Dear Families of Chisholm,

Welcome back for Term 3. I hope the recent holiday period gave you the opportunity to spend some quality time together and a chance to recharge in anticipation of an exciting term ahead.

During the last term Chisholm has had a focus on enrolments for kindergarten in 2014. What a pleasure it has been to meet the delightful, enthusiastic and friendly children during the interview process, as they talk about their family, friends and coming to “Big” school. What a privilege it has been to meet the parents and discuss their hopes for their children as they prepare for them to start at Chisholm, many for the first time. It is very special sharing this experience as we begin our journey with you, in partnership. It is these partnerships that are needed to build a strong, collaborative school spirit and community.

This term our Chisholm Community Group, (CCG) are planning our “Athon” (Move-a-thon), which is one of our major fundraiser and is scheduled for Week Five. Our CCG is an enthusiastic, hardworking and dedicated group of parents who provide invaluable support to our children and the school community. All community members are always welcome to attend any of the scheduled meetings especially those noted on the term three planner.

We welcome Mrs Kay Moore to the teaching staff at Chisholm. Mrs Moore will be teaching two days per week in Stage 1, (1M & KW) allowing specialist teachers to support the learning in Year Two and Year One. In addition we welcome Mrs Belinda Gatt who will be extending her teaching role at Chisholm to include the Creative Arts program until the end of the year. Also Mrs Cathie Emanuel will extend her teaching role in Learning Support for one day per week until the end of the year and is a valuable addition to the Learning Support team.

As a faith community I invite you to pray for a term blessed with faith, family and hope for the future.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a great week.

Andrew Emanuel
Acting Principal
FROM THE REC
This term there will be 2 Masses to which you are invited to join the school community. We will be celebrating the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on 8th August at 9.15am and the Feast of the Assumption on 15th August at 9.15am in the MPA. These are both important occasions, where as a community, we can worship together. St Mary MacKillop always said "When you see a need, do something about it," and the students at Chisholm are encouraged to act in this way. Hence the blanket drive to help the homeless in the Hawkesbury.

The Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation and we are expected to attend Mass on this day. There will be Masses at other times on 15th August at St Matthew's Church if you are unable to attend Mass at Chisholm. This Mass celebrates the occasion of Mary being assumed, body and soul, into heaven.

M. Hancock
Marilyn Hancock - Religious Education Co-ordinator

BEING SAFE, HONEST AND RESPECTFUL
At morning assembly last Friday we mentioned the importance of being safe, honest and respectful here at Chisholm and the different ways we can do this. Some of these ways include keeping our hands to ourselves and our hats on heads. This means we shouldn’t be playing games that involve taking hats off the heads of our classmates. We need to make sure we are safe when we are outside, not only in the games we choose to play but also in helping each other to be sun safe. All students should also have their hats and other clothing items clearly marked with their names. This helps students retrieve their hats if they’ve been misplaced and to avoid confusion over whose items belong to whom before going out on the playground.

GROOMING
The holidays are a great time to relax and unwind as a hard-earned reward from a term of learning. It’s also a time where we get to let our hair down or up or to the side, wherever we seem to ask the hairdresser to take us. Unfortunately, some of these hairstyles are not so appropriate for the return to school. In our school’s grooming policy it is mentioned that “hair is to be kept neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade and all extremes of fashion are to be avoided”. There has been a slight trend towards hairstyles similar to undercuts or step-cuts.

Unfortunately these hairstyles are unacceptable according to our policy and should not be worn now that students have returned to school. For more information regarding the school’s uniform and grooming policy please refer to the parent handbook.

Simon Crothers – Acting Assistant Principal

SPORT NEWS
Diocesan Stage 2 Soccer Gala Days
Good luck to our teams that will be playing at the Diocesan Gala Days. The Stage 2 Soccer Gala Days are to be held NEXT WEEK (Wk 3)

BOYS - Tuesday 30th July

GIRLS – Wednesday 31st July

Hills Zone Athletic Carnival
Good Luck also to our zone team who will compete at the Hills Zone Athletics Carnival on 15th August at Eastern Creek. We look forward to hearing some good results.

Dance Fever
This term as part of fitness Stage 3 will be participating in the Dance Fever program. The Dance Fever programme exposes children to numerous styles of dance so that a range of different dance skills can be learnt and displayed by students. The staff teaches a selection of the dance styles, so that children are kept active and motivated throughout the entire class and term programme. Students will take part in partner, individual, team and party dances throughout the term.

NRL Stage 2 Visit
For the next two weeks, on Thursday, Stage 2 will be taking part in a clinic run by the NRL as part of their sports unit this term. For this reason there will be a change to sport days for three classes 3/4 Grey (Mr Galea), 4 White (Miss Driver) and 2 White (Miss Fizely) which will mean the students will need to be dressed in their sports uniform on a different day.

3/4 Grey and 4 White will need to wear their sports clothes to have sport on Thursday for the next two weeks (weeks 2 and 3).

2 White will need to wear their sports gear to have sport Wednesday (weeks 2 and 3).

Infants Athletic Carnival / Sports Fun Day
This Friday the 26th July Years K - 2 will have their annual Infants sport carnival on the school oval. The students will take part in races, novelty events and games. All parents are welcome. If you are available to assist please contact the school office this week.

Karen Baxter and Belinda Barnes - Sports Coordinators

LIBRARY NEWS
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the students who have completed their Reading Challenge for 2013. The holidays were a great time to catch up on reading. Some students have had problems logging onto the PRC website. If you have this problem, please let me know and I will allocate you a new password.

The children in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 have almost completed their Reading Challenge as part of their in-class learning. Picture books have been shared with the children as part of their Literacy, Religion and Integrated units throughout Terms 1, 2 and 3.

MultiLit
Last term some notes were sent home to parents interested in being trained in the MultiLit reading program, helping some of our vulnerable students with their reading. If you were one of these parents, or are interested, please see me ASAP. Many thanks.

Fiona Lark - Teacher Librarian
**Canteen Roster**

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**Friday 26th July, Infants Athletics Carnival**

There will be sandwiches and Muffins for sale in the canteen for the parents on the day.

_Sandra Goldsbrough – Canteen Co-ordinator_

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**Second Hand Uniforms – Request**

Families of our Chisholm community please consider if your child has any items of clothing that they may have grown out before it’s actually worn out to donate to the schools sick bay. On the odd occasion we have a need to assist students with wet or soiled clothing, from yogurt spills to mud puddle slips and accidental water spills. If you could assist in any small way the students will be very grateful.

Please send any of your child’s unused clothing items such as shorts, shirts, pants, jackets, track suit pants and dresses to the schools front office. (especially in need of smaller sizes)

Thank you in your co-operation in this matter.

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**CHISHOLM COMMUNITY GROUP (CCG) MEETING**

All parents are invited to the next CCG meeting on Tuesday the 6th of August at 7pm where we will be combining the General and Fair meetings. These meetings are held at the school usually in the staff room. CCG meetings give us the chance as parents to know what is happening with our school and what fundraising and events are coming up over the next term.

_(CCG) MOVE-A-THON – FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST 2013_

Don’t forget to collect donations and bring your sponsor card in every Thursday for your chance to win some fantastic prizes.

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**Mark this date in your Calendar**

**Friday 30th August**

**Father’s Day Celebrations At Chisholm**

The Chisholm Community Group would like to invite all Dads, Grandparents, caretakers and children to join us for these special Father’s Day celebrations.

- **7.45 – 8.45am** BBQ Breakfast with children
- **8.15 – 8.45am** Open Classroom
- **9.15am** Father’s Day Liturgy

_More Details to come._

_We hope to see you there!!!_

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**PLEASE**

**DO NOT DRIVE INTO THE SCHOOL (STAFF) CARPARK TO DROP OFF OR PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN!**  
(Disability Passes exempt)

This is an extremely DANGEROUS and UNSAFE practice.

Far too many careless people are putting others at risk by driving their vehicles into a very small & very busy main access point !!!

Please consider everyone’s children and help keep our school safe.
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**Book Fair**

*We are safe, honest, respectful learners!*

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