Dear Families of Chisholm,

Last Saturday was an opportunity for the Chisholm Community to again celebrate our “common-unity”. Our Fair was undoubtedly a fantastic display of the Chisholm spirit alive and well. It was a huge success with many smiling faces, great support from Chisholm families and staff, and lots of bargains and fun to be had by all. We were even doubly blessed with the dry weather on Saturday.

Needless to say this only came about because of the dedicated commitment and generosity of so many people before, during and after the event. This support came in many forms small and large. People preparing baskets for the basket stall, cakes for the cake stall, talking to local businesses seeking sponsorship and prizes, purchasing food and supplies, putting up and putting down stalls, designing flyers, organizing and working on stalls, donations, picking up rubbish, and attending fair meetings. To all who helped in any way - thank you.

It would be remiss of me, however, not to acknowledge a core group of people who were instrumental in making this year’s Fair happen. Sincere thanks to the Chisholm Community Group Fair committee ably led by Rebecca Monaghan, Sally Alderson, Marnie Padroth, Sarah Kitching, Kylie Camilleri and Carly Vincent. You and your team have been tireless in your efforts, generous with your time, and have worked willingly in a spirit of good heartedness.

I would also like to make special mention of the support of our office staff, Michelle Siegenthaler, Denise Argus and Julie Ottolino. They also gave generously of their time and skills to assist in the preparation of the Fair while still ably fulfilling their normal duties. We are very grateful for your efforts. Thank you also to the entire Chisholm staff who gave their own family time to be with and support the school community on Saturday. Your support is also gratefully appreciated.

Finally, thank you to the children. Many current Chisholm students and students from Bede Polding College who willingly carried items, ran errands, served on stalls and generally did anything that was asked of them and all with a smile.

We pray and give thanks for the many blessings on our community. May our “common-unity” always be grounded on our God given gifts of faith, family and future.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes
FROM THE REC

This Wednesday, we are celebrating Remembrance Day at 10.30. Please join us. This year the focus of our celebration is about how men in outback Australia marched to recruiting offices to join up. Men in Victoria, Queensland and NSW marched through the towns in snowball marches. Just as a snowball gathers more snow as it rolls down a hill, so a march increases its numbers as it gathers more men in each town it passes through. Hence, there were many snowball marches in NSW from Gilgandra to Sydney, Wagga to Sydney, Nowra to Liverpool, Grafton to Bathurst etc. We remember their generosity in going to fight in World War 1 and the many who lost their lives. We also remember those Australians fighting in foreign countries today.

In Ecclesiastes (3:8), it says there is “a time for war and a time for peace.” Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.” (Jn14:27)

It is building tolerance through understanding that will encourage the growth of peace in our homes, our schools, our community, our country and our world.

Merilyn Hancock – Religious Education Co-ordinator

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

2016 applications are closing interviews have been conducted. Parents still wishing to enroll 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.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION FOR 2016

On Thursday this week our 2016 Kindergarten children and parents will attend their orientation visit at Chisholm. We make these newest and youngest members of our community most welcome.

When discussing with new families their hopes they often express that they want a good education for their child, for them to be able to make friends and for their child to be happy at school and in life. During the enrolment process new parents often speak about choosing Chisholm for their child based on the strong reputation our school has for providing a quality Catholic education. This reputation is reliant on the positive, mutually respectful relationships that parents, children and staff form at Chisholm. This reputation is also a testament to our families and staff who continually value working together to optimize success for all children.

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 the 2016 school year. This information impacts on the February Census and our funding.

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.

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 multi 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

PARENT THANK YOU MORNING TEA

The staff of Chisholm would like to thank the large number of parents who generously give their time to support 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 supported the school in any capacity in the Classrooms, Canteen, CCG, Learning Centre, as a coach, or any other area, to a thank you morning tea on Tuesday 8th December, following the End of Year Mass. We hope to see you all there so we can say thank you!
**END OF YEAR MASS**
Previous correspondence indicated that our End Of Year Mass would be at 10:00am on Tuesday 8th December. Please note that the time has changed to **9:00am**. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused and hope you can still join us in prayer and celebration.

**LIBRARY NEWS**
Overdue Books
Please have a look at home for any overdue Library books and Home Readers. We will be sending home overdue notes this week. Lost books will need to be paid for. Thank you

**How To Keep Your Child Safe Online**
There is a handout from CEO going home with today's newsletter.
1 in 5 Australian children aged 8-15 have been victims of cyberbullying.
The figures are even higher for girls.
This is a tragic and alarming statistic for parents everywhere.
If we can teach our children to Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible online from an early age, they will be better equipped with the skills and knowledge to handle and report cyberbullying when it occurs.
Did you know that new laws require social media companies to remove defamatory material within 48 hours of it being reported? How many young people are unaware of this and suffer distress and humiliation because they believe that there is nothing they can do? Please take the time to read this handout and discuss it with your children and teenagers at home. There are links to websites and authorities that can educate and offer assistance.

Fiona Lark
Teacher Librarian & LTST

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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

Sandra Goldsbrough – Canteen Co-ordinator

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**SPORT NEWS**

**Diocesan Sports Trials**
The Parramatta Diocesan Sports trials are starting this term for 2016. 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 5 or 4 and is 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 is a strict criteria for these trials which the children need to meet in order to attend these try outs and limits of 2 students per school. Please carefully consider this before sending in expressions of interest.

**Richard Windsor ~ 2M**
who recently participated in the NSW Men's Gymnastics, Level 1-6 at the State Championships

**also to**

**Darcy Dunn 3W**
who completed the Sun Herald Summer Starter 5km Fun Run on 01.11.15, finishing the 5km's in 41 minutes - which was the average time for adult finishers in the event!!

*Well done to you both!!!*
The Chisholm Spring Fair

On the 7th of November 2015 members of the Chisholm community gathered together to celebrate Chisholm’s annual Spring fair. There were many rides such as the giant slide, mini swinging chairs, jumping castle, the sizzler and many more thrilling rides. While the kids were having fun with the rides parent helpers were working hard selling baskets, cakes and lolly bags. In the White elephant store everyone found what they were looking for, either a teddy bear or some cooking supplies. At the end of the day everyone was proud of the effort that went in to even have the spring fair. We’d like to acknowledge the the school staff, CCG team, and parent helpers who helped make this years fair one to remember. All the money that has been earned goes towards improving the schools technology such as iPads, laptops and apple T.V.s, literacy resources and maths equipment.

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