



# Chisholm Catholic Primary School

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## Chisholm Update – Term 2 Week 1

### Stay Safe

Tuesday 26 April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

*I hope you enjoyed some quality time with family and friends over the last 2 weeks. Thank you once again for the trust you have shown and the support you have given to all of us at Chisholm so far this year. Our thoughts and prayers remain with all members of our community impacted by Covid and also the recent floods.*

### **COVID - smart measures at school**

*During Term 2 as we move into the cooler months, we will continue to prioritise student and staff wellbeing while keeping our school operational with our layered COVID-smart measures in place. Our layered measures include rapid antigen testing (RAT), ventilation, hygiene and cleaning. Chisholm will continue to have staggered recess and lunch breaks with students remaining in their grade groups. Morning and afternoon arrangements will continue. Opportunities for parents & carers to join in events and learning activities will occur during the term.*

*Close contacts attending school will need to adhere to the following in addition to the NSW Health guidelines:*

- *They must notify the school if they are intending to return under this provision.*
- *They should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.*
- *Primary school students are recommended to wear a mask indoors (except when eating or exercising).*
- *No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.*
- *Any visitor to a school site who is a close contact is required to advise the school that they are a close contact before they come on site. These visitors should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times.*

*Additional RAT kits will be distributed to parents & carers over the next week. This supply will contain 1 multipack for every student and staff member.*



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All students, staff and their families should follow NSW Health's advice to reduce the risk of not only COVID-19 but also other illnesses that may affect schools this winter, such as the flu. Schools should reinforce the following NSW Health messages with their communities:

- stay home if unwell
- keep up to date with vaccinations – including the flu vaccine, which is available from your local GP, pharmacy or Aboriginal Medical Service. Flu vaccines are free for all children aged 6 months to under 5 years or for a small charge for those aged 5 years and older
- get tested immediately for COVID-19 if you become symptomatic and isolate until you receive a negative result
- practice good hand hygiene by washing regularly with soap and water
- take a RAT before visiting vulnerable loved ones or going to large gatherings and events

### Enrolments Open for 2023

If you, a family member or a friend are interested in enrolling at Chisholm for 2022 or 2023, we are currently accepting enrolments for all grades. Please call the office for further details or if you wish to collect an enrolment pack.

### Mother's Day

We will be celebrating our mothers and mother figures in our lives on Friday 6 May. Our CCG will also be holding a Mother's Day stall on this day. In preparation, our Stage 1 teachers are organising a presentation for the celebration.

We ask that (if you wish) mothers and mother figures email a photo of yourself with your children to [chisholm@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:chisholm@parra.catholic.edu.au). We require these photos by Friday 29 April (Week 1, Term 2). Details about the morning's events to be advised later this week.

### Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

A Staff Development Day has been planned for Monday 9 May - Week 3 of Term 2. This is a pupil free day.

### Cross Country - Competitors Only

As already communicated a competitors only Cross Country will be held tomorrow Wednesday, 27 April 2022 from approximately 9.00am to 10.00am. This event is for competitors only due to the previous, constant wet weather, conditions on the oval and the time frame to have students selected for the Diocesan Cross Country. The event is for competitors only in Year 3 to Year 6 and those children in Year 2 who turn 8 in 2022. All competitors must be willing and able to run/jog the course 2 km for 8, 9 and 10 year olds or 3 km for 11 and 12 year olds. For those students who have been nominated to compete, we ask that they wear their full Sports uniform and bring a change of clothes and shoes to school in case of rain. We recommend a nutritious breakfast and plenty of water for hydration before the event.



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## **Winter Uniform**

*The Winter Uniform changeover will take place from Tuesday 10 May (Term 2, Week 3). All students are asked to be in full winter uniform by this date.*

*Uniform orders can be made using the QKR app. If your child requires a fitting, this can be arranged by emailing [bross4@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bross4@parra.catholic.edu.au) with your request.*

## **Chisholm Gardens**

*We are looking for donations of treated timber or hardwood that you may have lying around at home and no longer need (minimum 2 metre length). We are looking to retain our compost pile and want to model that sustainability is about reusing and recycling. Please phone or email the school office if this is something you can help us with.*

*Stay Safe & Take Care*

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