Dear Families of Chisholm,

HAPPY WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY

For most of us, we are able to name one special teacher who had a significant impact on our lives and who has remained memorable to us over the years. This teacher may have inspired you to engage in your chosen career, provided you with opportunities that allowed you to develop your skills and talents, challenged you to step outside your comfort zone or saw something in you that no other teacher had ever seen.

This Friday, all across Australia, society and most particularly school communities celebrate teachers – the work that they do and the care that they demonstrate each and every day with the children they teach.

For Catholic teachers there is another important dimension ..... vocation - a calling to become part of something of great significance; to share in the Church’s mission. Teachers in Catholic schools share in the work of Jesus to reach out to others and spread the good news about life and its purpose.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fabulous Chisholm staff. This wonderful group of professionals demonstrates their dedication to the Church’s mission and the learning and development of your children each and every day. The Catholic Education Office also recognises and applauds staff for their years of service in Catholic Education. Congratulations to the following staff who have worked in the Diocese for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 years.

Jessica Iannuzzi, Rebecca Sidorenko, Danielle Sweeney, Belinda Gatt, Michelle Sultana, Taryn Bartley, Mary Sullivan, Fiona Lark, Michelle Siegenthaler, Moira Marturia, Belinda Barnes, Sue McNamara, Karen Baxter Janet Young, Merilyn Hancock, Andrew Emanuel, Jan Ryan.

God Bless
Keiran Byrnes

Are you moving in 2015?

To estimate enrolments for 2015, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving Chisholm at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6. Please indicate the school that they will be attending for our records by 31st October 2014.

If your child is changing schools for 2015 it is important that you let us know. We have considerable pressure for enrolments in all grades and would like to offer positions to families new to the area.

Congratulations to .

Richard Windsor (4W)
who received a Bronze Medallion for Men’s Gymnastics Level 1-6 State Championships

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.
On Friday 31st November, we will be celebrating All Saints’ Day. Mass will be at 9am in the MPA. We celebrate the saints who have gone before us and who have lived the Gospel of Jesus and shown his love to those around them. St Matthew, who was a tax collector and a disciple of Jesus, is the patron saint of our parish. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop showed Jesus’ love in the way that she helped the poor and started schools to educate them.

There are also living saints in our community who try to live as examples of Jesus’ love in everything they do. We encourage the children to acknowledge the saints in their families, like their mums, who give so much. Dads are saints too who give their time and love to their families.

The secretaries in our school office are also saints: they answer lots of queries, are kind to children who are sick or hurt and always have a smile of their faces.

Merilyn Hancock - Religious Education Co-ordinator

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

Parents still wishing to enroll their child in Kindergarten 2015 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.

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED

As you know we are fortunate at Chisholm to have an excellent canteen providing services to our children and families five days a week. We are extremely lucky to have Sandra Goldsborough as our canteen manager who ably runs the canteen with a great variety of food and drinks available for the children.

This service absolutely relies on parent volunteers being able to assist each day. Whilst we understand there are many time pressures for families we are in dire need for more regular volunteers for 2015. We anticipate that at the end of 2014 we will lose about 18 regular volunteers as their children move on to high school. If we cannot find more volunteers the school will need to consider reducing the canteen services that we can provide.

I urge you to consider volunteering just a few hours once or twice a term to help in the canteen. Through your assistance we can continue the services for the children. As well consider the added bonus of being able to meet with other parents and extend your network within the school community.

My deep thanks to those who already have been able to volunteer and give some of their time. It is much appreciated.

Keiran Byrnes

CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2015

Very soon we will start to formulate classes for 2015. If you have any issues regarding your child’s class placement, please inform Ms Byrnes in writing by no later than Friday 31st October. Whilst we endeavour to take into account your considerations, final decisions will be made by the school.

If your family is not returning to Chisholm in 2015, could you please inform Ms Byrnes in writing by Friday 31st October. Please indicate the school that they will be attending for our records.

PARENT PICKUP PROCEDURES

Parents who choose to pick up their children in the afternoon are asked to meet them in one of the three designated areas at 3pm
- The Under Cover Court
- The Parent Retreat, OR
- The silver seats near the Cafe

In the interest of keeping everyone safe, parents are asked to collect their children from the school grounds to prevent children leaving unattended. Thank you for your ongoing support.

KISS AND DROP

Thank you to the large number of parents who are helping with making the Kiss and Drop procedures safe and efficient by
- being patient and allowing children to be collected
- staggering their pick up times
- having a large print, family name sign on display for teachers to read
- going around the block if traffic is banked
- keeping the pedestrian crossing and bus bay area clear
- reminding children to be on time in the afternoon

Teachers are on duty until 3.30pm following which children still waiting can be collected from the student foyer.

Andrew Emanuel - Assistant Principal

CHANGE IN STUDENTS TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

We appreciate that from time to time it is unavoidable to change the travel arrangements for your child. However, please be aware that contacting the school to organise for your child’s travel arrangements to change is very disruptive to the office and the classroom. On occasions it is very difficult to make contact with the child’s class as there are times when the classes are not in their designated rooms – on these occasions, it is possible that the message may not be received. I ask for your cooperation in minimising disruption by only contacting the school to change arrangements in an emergency situation or as a last resort. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

SCHOOL GROUNDS SAFETY – CAR PARK

Recently a number of cars have been driving into the car park area to drop off and pick up children.

In the interest of community safety parents are reminded that children are not to be dropped off or picked up from the staff car park as this is dangerous, especially when vehicles are trying to reverse out of the school.

The only cars permitted to park in the grounds are those with disabled access permission who must display their disabled sticker and must park within marked car spaces. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping each other safe.
It's time again to order your Chisholm Signature Bear or Football. Could you please send your order in with the correct money to the uniform shop. All orders must be in by 17th November, 2014.

Great for Year 6 Leavers
(get your friends to sign it)
Great for Kindy
(get your teachers to sign it every year)
Great for everybody
(record your memories of Chisholm)

Send money in envelope to Belinda Ross – Uniform Shop

Discounted Ride Passes will be available until Friday 31st October, for $25.00.

A huge thank you to all our generous families who returned their baskets for the Chisholm fair. They will be a great addition to basket stall and are greatly appreciated by the community. Next week cake boxes will be going home in support of the Cake Stall, so if you can make a cake or bake some goodies to sell, that will be a great help.

Also if you available to help set up for the fair on Friday 7th from 2pm we would be grateful for your support. Thanks

We look forward to a great day on Saturday 8th November.
New NSW Mathematics Syllabus Starting In 2015.

As you may or may not be aware, next year all schools in NSW will be implementing the new NSW Mathematics Syllabus. This is most definitely not something that carries a great deal of concern for our parents, but it is worth being aware of. Much of the changes to current teaching practices are reflected in the new syllabuses that have been driven by the new Australian Curriculum. All of the great numeracy practices we have been sharing with parents over the past 3 years are all reflected in the new document and is a tremendous affirmation for our school as a frontrunner in contemporary mathematical education.

If you would like to know more about the new syllabus please take a look at; http://syllabus.bos.nsw.edu.au/mathematics/

It is always worthwhile seeing what is driven in our schools by the NSW Board Of Studies. It is also interesting to see the focus on Mathematical Thinking and knowing that this has been a key focus of our school for the past few years (and will continue to be so). All of the great thinking is constantly on display in our classrooms and our teachers are constantly engaged in learning to ensure they are up to date with current practices. They are a tremendous asset to our school and the pictures on this page are a reflection of the great activities they develop to get the best out of your kids.

Thank you for your ongoing support and if you’d like any further information about the Mathematical practices being utilised in our school please come and see us.

We are safe, honest, respectful learners!