Dear Families of Chisholm,

On Friday this week, 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 do 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. As a leader in a Catholic school I have the privilege of working with a dedicated team of professionals who strive each day to make a difference to the lives of the children here at Chisholm. I most sincerely thank them for the work that they do and I encourage us all to offer a gesture of gratitude to our teachers.

Nevertheless, school is just one role in the education and upbringing of a child. It is the way in which family, parish and school work together that makes the greatest impact on helping a child to grow to the best person that they can be.

Therefore, we pray…

for Pope Francis, for our bishops, for all priests and for all who bear the light of Christ to the world, may they always have the courage to be the people that Jesus calls them to be.

for parents who are the first of teachers and who entrust the ongoing education and faith development of their children to our care. May we always support the work that they do and be deserving of that trust.

for teachers and all who work in our schools that they will always choose Christ the Teacher as their model and endeavour to transform the lives of those they teach into lives of love, love of God and of one another.

for children at Chisholm and in our schools all over Australia. May we enable them to live as children of God, fully alive and faith-filled people.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes

Staffing Update

As you may be aware Mrs Danielle Sweeney and her husband are expecting the birth of their third child. Mrs Sweeney will begin her maternity leave today. Mrs Belinda Barnes and her husband are also expecting the birth of their second child. Mrs Barnes will begin her maternity leave next Monday.

I would like to acknowledge the great work and contribution of Mrs Sweeney and Mrs Barnes to Chisholm and the education of the children in their care. I am sure you join me in wishing Mrs Sweeney and Mrs Barnes God’s blessings in the coming months.

We welcome Mrs Julie Grunberg who will be teaching 6 Maroon and Mrs Rebecca Sidorenko who will be teaching 5White each Monday for the remainder of the 2015 school year. Thanks also to Mrs Michelle Feneley who will be teaching 4W each Thursday for the remainder of the 2015 year.
FROM THE REC

October is the month of the Rosary which is a traditional set of prayers for families to pray. Last week at Chisholm, we prayed one decade of the Rosary (the Mysteries of the Light) instead of the Angelus. Kindergarten children were given Rosary beads. The word Rosary means “crown of roses”. Whilst praying the prayers we meditate on the mysteries of joy, of sorrow and the glory of Jesus and Mary. We prayed the Mysteries of Light or Luminous Mysteries as written by St John-Paul II. With each decade St John Paul II linked a piece of scripture from the Gospels. Learning Matters shows the structure of the Rosary and a separate sheet with your newsletter gives you the Rosary prayers.

Marilyn Hancock – Religious Education Co-ordinator

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.

BIKE SAFETY

At Chisholm we have an increasing number of children riding bikes or scooters to school.

If your child rides to school parents are asked to remind their child/children about the follow safety rules.

- Helmets must be worn while riding at all times.
- Bikes and scooters may only be pushed in the school grounds and on the footpath outside the school, especially in the afternoons during bus duty and Kiss and drop duty.
- Bikes and scooters are to be parked in the designated area. Between the Year 3 and Year 4 buildings
- Children only have permission to use their own bike or scooter.

Parents are also asked to discuss appropriate road rules while riding to and from school in the interest of keeping everyone safe. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

DOGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

In the interest of safety, parents are reminded that it is unsafe to bring dogs onto the school premises, even if they are on a leash. Please ensure that dogs are not brought onto the school grounds. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

SPORT NEWS

Out of School Sport

A reminder that Out of School Sport for Years 5 and 6 starts this week. All notes and money must be received prior to the start this Thursday. Please finalise any outstanding money to the office ASAP as notes and money are now overdue.

2-5 Swimming Carnival

The 2-5 Swimming Carnival is fast approaching on the 4th December. Permission notes and event entries are due this Friday. Please ensure that your child’s forms are handed back promptly so that we can begin organisation for the day.

NSWPSSA Athletics Championships

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KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

2016 applications are closing. Interviews have been conducted. Parents still wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten 2016 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.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2016

Parents, if you intend travelling overseas or interstate during the Christmas holidays and your child/children will be returning to school late in 2016 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 school.

Parents still wishing to enrol their child in any grade, now is the time to submit their enrolments. If your child rides to school parents are asked to re-supply their child’s child’s forms.

MEDICATION POLICY

Some children attending school need medication to control illnesses. If this occurs we ask that parents read and follow the Medication policy to help ensure their child receives the correct support in managing their medical needs.

Parents should supply –

- Specific written permission (forms are available from our website or the school office)
- Form 1 Notification and request for the administration of medication during school hours
- Form 2 Deed of Indemnity

In addition, the school may request:

- Parent/Guardian permission for doctor to release medical information to the administration of Chisholm Catholic Primary School.
- Form 4 Request for medical details from Prescribing Doctor verifying medical condition and treatment
- Prescription medicine should be in a prescription container which gives the name of the child, the dosage and time the medication is to be given and the name of the prescribing doctor.
- Non-prescription medicine cannot be administered at school (eg, Panadol, cough medicines).

Please note –

- Children who are sick should not come to school
- Children are not allowed to keep medication – it must be handed in and will be put under lock and key in the office area
- It would be best if essential medication be given at home before or after your child comes to school.

Parents, if your child is due to return to school early in the year, please let the office know.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Christmas Hampers for St Vinnies

This term Chisholm will be collecting food for hampers to be distributed by St Vinnies. This year each grade will be assigned a category of food/drink to donate. This will be brought in on Thursday, Week 9 (3rd Dec). It will also be a Christmas mug day for the donation.

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

Please ensure that donations are non-perishable.

Crazy Sock Day

To support Catholic Mission, Chisholm will be holding a Crazy Sock Day. The theme for this year is “sock it to poverty”. Crazy Sock Day will be on Thursday Week 7 (19th November) and you are encouraged to wear your craziest, most creative socks. Students will still need to be in school uniform. Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation to support this worthy cause.

Thank you for your ongoing support!
The Social Justice Team

WHOOPING COUGH INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

The WHOOPING COUGH information for schools was provided by the NSW Ministry of Health. It highlighted the outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation to support this worthy cause.

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The NSW Ministry of Health would like to provide information about whooping cough to parents and carers of children attending NSW schools.

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/Information-for-childcare-and-schools.aspx.

LIBRARY NEWS

Woolies Earn & Learn

Thanks to everyone in our Chisholm community for your support of the Woolies Earn & Learn scheme for our school. Together, we collected over 31,000 points!

We have placed our orders for some great new science resources for Chisholm and these will be delivered in Term 1 2016.

Overdue Books

Please have a look at home for any overdue Library books and Home Readers. We will be sending home overdue notes in the coming weeks. Lost books will need to be paid for.

Thank you

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If you are able to help on any of these days, please contact me on 0421 907 442.

Sandra Goldsborough - Canteen Co-ordinator

Maddison Ferrara 4M

who recently competed in her first Mounted Games. She rode her horse “Buddy” and entered 4 events and won 4 ribbons!

Congratulations Maddison & Buddy!

Crystal Watts 6W

and her dance school who have won their first National title in their first year of competing Great effort!

Well done to you both!!!

New babies on the block

Congratulations to . . .

Jane & Geoff Adam

on the birth of a beautiful baby girl

Penelope Grace

Born 21/10/2015 Weighing 7lb 9oz,

Sister to David, Jacinta, Bethany, Mark, Paul (BPC), Lucinda (5M), Scott (3G), Clarisssa (KM) and Jack

Happy Birthday

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

How to pray the Rosary

**Start Here**

1. **Sign of the Cross and the Apostles’ Creed**

2. **Our Father**

3. **3 Hail Mary’s then Glory be to the Father**

4. **Our Father**

5. **4th Decade of the Rosary: 10 Hail Mary’s then**

6. **Our Father**

7. **3rd Decade of the Rosary: 10 Hail Mary’s then Glory be to the Father**

8. **Our Father**

9. **2nd Decade of the Rosary: 10 Hail Mary’s then Glory be to the Father**

10. **Our Father**

11. **5th Decade of the Rosary: 10 Hail Mary’s then Glory**

12. **At the END of the Decade or the Rosary pray the Hail Holy Queen**

13. **Our Father**

14. **1st Decade of the Rosary: 10 Hail Mary’s then Glory be to the Father**

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary**

**Glory be to the Father**

**Our Father**