Dear Families of Chisholm,

Welcome back to school for Term 4. I hope that all our families had a relaxing time enjoying each other’s company, a slower pace of life and the beautiful weather that we were afforded throughout the two weeks of the holidays.

I know that the children have all returned full of excitement and anticipation of the fabulous 2016 Chisholm FAIR. So much has been happening behind the scenes as our wonderful Chisholm Community Group have been planning and preparing for this much awaited community event. Spread the news to your families and friends that we will warmly welcome them to come along and join in the fun with our fantastic rides, stalls and activities that have been carefully planned to make this event a huge success.

Last Friday Year 6 children from the Social Justice Team represented Chisholm at the Diocesan Mission Mass in Parramatta Cathedral. This was an opportunity for us to come together with schools across the diocese to pray for the needy and less fortunate.

October is the month of the Rosary with the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary being celebrated on the 7th October. Last week all classes prayed the Rosary as a school each day.


“There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.” Sister Lucia of Fatima.

During this month you might consider praying the Rosary as a family. There are many resources online to assist you by just entering “praying the rosary” into a search engine.

The teachers and I look forward to a great term of learning with the children.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY 2016

On Friday 28th October, Australian schools celebrate World Teachers’ Day. Every day teachers touch the lives of others in the most profound ways. Teachers’ plant and nurture understandings and values that will endure for a lifetime. They create lasting memories.

Christ himself was the great teacher and he began his ministry of teaching with those wonderful words at the beginning of the Gospel of St John, ‘come and see’. This is the teacher on whom we, as teachers in Catholic schools, are called to imitate, to model our ministry on. Christ the Teacher is the light that illuminates our path and guides the work we follow as teachers.

How blessed we are to have teachers at Chisholm so committed to the children in their care. How blessed we are as teachers to have the children of Chisholm who show us the face of Jesus each day.

I include information about a competition being run by the Catholic Education Office to thank your teacher that your child may wish to enter.

Celebrate World Teachers Day on Friday 28 October. Thank your teacher by taking a selfie with your teacher to go into the draw to win!

This year, we’re asking students to take a selfie with their teacher and tell us in 25 words or less why you think your teacher is great. Enter the competition online http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/thank-your-teacher and include your name, grade, school name, teacher name, photo and caption (25 words or less WHY your teacher is so great). Please ensure you ask your teacher’s permission and tell them about the competition, before you take a photo.

The winning entry will be posted on the CatholicEdParra Facebook page and Twitter feed in the lead up to World Teachers Day on Friday 28 October. The winning student will be announced on World Teachers Day and presented with a $200 iTunes voucher. The winner’s teacher will also receive an iPad mini. Follow CatholicEdParra on Facebook and Twitter to see if you win. Good luck!
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.

Last Friday was the Mission Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral. The Social Justice Leaders attended. Fr Paul Roberts was the celebrant and he spoke to the students about using the power of Jesus to achieve difficult things. Olivia Halliwell and Liam Saba took up the Bread and Wine and Fr Paul invited them to help him at the altar. It was a very special occasion that our students will remember. Catholic Mission provides support for places in our world where basic resources are scarce: clean water, shelter, food etc. Once a year, each school and parish in every Diocese throughout the world is asked to make a donation to this worthy cause. Jesus said that he came so that ALL could have life to the full. Your support for our fundraiser for Catholic Mission will be greatly appreciated.

In Christ,

M Hancock – Religious Education Co-ordinator

On Friday the 14th of October, Ms Byrnes, Mrs Hancock and parent helpers took the Social Justice Team to the Cathedral Church of St Patrick’s Parramatta to attend the Diocesan Mission Mass. Father Paul Roberts lead the Mass and taught us the real meaning of Jesus’ mission. During the Mass Liam Saba and Olivia Halliwell had the opportunity to present the gifts in the Offertory Procession.

After the Mass Kathryn Endicot the Diocesan Director of Catholic Mission and Roza Vukovich the Catholic Mission Presenter talked to us about how Catholic Mission helps the uneducated children in Cambodia to learn basic tasks. She spoke about how we can help and donate to improve the learning of these poor children.

For lunch, Catholic Mission provided water bottles and healthy rolls. Overall it was a fantastic experience for the Chisholm Social Justice Team and the other schools in the Parramatta Diocese.

Written by Olivia Halliwell and Liam Saba

BACK TO SCHOOL 2017

Parents, if you intend on travelling overseas or interstate during the Christmas holidays and your child/children will be returning to school late in 2017 due to extended holidays or any other reason, could you please notify the office, in writing, that this will be happening and noting the date your child will be returning for the 2017 school year. This information impacts on the February Census and our funding.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

2017 applications are closing and interviews have been conducted. Parents still wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten 2017 are urged to submit their enrolments promptly. If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at Chisholm in any grade, now is the time to remind them to place their applications at the school office.

CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2017

If your family is not returning to Chisholm in 2017, could you please inform Ms Byrnes in writing by Friday 28th October. Please indicate the school that they will be attending for our records.

Very soon we will start to formulate classes for 2017.

If you have any specific information about the learning or social needs of your child that you believe we need to be aware of when forming classes please inform Ms Byrnes in writing by no later than Friday 28th October.

Placing children in learning groups involves a number of considerations and the school has a clearly defined process. Information from parents regarding learning or social needs are only one of the many factors taken into account.

It is important that parents understand that this is not an opportunity to request a particular teacher. Teachers will not be assigned to classes until the process of forming learning groups is complete.

Whilst we endeavour to take into account your considerations, final decisions will be made by the school.

Keiran Byrnes

SPORT

Hawkesbury Cup
Well done to our 2 Rugby League teams that competed last term at Windsor in the Hawkesbury Cup. Congratulations to the Junior Boys on winning their division. A great effort to the seniors who played hard throughout the day. Thank you to Mr Gordon and Mr Magann who prepared the boys and coached them on the day. It was really appreciated.

NSWPSSA Athletics
Good luck to Liam Saba, Olivia Dimech and Toby Camilleri who will compete this week at Homebush in the NSWPSSA championships. We look forward to hearing your results.

Swimming Carnival Years 2-5
Notes went home this week regarding the Chisholm Swimming Carnival later this term. Please sign and return all nominations sheets to enter your children into events for the day. It is important that all forms are returned so that children are placed in the correct events.

Out of School Sport
Notes will go home soon advising students what sport they have been given. Please return all notes and money by 27th October. Students who have not returned their notes and full payment will not be able to attend the first session on Thursday 3rd November.

Diocesan Sports Trials for 2017
The Parramatta Diocesan Sports Trials are starting this term for 2017. These are not school trials for sports teams but rather representative standard trials run by the Parramatta Diocesan Sports Council to represent Parramatta at Mackillop trials. If your child is in Years 4 or 5 and playing representative sport or (in the case of no reps) in a well-placed Division 1 team, please contact Mrs Baxter in writing with an expression of interest. There are strict criteria for these trials which the children need to meet in order to attend these try outs and a limit of 2 students per school for sports such as netball, boys’ soccer and cricket. Please carefully consider this before sending in expressions of interest.

Karen Baxter – Sports Co-ordinator
Our prayers and best wishes to students in our community who are sitting for their HSC exams. We wish you well.

CHISHOLM FAIR 2016

Our annual Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 5th November. Following are a number of reminders to help your family plan for this great community event.

HELPERS
The CCG are in desperate need of helpers on the day. Even if you are able to spare an hour helping that would be very much appreciated! Please contact the CCG on 0433 195 734 if you can help.

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL
To assist in preparation for this spectacular event the school will be accepting White Elephant stall donations next Saturday 22nd October between 10am and 12:00 noon at school. There will also be two mufti days leading up to the big day.

MUFTI DAYS – BASKET STALL AND CAKE STALL
The first mufti day will be held on Friday 28th October for all students who return their full baskets for the basket stall. The second mufti day will be held on Friday 4th November for all students who bring a cake (or other baked goods) for the cake stall to be held the next day at the fair. We thank everyone for all of their help with this massive event and appreciate all contributions.

RIDE PASSES
Ride passes will be on sale at $25 per pass up to and including 28th October. After this date ride passes will be $30. Please note we have worked very hard to have no price increase for ride passes for over 5 years! Great value.

5 CENT DRIVE
Classes are busy collecting those pesky 5 cent coins! For the class that collects the most pesky coins as part of the fair fundraising each child will receive a free showbag.

DISTRIBUTION OF FLYERS
Each family will be given a few flyers (approximately 6) on Friday 21st October, to put in the letterboxes of people in your neighbourhood. Involve your children and go for a short walk as a family to safely spread the news about our fair.

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

In Term 4, Chisholm will be collecting food items for St Vincent de Paul to distribute in their Christmas hampers for families in the Hawkesbury area. Each grade has been designated a category. Each child has also been assigned a day to bring their item in as part of a reverse Advent calendar (a note will be sent home explaining this and also letting you know your child's day).

Kindy- Christmas food (e.g. pudding, custard)
Year 1- tinned vegetables/fruit
Year 2- soup (packet/tinned) or biscuits
Year 3- tinned meat (e.g. tuna, spam)
Year 4- cereal
Year 5- pasta sauce/pasta
Year 6- cordial or long life milk

In return for the item, Thursday Week 9 will be a Christmas Mufti Day to say thank you. Come in your merriest, most festive gear!
Thank you for your support for this cause and for helping to bring a merry Christmas to those less fortunate.

The Social Justice Team

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES

Procedures reminder for volunteers
Volunteers make a significant contribution to students and our community. As part of our new ‘Building Child Safe Communities’ initiatives, we request the following from volunteers:

Step 1: Complete the ‘Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers’ Form for each volunteer location

Step 2: Complete the online training module.

These can be accessed at http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au - Volunteers.

Please contact the school office if you require any assistance. We thank all volunteers for their continued support.

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:

| Oct 1 | 10 | 11 | Fair Committee 6:00pm | 12 | 13 | MusicAviva | 14 | 15/16 Teresa of Avila |
| Oct 2 | 17 | 18 | 19 Reconciliation Yr 6 10:00am | 20 | 21 | 22/23 St John Paul II of Rome |
| Oct 3 | 24 | 25 | CCG Fair Stall Holders 6:00pm | 26 | 27 | Penance Liturgy 7:30pm – St Matthew’s |
| Oct-Nov 4 | 31 October Cake boxes home | 1 November All Saints Day Mass 9am Melbourne Cup | 2 | All Souls Day | 3 | Out of School Sports Stg 3 |
| Nov 5 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Out of School Sports Stg 3 |
| Nov 6 | 14 | 15 | CCG Fair Wrap Up 6:00pm | 16 | 17 | Out of School Sports Stg 3 |
| Nov 7 | 21 | 22 | Bede Polding Orientation | 23 | 24 | Out of School Sports Stg 3 |
| Nov-Dec 8 | 28 Advent Assembly Social Justice Group St Stephen’s visit 11.30am | 29 | 30 | 1 December Out of School Sports Stg 3 Reports home |
| Dec 9 | 5 | 6 | Advent Assembly Choir visit St Stephen’s 11.30am | 7 | 8 | Reconciliation Yr 5 10:00am |
| Dec 10 | 12 | 13 | End of Year Mass 9am (Whole School) Yr. 6 Graduation Ceremony | 14 | 15 | 16 Advent Assembly SCHOOL CLOSES |
| Dec 11 | 19 | 20 | STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24/25 Christmas Day |

We are safe, honest, respectful learners!