Dear Families of Chisholm,

Life is full of good things. At Chisholm we have much to be grateful for and as Term 3 draws to a close I reflect on the many blessings God has shared with us as a community. Thank you to the many parents who speak so positively about our school, the programmes delivered by the teachers and the care that the staff take of the children each and every day. The staff are very appreciative of the support that you give to them and the partnership that they have in working with you to build the wonderful community of Chisholm.

This Sunday’s Gospel also reflects on “Good things”. Life is full of good things. For the rich man it was the fine clothes and sumptuous food, things which provided instant gratification. For Lazarus, it was being released from his suffering, a saving action. The gap between the rich man and Lazarus still exists today between our wealthy and marginalized. The question for us is not what things are good, but where do we find goodness and how we can show goodness to others? An additional question is how do I show my gratitude for the goodness that is shown to me?

I thank God and am grateful for the goodness in my life and for the opportunity to work as a team with staff, parents and children as we work to show goodness to each other every day.

May the holidays be safe, happy and relaxing.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes

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Chisholm Spring Fair

Our Chisholm Spring fair is fast approaching and is booked in for Saturday 5th November.

Please mark this date on your calendar and start telling your family, friends and neighbours.
**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.

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**ENROLLING FOR 2017**

We have had very strong enrolments for Kinder 2017 and we are looking forward to another great year. Currently there are opportunities for enrolment K-6 though these spots are very limited. If you know of anyone seeking enrolment for 2017 please encourage them to return their enrolment application as soon as possible.

If your child will not be returning to Chisholm in 2017, please advise the office in writing as soon as possible. This information is very important to assist us in preparing for 2017 classes.

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**SPORT**

Netball Coach Thank You

Thank you to Joanne Puglisi who generously gave up her time earlier this term to assist with the coaching of the 9 years girls Chisholm team. Your time and expertise was greatly appreciated by the girls and the staff on the day. My apologies for the omission in the last newsletter.

Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day

Well done to the three teams that competed in the Diocesan Touch Football Gala day last Friday. From all reports the teams played well and competed hard with great team spirit and positive sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to the Maroon boys’ team coached by Mr Gordon who came first in their division, Chisholm girls coached by Ms Edwards who came runners up and the Grey Chisholm boys coached by Mr Taylor who all performed their best and tried hard throughout the day. Well done and thank you!

Infants Athletics Carnival/Fun Day

Last Friday Chisholm held its annual Sports Fun Day for Infants. There was lots of excitement leading up to the day with the students practising the events leading up to the day. Thank you to the wonderful team of parents that assisted the staff with place judging, recording and marshalling throughout the day, it made the day truly successful. Well done to all the children who competed. The look on their faces when awarded a ribbon regardless of the colour made this day truly worthwhile.

House Champions for 2016:

1st - green, 2nd - gold, 3rd - red and 4th - blue

Team Spirit for 2016:

1st - blue, 2nd - gold, 3rd - green and 4th - red

Congratulations also to our 2016 House Captains:

Blue - Sophie Coe, Levi Cluderay
Gold - Jessica McKeon, Jacob Tabone
Green - Reice Jones, Cameron Hedges
Red - Lacey O’Brien, Lachlan Moore

Chisholm Rugby League

Good luck to our Chisholm Rugby League teams that will compete in the Hawkesbury Cup on Thursday.

MacKillop Athletics Trials

Well done to all of the students who competed yesterday at Homebush in the MacKillop trials for Athletics. A great effort from Jaydah Arici, Courtney Kitching, Abigail Saba and Rhys Bobart.

Congratulations to the following students who will compete next term at the State Carnival after their placings yesterday:

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Karen Baxter – Sports Co-ordinator

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**STUDENT GROOMING AND UNIFORM**

At regular intervals in the newsletter the school grooming policy has been published with a focus on student haircuts. Despite consistent attempts to communicate the policy a number of students have continued to come to school with haircuts that are shaved short on the sides and are a longer length on top. The school grooming policy requires haircuts to be of one even length.

Parents who ignore the school policy are sending a confusing message to their children and are asked to support the majority of parents who are complying with the request.

In addition, parents are reminded that the school sport socks are the only socks that should be worn with the school sports uniform and are readily available at the school uniform shop. Low cut ankle socks are not part of the school uniform.

If the grooming policy is a concern for any parents please feel free to contact the school to discuss the matter further.

Thank you for your ongoing support with keeping our uniform standards high.

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**UNIFORM NEWS**

Monday 10th October is the final change over date from winter to summer uniform. Summer uniforms are available for purchase from the uniform shop during opening hours. **All students are to be in their summer school uniform by the start of Term 4.**

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

**OLYMPIC-A-THON**

A huge thank you to all our Chisholm families for their wonderful support of our 2016 Olympic-a-thon. Through your generosity we have raised over $13,000 which will be going towards class libraries for each of our twenty-one classes.

Congratulations to the following classes who raised over $1000 each: KG, KM, KW, 1G & 1W.

They will enjoy a special pizza lunch this week.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM**

In Week 8, Chisholm had a Crazy Hair Mufti Day to raise money for Baclayon Primary School in Bohol, Philippines. It was great to see so many crazy hair-dos and to see everyone get into it. We raised just under $600. Thank you for your support for this worthy cause.

The Social Justice Team

**OUR ST MATTHEW’S PARISH NEEDS OUR SUPPORT**

Fr Arthur is seeking support from all the parish schools to fundraise for urgent capital expenditure to replace the air conditioning in the Church at St Matthew’s. To assist in this project, we will be holding a mufti day on the last day of term **Friday 23 September.**

Since this is near the time of the various football final series, the theme will be to wear your favourite team colours. As always, safe footwear is essential. We encourage you to make a gold coin donation and support our Parish.

The Social Justice Team

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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Parents are reminded to please send plastic spoons from home for yoghurts, fruits etc. or these can be bought at the canteen for a cost of 10c each.

Thank you
Sandra Goldsborough - Canteen Co-ordinator

**Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday over the coming weeks:**


**STAR SPOT**

Congratulations to the following student...
**Nicholas Brincat (6 G)** who competed last week in the Oceania Karate Championships held in New Caledonia. Won Silver medal for Australia in Kata and Silver medal for Australia in Kumite.

Well Done

If you know of any student who has excelled in areas outside of school, please let us know.

**HAWKESBURY – LIBRARY, MUSEUM & GALLERY**

School Holiday Activities Spring September – October 2016

Hawkesbury Library, Museum and Gallery have an excellent program of activities for children and families. The program caters for all age groups, from pre-school to seniors, and includes after-school art workshops, talks on local and general history, exhibitions, film screenings and various school holiday activities.


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**ST MATTHEW’S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Date: Friday 14th October 2016
Time: 6.30pm

At Windsor RSL Club

Angela Street South, Windsor NSW

Tickets $100 each

Join us for pre-dinner drinks and a three course meal.

Any special dietary requirements please let us know.

Live entertainment

Lucky door prize and auction

Why not join with your family and/or friends and make a table of 10. It should be a wonderful night. The support of your Parish is appreciated.
What a fabulous time we had celebrating Book Week at Chisholm last week!

Teachers read picture books daily in the MPA and presented a Theatre performance of *Piranhas Don’t Eat Bananas*. Classes from K-6 buddied up to share their Book Week books and costumes, and we had some amazing costumes featured in our annual Book Parade. We were also treated to a reading of *Where Is The Green Sheep?*, featuring our Teachers as all the characters!

**Thank you!!**

To Parents - for buying books at the Book Fair and assisting with the creation of some incredible costumes, including little brothers and sisters!

To Teachers - for Reading in the MPA, dressing up as sheep, Reader’s Theatre and assisting with the Book Fair

To Students - for your energy and creativity that always makes Book Week at Chisholm so very special.

An extra big Thank you goes to the amazing Parents who assisted Mrs Lark with setting up the Book Fair, selling books and packing it all away again. We couldn’t have done it without you!

We are safe, honest, respectful learners!