Dear Families of Chisholm

Last Tuesday and Wednesday night and again this week a large number of children from Chisholm and across the St Matthew’s Parish would have or will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This Sacrament of initiation invites the children to complete their initiation into the Faith Community of the Church. They make their own commitment to renew the faith that their parents and godparents professed for them at their Baptism.

In addition they are anointed with the oil of Chrism and sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, working in us, gives us gifts that we can use in our lives as we are called to go into the world and live as good Christians and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

I congratulate all the candidates and their families on this special event in their faith journey and encourage them and you to keep your commitment alive by utilising the gifts we have been given and by praying the following prayer to remind us of our calling.

Prayer To The Holy Spirit

Spirit,
grant me the grace of WISDOM to guide me along the best path in life
gift me the KNOWLEDGE I need to help me know how to live the Christian way
enable me to discover a sense of WONDER and AWE for the greatness of your love
help me to develop a sense of REVERENCE for all things holy
help me UNDERSTAND what it is that you are calling me to do with my life
give me COURAGE to stand up for what I know is the right thing to do
and give me the grace of right JUDGEMENT when decisions need to be made

AMEN

God Bless

Andrew Emanuel

ACTING PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to Mrs Sarah Dowers and her husband Jake on the birth of their daughter Quinn Elizabeth Dowers. Quinn was born at 3.03am this morning weighing 1.5kg or 3lb 5oz Mum and baby doing well
REMEMBER: The celebrant for the Confirmation Masses at St Matthew’s Church is Fr Chris de Souza and the dates this week are as follows:

7.30pm Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th August.

Over the next two weeks we celebrate two important events in our Church calendar. This Friday 7th August we will celebrate St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (actual feast day 8th August) and Friday 14th August we will celebrate the Assumption of Mary (actual feast day 15th August).

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass 9.00am Friday 7th August in MPA.

Feast of the Assumption Mass 9.00am Friday 14th August in MPA. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Please join the school community for these important liturgical occasions.

Merilyn Hancock – Religious Education Co-ordinator

* Parish Mass is Celebrated each Sunday morning at 9.30am in the Chisholm MPA. All families are welcome.

175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

St Matthew’s Parish will be celebrating their 175th Anniversary this year. To assist with funding the celebration Chisholm will be having a Mufti-Day fundraiser this Friday, 7th August.

In order for children to wear mufti clothes we are asking they bring in a gold coin that will be used as a contribution towards this very significant celebration.

CHISHOLM ROCK-A-THON

Thank you to everyone who have been out collecting sponsors for this year’s Rock-a-thon. We have held the first few raffles and handed out some Smiggle vouchers and canteen coupons. All tickets then go into the major prize draw of an apple iPad mini. So keep getting those sponsors and remember, every $5 you collect gets a ticket in the draw.

We look forward to a great day and keep on collecting those sponsors.

A reminder to parents to please label their children’s clothing with their names. We had a number of lost property items handed back to students last term and we know how much of a nuisance it can be when items stay lost. To avoid children picking up and taking the wrong jackets or jumpers it is vital they are clearly labelled with the full name of its owner. This avoids confusion for teachers trying to work out who items belong to during class time and can save parents money.

MEDICATION

This season has been particularly nasty for colds and flu, and as such some of our children are taking medication to battle them. If your child requires any form of medication during the day it is vital it is given through the office. Teachers are not permitted to handle or give medication, nor are children allowed to keep them in their bags to self-administer. All medication needs to be clearly labelled with your child’s name and the dosage they require and given to the office so it can be administered appropriately.

LATE ARRIVALS

Thank you to everyone who has supported our transition to the new gate locking times. More students are arriving to class promptly which has enabled them to be a part of lessons and critical learning. Although arriving 10 minutes late to school each day may seem rather insignificant, through the course of a week this equates to a student missing nearly an hour of learning. It is also important that parents or guardians sign their child in at the office if late. This enables teachers to understand the reasons for the partial absence but also means letters do not need to be sent home asking for an explanation. So thank you again for your support and it is great to see the rich learning that is happening each day.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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The Chisholm Rock-a-thon ~ Friday 28th August

Helpers are needed in the canteen to assist with serving our BBQ lunch from 12:30pm. Please see me or give me a call on 0421907442. Your assistance is greatly appreciated by our students.

* Please note there will be no other hot lunch orders on the day
DAFFODIL DAY
Dear Parents and Students,
The Social Justice Team will be organising a Daffodil Day fundraiser. There will be fun activities at recess and lunch and everyone will be encouraged to wear something noticeable in yellow for a gold coin donation. It will take place on Thursday 20th August, Week 6
By Nicholas Walker 6W.

LIBRARY NEWS
Earn & Learn
Wow! What a great response to the Woolies Earn & Learn promotion.

So far we have collected over 700 points for our school. Stickers and sticker cards can be posted into the Earn & Learn Box located inside the Library. If you don’t shop at Woolies, ask your family, friends and neighbours to collect for you.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to all the super readers who have already completed the PRC for 2015. If you have not completed the Reading Challenge yet, you only have 3 more weeks! The Challenge finishes on 21st August. Please see Mrs Lark if you are having any difficulties.

Book Week
Yesterday a flyer went home to promote Book Week at Chisholm in Week 9.

A big part of our Book Week celebrations is holding our big annual Book Fair. We always need helpers to assist with selling books, so if you can assist Mrs Lark with selling books and manning the ‘bookshop’, please let her know.

Our Book Character Mufti Day will be held in Week 9 on Wednesday 9th September. This is a great opportunity to see everyone at Chisholm dressed up as a favourite character. Start planning your costumes! 😊

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday through the holidays and over the next two weeks: Harmony Tuiletufuga, Riley Gauci, Philip Banks, Jett Pollock, Joshua Franklin, Ricardo Jelinek, Blake Reynolds, Colby Gow, Mitchell Todd, Harrison Ringrose, Koby Zammit, Dominic Haddad, Hayden Prosper, Kyle Dowie, Benjamin turner, Sienna Millar, Ryan Usher, Reice Jones, Brodie Wright, William Selk, Jack Michael Mitchell, Elizabeth Lark and Holly Miller.

SPORT
Infants Sports Fun Day
Last Friday Chisholm held its annual Chisholm Infants Sports Fun Day. Thank you to the amazing team of parents that assisted with place judging, recording, starting and marshalling. It was much appreciated. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day with so much excitement at winning a ribbon and trying their best to gain house points for the Team Spirit Trophy. Well done and congratulations to yet another successful carnival. Well done to Gold House winning House Points Championship Trophy and Blue House for winning the Team Spirit Trophy.

Netball Gala Day
Notes will go home today regarding the Netball Gala Day. Please take note that there has been a change to the date which I was only recently made aware of. The actual date is TUESDAY, 25th AUGUST 2015. My apologies for the late notice.

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day
Well done to our Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day teams who participated at Jamison two weeks ago. From all accounts the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and all 3 teams showed true Chisholm Spirit throughout the day. A huge thank you to Mr Saba (who coached the girls leading up to the gala day) Mrs Saba, Mr Tunks and Mr Waters who all generously gave up time to coach the teams on the day. Thank you also to the Cauchi boys from Bede Polding who once again volunteered to referee on the day.

Coaches Needed
I am still looking for coaches for the Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day and Senior Boys Rugby League teams. If you are available please contact Mrs Baxter through the school office.

Karen Baxter
Sports Coordinator

YR 6 FAREWELL DINNER DANCE
Information and notes went home last term for the Year 6 Farewell Dinner/Dance. Could all notes, money and photos be returned no later than Friday 4th September please.

For any further information, please call Rochelle Weller 0413 529 730.
The Sacraments
Children are prepared for the Sacraments by their families with the support of the Parish and the school. Sacraments are signs and instruments of God’s grace and are special occasions for experiencing God’s saving presence. They are outward signs of an inward grace instituted by Christ. The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The Sacraments of Healing are Penance and Anointing of the Sick. The Sacraments serving the Church and the mission of the faithful are Holy Orders and Marriage.

Sacrament of Confirmation
Acts 2:1-4 tells the story of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples gathered together in the Upper Room after the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

There are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence and Wonder and Awe in God’s presence. The moral life of Christians is sustained by the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was the helper God promised before Jesus died.

There are nine fruits of the spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Kindness and Self Control.

The symbols of the Holy Spirit: water, fire, wind, oil and the dove.

The Confirmation ceremony includes the renewal of Baptismal promises, the Laying on of Hands and the Anointing with the Oil of Chrism. Confirmation candidates take the name of a significant saint whose characteristics they wish to emulate. The Paschal candle is displayed in a prominent position to show the link between Baptism and Confirmation.