Dear Families of Chisholm,

Many Australians observe Father’s Day on the first Sunday of September. It is a day for people to show their appreciation for fathers and father figures. Last year as part of our Father’s Day celebrations members of staff shared some of their reflections about their own father. On every occasion it was an aspect of the relationship between the adult and their father that took priority. Memories did not include financial or material benefits or even the provision of numerous opportunities. What seemed to matter the most is how each individual felt when they related to their father. Many of these memories stemmed from the very early days when the individuals were very young. In the busy, competitive world of today, families, especially fathers feel the pressure to give their children all that will enable them to be successful in this world. What we sometimes forget is that quality time and conversation is the most important of all these gifts. Fathers play a significant role in assisting their sons and daughters to value themselves. Words and actions that show love, encouragement, support, gratitude and a belief that the child can achieve anything are extremely powerful. May I take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other father figures, for all that they do for the children in their lives, with a sincere hope that they have an enjoyable Father’s Day this Sunday. Let us also take the time to remember with fondness all the fathers and grandfathers that are no longer with us.

We warmly invite our dads, grandfathers, uncles and other father figures to join us this Friday for a breakfast BBQ, open classrooms followed by our Father’s Day Liturgy at 9:00am

God our Father,

In your wisdom and love you made all things.

Bless these men,

that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,

may honour them always

with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
~ Term 4
Tuesday 7th October, 2014
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 9.30am Sunday Mass here at Chisholm last Sunday, St Matthew's Parish community welcomed Georgia Currall, Kirrily and Rhiannan Moss, Jade, Bella, Koby, Tyler and Marley Zammit into our faith community. These children and their parents participated in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children over the last five weeks and were baptised on Sunday 31st August. Thank you to the teachers and choir members who attended to show our support for these children. Cameron, Marcus, Emily and Mikayla Spiteri, who were also in the program, will be baptised at St Matthew’s Church at 11am on Saturday 13th September. We pray that God will bless these children abundantly.

This Sunday, 7th September is Fathers’ Day and we celebrate the love our fathers share with our families. At Chisholm on Friday, 5th September, there will be a liturgy to celebrate fathers at 9am in the MPA. Stage 2 has prepared this celebration.

Merilyn 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 2014 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

Thanks to all the families who have returned their walkathon money and made a generous contribution to the amazing total of $17780.20. This is a great result and a most supportive effort from our school community that will benefit all of our student’s technology and learning needs. The following classes all raised over $1000 each and will be celebrating with a class pizza party. Congratulations to Kinder Grey, Kinder White, 1 White, & 2 Grey who raised over $1000 each and to Senior White who raised just over $2500. Well done everyone!

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 Breakfast with children
8.15 -9.45am Open Classroom
9.15am Father’s Day Liturgy

We hope to see you there!!!

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 present home in.
If you can help, please meet at the canteen after the Liturgy. Thank you

NEWs FROM THE CEO

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend
A Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Invest in your most precious asset … your marriage!
Dates: 12-14 September 2014.
Venue: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville.
Inquiries & bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe
tel (02) 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au
www.wwme.org.au
Facebook: www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit

LIBRARY NEWS ~ BOOK WEEK

Next week is Book Week and we have a number of exciting things planned:
Monday - Author visit by Rebecca Young
Wednesday - Book Character Mufti Day and Parade, Book Fair opens
Thursday - Book Fair continues
Friday - Book Sharing across the school, Book Fair closes

We will be selling books and items at the Book Fair from Wednesday after the Character Parade, until Friday afternoon.
We still need some parents or grandparents to assist us during lunch (1:30-2pm) and after school (3pm-3:30pm) on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th.
Please send a note via office bags, or see Mrs Lark in the Library if you can help. Thank you

Fiona Lark - Teacher Librarian
**SPORT**

**Diocesan Netball Gala Day**

Last Tuesday the Chisholm teams once again were prepared to play in the Diocesan Netball Gala Day at Penrith. While the day was started with a few great results it was quickly abandoned due to the rain. Well done and thank you to all coaches and teams that worked hard leading up to the day.

**Diocesan Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day**

Good luck to our three stage 2 teams, one girls and two boys teams who will participate in the Touch Gala Day on Friday. We look forward to hearing your results.

**Parramatta Diocesan Athletic Carnival**

Well done to the 19 students who competed at the Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Rooty Hill. Congratulations to Zac Lipowicz, Sean Russell and Mackenzie Woodbury who will compete in the MacKilop trials later this month at Homebush. We can’t wait to hear your results.

**MacKilop News**

Congratulations to Isabelle Martin who played last week at the state softball championships for Mac Kilop which came 5th.

Well done also to Zac Lipowicz who recently played in the State Rugby Union Trials for MacKilop. His team won beating Polding in the finals.

Fantastic effort to both of our super stars.

Karen Baxter & Belinda Barnes – Sport Co-ordinators

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**STAR SPOT**

**Congratulations to . . .**

Joshua Connelly (SW), Thomas Jones (SG) & Ethan Baxter (Mrs Baxter’s son)

who competed in the AFL Finals on the weekend, for Hawkesbury Saints, Under 12’s.

Premiership Winners

Well done!!!

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

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**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

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**UNIFORM NEWS**

Wednesday 8th October is change over date from winter to summer uniform. Summer uniforms are available for purchase from the uniform shop during opening hours.

Students have a two week transition period at the end of this term before they are expected to be in their summer uniform. **All students are to be in their summer school uniform by Term 4, Wednesday 8th October.**

Please ensure items of clothing are labelled clearly to avoid any loss. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Belinda Ross – Uniform Co-ordinator

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**Sickbay**

Uniforms are required

Please send in any uniforms your child may have out grown, as our sick bay uses these items from time to time to help out any students who may have had a little accident or have got wet or dirty from falling etc. If you have any of these items please send them into the schools front office. Thanks
Last Thursday the students and teachers took part in a Numeracy Day here at Chisholm. The day was an opportunity for the students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in Maths and to challenge themselves in activities they may not have even known involved Maths thinking. It was also a great way for our parents to be a part of some of the work their children are involved in every day.

The day started with parents being invited into classrooms to participate in some Maths activities and games. This was followed with a short story and quiz to further demonstrate how Maths is used every day in ways we may not have considered. This notion was further reinforced after recess as the students rotated between classrooms to engage in games and other maths related activities. To conclude the day our parents were again invited to join our school community in a parent forum on Multiplication and Division.

I’d like to thank our parents who visited our school on this day, whether it was during the morning classroom visits or as part of the forum that was held in the afternoon. I’d also like to thank the teachers who were involved in the planning of the day and of course our whole Chisholm community for making it a success. With such a wonderful day in the annals of our history, we can’t wait for the next one.

Mr Crothers