Dear Families of Chisholm,

It is wonderful to be back at Chisholm after a period of time on leave. A break away can often bring new insight to the community in which we work. As I returned just a fortnight ago I was moved by the warm welcome home I received from adults and children alike. This is a reflection of the basic goodness of people in our community.

I also experienced a heightened awareness of how hard our community works for the benefit of our children. In just the past two weeks we have had many opportunities and experiences for children and parents to participate in.

These include: Voice of Youth, Daffodil Day, Open Classrooms, Book readings for children in the morning, Parent workshops for literacy and numeracy, Rock-A-Thon and BBQ. I am in total admiration of staff and parents who work together to make these opportunities possible. Thank you!

This weekend we celebrate Father’s Day. It is a day for people to show their appreciation for fathers and father figures. Father figures may include stepfathers, grandfathers, fathers-in-law, uncles, guardians (eg. foster parents), and family friends. We warmly invite all Dads, Grandparents, caretakers and children to join us for these special Father’s Day celebrations this Friday 4th September.

7.45 – 8.45am BBQ Egg and Bacon Breakfast
8.15 - 8.45am Open Classroom
9.00am Father’s Day Liturgy

We pray for all dads and for all special men in our lives.

God, bless all the fathers in the world.
Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children.
Help them to be a father like You are.
Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
Amen

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.

On Monday, all the staff went on a pilgrimage, which is a journey to a place of sacred significance as an act of devotion. The bus took us to St Matthew’s where we prayed the pilgrim’s prayer together. St Matthew’s is celebrating its 175th anniversary and is a significant holy site for the early church in Australia.

Our journey continued to St Patrick’s, Church Hill in Grosvenor Street in the city. This is close to the site where Catholics in colonial Australia illegally celebrated the Eucharist. Most Catholics in the penal colony were of Irish descent and considered a threat to the harmony of the new settlement so were forbidden to celebrate the Eucharist. Any priests who tried to come to Sydney were sent back to England until 1821 when the first priests (Fr Therry and Fr Conolly) were invited to come to minister to the people.

After a tour of St Patrick’s we continued to St Mary’s Cathedral which tells the story of our church in Australia from the early days. We looked not only at the architecture, its symbols and historic artifacts and how these reflect our spiritual story, but also the significance of the stained glass windows, sculptures and paintings that encourage us to seek God.

Merilyn Hancock – Religious Education Co-ordinator

**ROCKATHON UPDATE**

What a fun day we had last Friday for this year’s walkathon! This year’s rock and roll theme saw lots of colourful and interesting costumes and wigs with hundreds of enthusiastic walkers from kindy to year 6.

Congratulations to Sarah Kitching and Rebecca Monaghan who were the main organisers for the event. A big thank you to all of the parents who assisted on the day by walking or supervising on the course, cooking and serving the sausage sizzle lunch or just giving time to attend.

This is a great example of the great Chisholm spirit in action and what we can achieve as a supportive school community. As one of our main fund raisers for the year we now need to return sponsor cards and money so we can fund some of the ongoing technology and resource needs for our children.

Well done everyone!

**FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP**

Summer Uniforms are now in stock and ready for sale.

We are now selling Girls Summer Head Bands for $6 each.

**DAFFODIL DAY**

Thank you everyone for participating in Daffodil Day! We raised $830 for the Cancer Council. We had a great day and we hope you did too!

Thank you from Holly Johnson & Waylen Lombardo.

**UNIFORM & GROOMING**

A big thank you to all of our parents who are very supportive and continue to send their child/children to school dressed in the correct school uniform and with appropriate grooming, especially haircuts. This is a great way to instill self-respect and respect for the school community to which they belong.

An increasing number of boys are coming to school with haircuts that are not even in length, are layered or sculptured. Parents are reminded of the following grooming requirements regarding hair.

**GROOMING AND HAIR**

- Hair is to be kept neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade and all extremes of fashion are to be avoided. Some examples of “styles” that are unacceptable include: ridges, lines, undercuts, steps, bowl cuts, any excessive shaping with gel, and any shaving cuts.
- Girl’s hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied back from the face. Hair is to be off the face and out of the eyes.
- Ribbons, hair slides etc., if worn should be in the uniform fabric or maroon. Scrunchies and head bands are sold from the Uniform Shop.

We thank you for your ongoing understanding in not sending mixed messages to the children and supporting us in being consistent with our school grooming policy.

**ABSENTEEISM**

The improved efforts of parents in getting children to school on time each day is appreciated and is making a difference to school attendance rates. However school data is telling us that a large percentage of children are still arriving past the 8.45 school start time and many of the late starters display a regular pattern of late arrival. We appreciate mornings can be busy times, traffic can impact on arrival times and that appointments need to be made, however parents are encouraged to make punctuality a priority.

Parents are reminded that any absence (partial or full) needs to be followed up with a note of explanation so that the class rolls can be accurately maintained.

No note means the absence remains unexplained and they may accumulate to a point where they become a legal issue regarding absenteeism. Currently we have over 10% of students who are below the benchmark of 90% attendance, which is an issue we all need to work at reducing. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding with this important matter.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

|         | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Mon | Tue |
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|         | Amanda Cauchi, Suzanne Bosque | Liz Vassallo, Kerri Allen | Kirsten Broadfoot, Coralie Livingston, Simone Kennedy | Belinda Parr, Amanda Cauchi | Andrew Broadfoot, Sam Puglisi | Nicole Anderson, Simone Usher | Vicki Withers, Bridget Walker | Julie Lavender, Caroline Young, Kristina Anderson | Tami Adams, Jade Millan | Nicole Bruce, Verity Bugeja |     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |

**Rockathon BBQ Lunch a Huge Success**

Thank you to all the mums who helped serve lunch. We could not do these things for the children without you and your help!!!

Sandra Goldsborough – Canteen Co-ordinator
CCG – CHISHOLM COMMUNITY GROUP

Father’s Day Celebrations
At Chisholm
Friday 4th 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 – 8.45am 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 4th September, with presents ranging from $1 to $5.
Please send in a plastic bag for your child to carry the
present home in.

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

MUSICA VIVA
Throughout this term in Creative Arts, the students have
been involved in Musica Viva. This year the students have
been exploring Indonesian culture, dance and music.
Students have the opportunity on Friday 18th September
to experience a live performance of the mini gamelan
orchestra, Makukuhan. This should be an amazing
performance!

Rosemary Huempel
Creative Arts Teacher

SPORT
Diocesan Netball Gala Day
Good luck to the 7 Chisholm netball teams who will
participate in the Diocesan Gala Day on the 9th September
at Penrith Netball Complex.

Stage 2 Touch Football Teams
Good luck to the Stage 2 touch football teams who will
compete at the Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day at The
Kingsway, St Mary’s on Friday 4th September.

Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Well done to the Chisholm Diocesan Team who competed
recently at Blacktown Athletics Sports Park. There were
many great performances on the day. Congratulations to
Toby Camilleri (1st Junior Boys Discuss) and Marne Van
Zyl (2nd 11 Years Girls Shot Put). Both will compete in the
MacKillop Trials at Homebush on Monday 14th September.

Hawkesbury Cup Rugby League
There has been a change of date for the Hawkesbury Cup.
It is on Thursday 17th September. We are still looking for a
coach for the Senior Boys team. Junior try outs will be this
Thursday 3rd September.

Karen Baxter – Sport Co-coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS ~ BOOK WEEK

Book Week
Book Week at Chisholm will be held next week!
A flyer has come home today promoting the Book
Fair at Chisholm.

Thank you so much to all the parents who have volunteered their
time to assist at the Book Fair.

If there are any more parent helpers who can assist us selling
books at the Book Fair on Thursday and Friday during lunchtime
and after school, please let Mrs Lark know.

The Book Fair will open on Wednesday 9th September after the
Book Character Parade. Students will be able to buy books during
lunchtime Wed-Fri and before and after school if accompanied by
a parent.

Earn and Learn
Wow! What a great job we are doing of collecting points at
Chisholm!
We have over 12 000 points so far and we are heading towards
our target of 20 000 points. Thanks to everyone in our school
community for your support

Fiona Lark - Teacher Librarian

Congratulations to . . .
Crystal Watts (SW)
who competed in the World Cup Cheer and Dance
(WCCD) State Showdown at the Sydney State Sports
Centre on Sunday 30th August. Crystal competed in
“Bradshaw's Royals” Level One – the first time the team
had competed at this level.

The team won their division, achieving the highest score
over the entire senior level winning them Bradshaws first
ever cheer banner.

Crystal is now preparing for the Nationals held in
Wollongong on Sunday 18th October.

Well done Crystal!!!

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

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their
birthday over the next two weeks:
Lucy Scala, Leo Farrugia, Felicia Nguyen, Thomas Bruce,
Curtis Gatt, Gabrielle Bugeja, James Vella, Charlie Milkins,
Silvanna Virzi, Cayden Herps and Blake Hollis.

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.
Some quotes from our Year 5 student regarding the Rock-a-thon

Jasmine Pollock
On Friday, the 28th August was the most rock-tastic day of the year! At our Rock-A-Thon there were some outstanding costumes and wild hair-do’s. Everyone got into party mode and a fantastic time was had by all. Even some of the teachers looked the part.

Olivia Halliwell
The rock-a-thon was a fantastic day that everyone enjoyed dressing up as their favourite rock stars. Groups of friends joined together to make bands so it was even more fun. Children used props and face paint to make their costumes look amazing. On the day everyone looked excellent walking around Bligh Park.

Mitchel Azzopardi
During the Rock-A-Thon the Year 5 children had the opportunity to walk with their buddies. Each grade left at separate times to spread out across the course. We walked about 4 to 5 kilometers and some of us had sore feet when we arrived back at school. Everybody had a great day and we all had a laugh at each other’s costumes.

Penelope Shaffer
After the Rock-A-Thon we all came back to class for some giggles and laughs at our rocking costumes. At lunchtime we all had a mouth-watering sausage sizzle and a drink, provided by some parent volunteers. Lunch was very refreshing after a long walk. This was a day no one will forget.

Brady Jones
We had a rockalicious day with crazy costumes, delicious sausages and a great walk around Bligh Park, keeping our fitness up. Friends laughed and teachers had fun as well. The whole day was blast.