Dear Parents of Chisholm,

Recently Priests, Principals and Religious Education Coordinators in the Parramatta Diocese were invited to attend an address given by the Archbishop of Vancouver, The Most Reverend J. Michael Miller.

It was a direct and open speech that I would like to share part of with you as members of the Chisholm School community. Fundamentally the Archbishop challenged us by asking if our schools are places founded on the person of Jesus. A place where parents, children and teachers:

- Come to know the person of Jesus
- Can develop a personal relationship with Jesus and
- Encounter the love of Jesus through their interactions with each other.

This led to four key questions to ponder:

1. What is our educational philosophy and how is Jesus central to that Philosophy?
2. What is our Catholic worldview and how do we foster that into a Catholic school culture?
3. How is Religious Education integrated across the whole curriculum so that the community experiences Jesus?
4. How is our personal witness to God and Jesus evident in our daily words and actions?

Archbishop Miller gave us much to reflect on as he unpacked these very relevant questions and I encourage us all to spend some time thinking about our own personal responses to each one. In doing so we can all continue to build an authentically Catholic School community where we create human persons in their fullness, created in the image of God, who know who they are by knowing Jesus.

Have a great fortnight

Andrew Emanuel

(Acting Principal)

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
MONDAY 31ST AUGUST.
THE FOCUS OF THE DAY
WILL BE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

“SAVE THE DATE” for the following events organised for the Parish’s 175th Anniversary Celebrations.

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<td>Art Competition Commences All the information needed to enter this competition is available at each School Office. All of the students in our Parish Schools are encouraged to enter.</td>
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<td>1st August</td>
<td>Guessing Competition Opens 1st $1500 Travel Voucher, 2nd Membership Voucher, Hawkesbury Oasis Leisure Centre, 3rd $500 Myer Gift Card, tickets are $5.00 each Will be drawn at the Parish Dinner Dance on 25th September, 2015</td>
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<td>25th September</td>
<td>Parish Dinner Dance Windsor RSL Club $70 per person – Tables of 10 7.00 pm Champagne on arrival with a three course sit down dinner commencing at 7.30 pm After dinner there will be dancing and entertainment with the drawing of our Guessing Competition and other activities throughout the evening with great prizes.</td>
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<td>Anniversary Celebration Mass A light lunch will be provided by our Parish after 11am Mass in the Church Hall.</td>
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<td>St Matthew’s Parish Picnic Our day of festivities will commence with Mass at 9.30 am in the School grounds at Chisholm followed by morning tea; lunch and activities for all the family, young and old. For the “seasoned citizens” of our Parish (aged 60 and over), food and entertainment will be prepared and provided for our High Tea by Bede Polding Catholic College.</td>
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<td>Thanksgiving High Tea 10:30am at St Matthew’s Parish Hall</td>
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Tonight (Tuesday 19th August) is the Parent Meeting for parents who would like their Year 3 children to receive the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation). This meeting is in the Library at 7.30pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting there is another meeting at St Matthew’s tomorrow night (Wednesday) at 7.30 pm.

The Sacrament of Penance is the Sacrament a child receives after Baptism and before Eucharist. The Sacrament of Confirmation, received in Year 5, completes the initiation into our Church.

The Sacrament of Penance begins with the Examination of Conscience which means that the person reflects on their life and pinpoints times when they have actively turned away from God by word or deed. The other elements of the Sacrament are confession, contrition, satisfaction professed by the penitent and absolution given by the priest.

Through the Sacrament of Penance we are reconciled with God.

Marilyn Hancock – Religious Education Co-ordinator

NEW STAFF MEMBER

We welcome Miss Nikki Kiddle to Kindergarten Grey. Miss Kiddle will be replacing Mrs Sarah Dowers until the end of the year.

ROCK-A-THON UPDATE

Congratulations to all of our students who have brought in their sponsor cards. All of your names have been put into the draw to win an iPad mini and other assorted prizes. Congratulations also to those students who have already won canteen vouchers and $20 gift certificates. There will be more draws in the coming weeks, so continue to get those sponsors. Remember for every $5 raised you get an entry into the draw.

CHILD PROTECTION

A reminder for parents who are required to ‘UPDATE’ their child protection and for ‘NEW’ parents to the school. It is a Diocesan requirement that parents who volunteer at school must complete the CEO Online Child Protection Module. This training is available online at: http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au and MUST be completed every two years. All parents must have completed the above prior to helping in the classroom, on excursions, sport days, canteen, uniform shop or any help around the school.

DAFFODIL

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 Aug, Week 6

By Nicholas Walker 6W.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK

In week 7 (24th – 28th August) Chisholm will join schools across Australia in celebrating Literacy and Numeracy Week. As part of this Chisholm has organised a number of key events that we’d like to invite parents to. Firstly there will be an open classrooms session on Wednesday 26th from 12:00 – 1:00pm, where we invite parents to share in some of the learning our students are engaged in during a literacy block. Parents are then welcome to share lunch with their children before a Literacy Parent Forum from 2:00pm – 3:00pm where the schools literacy team will present the thinking behind what we do here at Chisholm. If you are unable to attend this forum or it does not meet your interests, there will be a Numeracy Parent Forum on Thursday 27th from 9:00am – 10:00am to share the various strategies used to solve addition and subtraction problems.

In Brief;

Literacy Open Class Sessions: Wednesday 26th August 12:00 – 1:00pm

Lunch with your child/ren: Wednesday 26th August 1:15pm – 2:00pm

Literacy Parent Forum: Wednesday 26th August 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Mathematics (Addition & Subtraction) Parent Forum: Thursday 27th August 9:00am – 10:am

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week

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

Thank you to the parents who will be helping Mrs Lark at the Book Fair.

We still need parent helpers who can assist at these times:

Thursday 10th Sept – lunchtime 1:30-2pm and after school 3-3:30pm

Friday 11th Sept before school, lunchtime 1:30-2pm and after school 3-3:30pm

The more helpers we have, the smoother the Fair will run. Please let Mrs Lark know if you are able to assist.

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! 😁

Premier’s Reading Challenge

URGENT: If you are in Stage 2 or 3 and have not completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge yet, you only have 1 more week! The Challenge finishes on 21st August. Please see Mrs Lark if you are having any difficulties.

Earn & Learn

Way to go Chisholm!

So far we have collected over 6000 points for our school in the Woolies Earn & Learn Promotion. 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. We are over ¼ of our way to our target of 20 000 points. Thanks for your wonderful support.
**CEO AND DIOCESAN EVENTS**

From the Bishops Office

The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta wants to hear from you

If you or someone close to you has suffered any abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options. You can contact us tel (02) 9933 0233, email or write to Safeguarding Response, PO Box 3066, North Parramatta, NSW, 1750. For more information please visit: www.safeguarding.org.au

For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact NSW Police tel 1800 333 000.

Housing Affordability ‘Table Talks’ Session: 19 August

Join the diocesan Family & Life Office and Social Justice Office for an evening of ‘Table Talks’ on the topic of Affordable Housing. This event will highlight the moral and social justice dimensions of housing affordability. Wednesday 19 August from 7pm-8.30pm followed by supper. Institute for Mission (downstairs), 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. RSVP to bsmith@parra.catholic.org.au or nickeogh@parra.catholic.org.au

3rd Annual Faith in Marriage Conference: 23 August

This year’s conference has the theme: Marriage – A Culture of Love & Life. Incorporating the Ray Reid Memorial Lecture about the blessing and graces of marriage. This conference is aimed at married couples, engaged couples and individuals interested in marriage. Speakers include the Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev Fr Peter G Williams, Jonathan Doyle and Lara & Tim Kirk. Mass will be celebrated at noon. Brought to you by CatholicCare Social Services and Australian Catholic University. From 9am-3pm at Edith Angel Hall, Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross St, Parramatta. Cost: $25 per person ($50 per couple). For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact NSW Police tel 1800 333 000.

Registration: CatholicCare Parramatta (02) 9933 0222, marriage@ccss.org.au

Join us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta

**SPORT**

Hill Zone Athletics Carnival

Well done to the team of Chisholm students who participated in the Hills Zone Athletics Carnival at Rooty Hill last Thursday. We had some great results with a number of our students making it into the finals for 100m and 200m sprints. A big thank you to the parents that volunteered to assist as place judges. It was a relief to know that we had our jobs covered throughout the day. Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 4 of their events and will now compete at the Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Rooty Hill. Good luck at the next level.

Charlotte Brown 4th junior girls discus
Toby Camilleri 1st junior boys discus
Olivia Dimech 4th 200m junior girls
Nyree Kennedy 1st senior girls discus
Marcela Rizzuto 3rd 11 years girls discus
Mame Van Zyl 1st 11 years girls shot put
Junior girls relay 2nd (Cahrlotte Lane, Brady Jones, Que Penza and Olivia Dimech)

Diocesan Netball Gala Day

Good luck to the 7 teams who will compete at the Diocesan Netball Gala next Tuesday 25th August at Penrith Netball Complex. We look forward to hearing how you all go

Karen Baxter – Sport Co-ordinator

**CCG – CHISHOLM COMMUNITY GROUP**

**Father’s Day Celebrations At Chisholm**

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
9.00am  Father’s Day Liturgy

Please RSVP 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

**Our Annual Spring Fair is coming!**

Saturday November 7th!!

Mark this date in your calendar!

Planning is well underway for this year’s Annual Spring Fair.

You can look forward to rides, showbags, facepainting, chocolate Wheel etc. So much fun for everyone!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday over the next two weeks:


**CANTER ROASTER**

**TERM 3**

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Please be aware that all purchases from the canteen need to be paid for on the day of purchase. The canteen is unable to allow credit. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sandra Goldsborough - Canteen Co-ordinator

**Congratulations to ….**

Nicholas Brincat (5 White)

Nicholas represented N.S.W. at the National Karate Tournament
Nicholas placed 3rd in Kata and Kumite

Well done Nicholas !!!

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!
Resilience Building Tips

Parents can encourage resilience in their child by developing protective behaviours and resilient social skills in your child.

The types of skills we are talking about include:

- speaking assertively,
- negotiating,
- expressing their own opinion,
- using a confident voice and
- using firm eye contact.

These skills can be practiced in class when an issue is raised and at home with each other. Parents are the key role models at this age and are the best people to assist in skill development in the home environment, then at school we can reinforce these behaviours.

School will reinforce these behaviours by practising “I” statements – these are being used in several classes as a way of children problem solving and linking how things make them feel and what they would prefer.

For example
“\textbf{I feel sad when you tell me I can’t play}”
“\textbf{I feel sad and lonely when you tell my friends to run away from me}”
“\textbf{I feel worried when you are looking at me and staring}”
“\textbf{I feel mad when you laugh at me with other people}”

These skills can be used in conjunction with skills around patience and mutual communication - one person talks and the other person listens. At this age there is a lot of talking for or over another which means one child’s voice can be missed – it is important that at school and at home we are making sure each child is given equal time to:

- state what has happened
- how they felt
- what they would prefer
- what could have been done differently
- practice the best outcome

If we are working together then this will promote a holistic development of resilient social skills for our community.