnival
- Hills Zone athletics
- Walkathon / Rock star theme
- Stage excursions
- Chisholm’s Got Talent

Details of the term events are included in the Parent term planner in this fortnight’s newsletter.

Recently I had the chance to meet with our wonderful year 6 students and we were discussing the importance of working together to continue to develop the “Safe, Honest, Respectful” culture of learning that we have worked so hard on building during their seven years at Chisholm. Our conversation led us to recognise that it is the responsibility of every person (teacher, student and parent) to make a daily contribution towards building and maintaining our culture and high standards at Chisholm. In doing so we know that we are part of a school community that we are proud of, that we all feel we belong to and that our school has the person of Jesus at its very heart.

We achieve this through our words and actions in modelling ourselves on the words and actions of Jesus.

Just as year 6 recently made a recommitment to building a safe, honest, respectful learning culture at Chisholm, I invite us all to reflect on what this means to each one of us and how we can make a positive contribution to continuing to build our school culture during the next two terms of 2015.

Have a great fortnight

Andrew Emanuel
(Acting Principal)
FROM THE REC

From the Religious Education Co-ordinator

This Wednesday, 22\textsuperscript{nd} July, our Confirmation candidates will participate in a workshop day here at Chisholm. They will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance, find out what happens in the ceremony, reflect on the importance of this Sacrament through prayer and drama. The day begins at 9.30am and the students need to bring their morning tea and lunch and wear mufti. Paperwork for this sacrament must be handed to Mrs. Cita Adams, the Sacramental Co-ordinator, if it has not already been handed in previously. Please pray for our young people as they complete their initiation into our church.

The celebrant for the Confirmation Masses at St Matthew’s Church is Fr Chris de Souza and the dates are as follows:

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  \item 7.30pm 28\textsuperscript{th} and 29\textsuperscript{th} July
  \item 7.30pm 4\textsuperscript{th} and 5\textsuperscript{th} August
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May the Holy Spirit guide our young people on their life’s journey.

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Marilyn Hancock – Religious Education Co-ordinator
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\textbullet\ Parish Mass is Celebrated each Sunday morning at 9.30am in the Chisholm MPA. All families are welcome.

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CHISHOLM ROCK-A-THON

This term the staff and students of Chisholm will once again embark on the epic trek across the plains and pathways of Bligh Park. The Chisholm Rock-a-thon will be held on Friday 28\textsuperscript{th} August, so it is time to start preparing for this amazing adventure. Last year over 500 superheroes patrolled the streets of Bligh Park, this year there will be a rock star theme. So everyone participating is encouraged to dress up as their favourite rock star or band members. We are also asking that students collect sponsors for this event, as this is an invaluable fundraiser to help raise funds for school resources. In the past, funds have been used to buy books and new technology that are used to improve students learning here at our school. Sponsor cards went home last Friday and we encourage everyone to round up as many sponsors as you can to help motivate you for the long Rock-a-thon.

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NUMERACY

Many parents ask how they can best help with their child’s learning at home. We also often hear parents say that they are teaching their kids “the wrong way” because it may be different to what is happening in the classroom. Firstly it is important to know that if the solution to the problem is correct then the strategy you are sharing with your children isn’t “wrong”. In fact we encourage the students to have a range of strategies at their disposal to solve a variety of problems. So what you teach at home is yet another tool in their problem solving toolbox. To better understand what is happening in classrooms you can go online and look at the new NSW Syllabus, where it states “from Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) there is a development of number sense, confidence and competence in using concrete materials and mental, written and calculator techniques for solving appropriate problems. Algorithms are introduced after students have gained a firm understanding of basic concepts… and have developed mental strategies for computing with two and three digit numbers. (NSW Syllabus, pg 34). This is not to suggest the strategies involving the algorithm are not taught, but rather they are introduced once the students have developed efficient mental arithmetic strategies. So if you are sharing written algorithms with your child, this is yet another strategy for them to utilise when solving more complex problems. More can be found out during the Mathematics Parent Forum in Week 7 or at http://syllabus.bos.nsw.edu.au/mathematics/mathematics-10/
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