Dear Families of Chisholm,

Last Sunday we celebrated the conclusion of the Church’s liturgical year. It is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks to God for the many blessings, as a parish and school family, that we have received throughout the course of this past year.

The season of Advent, which commences next weekend, provides a number of opportunities for us to focus and prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. I would like to share with you the following reflection.

We await Jesus’ coming into the world at Christmas, and are reminded that we live every day waiting for his coming again.

Waiting is not passive. We have been called into a relationship of grace. It is God’s gift to us and we are encouraged to turn to God constantly, giving thanks and praise.

We prepare for Jesus’ coming by responding to God’s call to live as children of the light and to continue God’s work in the world. And we are not left alone to live this calling.

The Holy Spirit is with us and, by turning to God in prayer, we grow stronger.

In turn, our gifts grow stronger. Called, gifted and responsive – this is our journey to live every day.

Madonna Magazine Spring 2014, p 67

As part of our preparations for Advent we will hold a special prayer each Monday at our morning assembly beginning Monday 1st December. Further, we will be celebrating our End of Year Mass on Tuesday 9th December as a culmination of the 2014 year. We warmly invite you join in these times of prayer as a school and faith community.

Preparations for the 2015 school year are also well under way and as details are finalised I will communicate these with you. On many occasions I have spoken about how proud we are of the excellent reputation Chisholm has in the wider community. Our increasing enrolment numbers are a reflection of that reputation. I wish to advise that in 2015 our school will increase from 19 grades other than Year 6. Please indicate the school that they will be attending for our records ASAP.

God Bless
Keiran Byrnes
This coming Sunday is the first Sunday of Year B. The teachers share in Advent prayers each Friday. You are invited to join us in the MPA for our Advent Assemblies each Monday. We wait with hope and expectation for the light of the world to be revealed. For the first Sunday of Advent, the first candle is a symbol of hope and a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be. We pray for those who have lost their sense of wonder because of the stress of daily living.

First Week: Hope

O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of every nation, Saviour of all peoples, come and dwell among us.

Merilyn Hancock - Religious Education Co-ordinator

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year Chisholm will once again be supporting the important work done by the St Vincent DePaul Society through its annual Christmas appeal. The Chisholm Social justice leadership team will be arranging a hamper container for each class to fill as a contribution to the appeal. A Christmas themed multi day (insure safe footwear THONGS ARE NOT PERMITTED) will be held on Thursday 4th December and the children are invited to bring an item for their class’s hamper. The hampers will be presented at a special assembly on Monday 15th December. We would like the hampers to have a Christmas theme as they will be distributed for Christmas Day. Suggested items could be things like:

- Bon-bons, lollies,
- biscuits, custard
- fruit mince pies, tined fruit,
- Christmas cake, tinned ham, or any other similar items.

We thank you for your ongoing support and outreach to the needy families in our community.

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.

MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT INTERVIEW

All students K-5 should have received a letter a couple of weeks ago inviting them to participate in MAI’s on Tuesday 27th January, please complete the tear off slip at the bottom of the letter and return to school ASAP as cut off was Thursday 20th November. Thanks

Simon Crothers – Maths Leader

AWARDS CEREMONY, DECEMBER 15TH

CRITERIA – END OF YEAR AWARDS

Two categories of awards are presented to each class group at the end of each year. Each classroom teacher will nominate one student for these annual awards. Students may receive this award more than once during their time at Chisholm. Not every student will receive this award during their time at Chisholm.

The two categories are:

Christian Leadership

- Consistently displays a caring attitude towards others
- Reflects school expectations in attitude and action
- Exemplifies a safe, honest, respectful learner.

Learning

- Demonstrates initiative in pursuit of excellence and independence
- Shows creative and critical thinking in response to tasks
- Exemplifies being a safe, honest, respectful learner

Hawkesbury City Council Award – Year 6 award for academic excellence and leadership.

Rotary Club Award – Year 6 community award for Citizenship.

This year, our awards will be presented at our Monday Assembly on 15th December 8.45am.

SCHOOL REPORTS

On Thursday 4th December school reports will be sent home with your child. The general comment at the end of the report gives you a general summary of your child’s strengths and challenges for the time ahead. Please take the time to talk through this report with your child and find opportunity to affirm, support and encourage him or her in areas of success and achievement.

If you would like to discuss your child’s learning and report, interview bookings are being made online again this year, details will be included within the school report envelope.

The second half of the year has been one of achievement and consolidation in many areas. Such outcomes are directly related to the commitment and dedication of the children, staff and parents of Chisholm.

Thank you for the support that you have given your school in so many ways. Thank you for allowing us at Chisholm the privilege of working with you in the education of your children.

BUILDING UPDATE 2015

Last week the concrete piers for our two new classrooms were completed in preparation for the arrival of the buildings within the next fortnight. We are working with the builders to have the rooms ready to move into by the end of the term, in preparation for start of the 2015 school year.

Watch this space

Andrew Emanuel - Assistant Principal
The Staff of Chisholm Catholic Primary School 
extend an invitation to a …

"Thank You Morning Tea"

All parent helpers who have assisted in the classrooms
and / or around the school in 2014.
to be held in the MPA in your honour on
MONDAY December 15th, after the special awards assembly
We would love to have you grace us with your presence

Name: … … … … … … … … … … … … … Class: … … … … … … … … … … … … …
I will / will not be able to attend the “Thank You Morning Tea”

Congratulations to the following students who
celebrate their birthday during the next two weeks:
Gedy Tuguinay, Emma Lappalainen, Aidan Barlow, Bellah
O’Brien, Logan Vassel, Luke Ireland, Madison Collins,
Richard Windsor, Olivia Brown, Eesha Chand, William
Mudge, Mikhael Andonian, Summer McCarthy, Trent
Pandelis, Seth Roeland, Jasmin Ayscough, Ashleigh
Barrett, Lilly Byron, Grace Gruppetta, Lachlan Holgate.

SPORT

Year 2-5 Swimming Carnival

The Swimming Carnival is fast approaching on the 5th Dec. Parent helper are still required for safety and the smooth running of the event. Please contact Mrs Baxter or Mrs Barnes if you are available to help. A reminder to parents that the swimming notes are due back so that organisation for the day can begin. It is important that all notes are returned and that students are signed into events not ticked or crossed, it is a swimming safety requirement at Chisholm. Children will not be able to compete in events without being signed in correctly.

Karen Baxter and Belinda Barnes - Sports Coordinators

PARENT HELPER MORNING TEA ~ YOUR INVITED

The staff of Chisholm would like to thank the large number of parent helpers who generously give their time to help in the school, in so many different ways, throughout the year.

As a way of recognising this huge contribution we would like to invite all parents who have helped in any capacity in the classrooms, canteen, CCG, learning center, as a coach, or any other area, to a thank you morning tea on Monday 15th Dec. This celebration will follow the special awards assembly and include a performance by the school choir.

We hope to see you all there so we can say thank you!

2015 SCHOOL DATES

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As you can see we are very short on helpers over the next two weeks, if you are able to offer this service to both you and your children please contact me on 0421907442

Sandra Goldsborough - Canteen Co-ordinator

SCHOOL FEES - REMINDER

Thank you to those parents who have already settled their account. School Fees are now due and it would be appreciated if all accounts could be settled. If you are experiencing any difficulty in meeting this commitment, please contact me by phoning the office (4587.8915). Thank you.

STAR SPOT

Congratulations to . . .

Tiahn Bailey (SB) & Chloe Wilkinson (SG)

Who competed with their gymnastics team at the 2014 Women’s National Club Championships in Geelong.

64 teams & more than 600 gymnasts from Australia & New Zealand were competing, the girls went through to the finals to be placed 20th overall in level 4.

Great Effort!!!

For their first interstate National Club Championship...

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

FROM THE CCG ~ END OF YEAR EVENT, MOVIE NIGHT

ARTHUR CHRISTMAS
CINEMA UNDER THE STARS
GATES OPEN @ 6:30PM  MOVIE STARTS @ 8:30PM

BRING YOUR PICNIC AND JOIN IN THE FUN
WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.
FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER FROM 6:30PM ON THE OVAL.

SHARE THE MOVIE ARTHUR CHRISTMAS
AND END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS.
SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE BY SANTA.
GLOW STICKS, POPCORN, FAIRY FLOSS AND MUCH MORE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY THEIR GUARDIAN FOR THE ENTIRE EVENING

THIS IS AN ALCOHOL FREE EVENT
Stage One is currently having much fun looking at Workers in our Community. We have learned many fascinating things. Last week we had a visit from a nurse and a paramedic who brought with him an ambulance. This week we will meet a real fireman and next week we will hear what it’s like to be in the police force.

We are safe, honest, respectful learners!