



Chisholm Catholic Primary School

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Chisholm Update – Term 4 Week 9

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9 December 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week our community celebrated two wonderful whole school events. On Tuesday evening we officially farewelled our Year 6 students. The beautiful liturgy was followed by an awards ceremony. Over 250 family, friends, staff and dignitaries were in attendance. On Wednesday morning we celebrated our whole school mass to end what has been a unique year. I thank Father Clifford, our students, staff, parents and carers for making this week a special week for all of us.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the staff teams for 2023. We welcome five new staff members to Chisholm next year. They are Taryn Bartley, Cherie Buhagiar, Melissa Camilleri, Jacqueline Carver and Christine Cassin. They come to us with a wealth of experience. We are extremely fortunate to have them at Chisholm next year.

We also farewell for a short time Lauren Craft who will be on maternity leave in 2023 and Maria Micallef who will be taking 6 months leave from the beginning of the year.

We sadly farewell Olivia Conolly, Anna Dedovic, Clair Pirota and Georgette Chircop who will be taking on new roles next year. We will miss them greatly. Their new workplaces are very fortunate to have them on staff.

2023 CHISHOLM STAFF - Teams

Kindergarten	Nicole Anderson - <u>Allanah Hey</u> - Bernadette Rogers - <u>Stephanie Scott</u>
Year 1	<u>Jacqueline Carver</u> - Tasha King - Jan Ryan - Dianne Sherwood - <u>Analisa Vickers</u>
Year 2	<u>Stephanie Attard</u> - <u>Ashlee Cilia</u> - Roslyn Earl - <u>Josephine Hartog</u>
Year 3	<u>Melissa Camilleri</u> - Leanne Hilder - <u>Diane Jones</u> - <u>Paige McCarry</u> Samantha Tanti - Jessica Triebe
Year 4	Taryn Bartley - Simone Bowden - <u>Cherie Delaney</u> - <u>Gabrielle Grundy</u> - Natalie Walker
Year 5	<u>Alana Attard</u> - Christine Cassin - Cathie Conolly - Catherine Emanuel - <u>Sarah Kneller</u> <u>Michelle Maric</u> - Sue McNamara - Lorraine Pruss
Year 6	<u>Aprill Bray</u> - <u>Belinda Gatt</u> - Helen Hutton - <u>Rebecca McKay</u> Debbie Merceica - Sarah Meszaros
Specialist Teachers	Music - Marilyn Hancock, Physical Education - Karen Baxter, Library, Coding & Drama - Fiona Lark, Ensemble - Andrew Russek
Office Staff	Kim Antonelli - Maricel Lamb - Kelly Milgate - Jodie Preston - Belinda Ross
Leadership Team	Simone Bowden - Roslyn Earl - Belinda Gatt - Marilyn Hancock Diane Jones - Tasha King - Michael Mifsud - Bernadette Rogers

Please note that there will be no grade home rooms in 2023.
The main contact teachers for each grade are underlined above.

Semester 2 Reports

Semester 2 reports will be available from 9am Tuesday 13 December through the Compass Parent Portal. When you login and view your child's report we recommend you discuss it with them talking about strengths first before looking at areas for improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss some goals for the future. Please contact your child's grade teachers if you have any questions.

Note to Year 6 Parents. Please download and save your children's Semester Reports prior to 20 December 2022 as your child will be attending High School next year and these reports will no longer be available to view after this date.

Compass Parent Portal

Instructions on how to login to the Compass Parent Portal, download the app, view your child(ren)'s semester report and add, switch and remove accounts are attached. Login details for those parents and carers who have not logged in before have been sent via email. Please check your junk mail.

Revised 2022 Upcoming Term 4 Key Events

Week 9	Friday 9 December	6:00 pm Year 6 Dinner Dance
Week 10	Monday 12 December Tuesday 13 December Wednesday 14 December Friday 16 December	9:15 am Awards Ceremony 11:30 am Meet the 2023 Teaching Team 9:15 am Nativity Play and Christmas Concert K-6 Fun Day (students only) Last day of school for students Year 6 Guard of Honour from 2.30pm on Undercover Court.
Week 11	Monday 19 December Tuesday 20 December	Staff Development Day (Pupil Free) Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)

Covid - 19

The safety of students and staff still remains the top priority for our school community. [NSW Health recently advised](#) that COVID-19 transmissions within the community are rising, with a peak of cases expected in early December. Whilst NSW Health has not changed its required actions at this time, we recommend ensuring that COVID-safe measures are taken to minimise infections. Students should remain at home if they are unwell and should only attend school when they are symptom-free. Parents and Carers will be contacted to pick up their child from the sick bay if they are displaying any symptoms. Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) are available upon request. Please contact the school office if you require any tests.

Nativity Play and Christmas Concert

On Tuesday 13 December at 9.15am, we will be holding our Nativity Play and whole school Christmas Concert. Students from each grade are asked to wear the following outfits on the day:

Kindergarten	Colourful Christmas clothes (Students in the Nativity play will be provided with costumes.)
Year 1	Christmas shirt and swimming shorts
Year 2, 3 & 4	Christmas clothes. (One or more of the following: T-Shirt, Christmas Hat, Antlers, socks etc)
Year 5	Christmas hats and clothes. (Characters in the play wear suitable outfits for their character)
Year 6	Santa Elf Hat plus a white shirt with denim shorts (black or blue is also OK if you do not have denim)
Ensemble	Black clothes. Students will wear a Chisholm stole (provided). They may change back into Christmas clothes after the concert.

Chisholm Fun Day

On Wednesday 14 December, we will be celebrating a Chisholm Fun Day for our Kindergarten to Year 6 students. Students are asked to wear a swimming costume and rash vest underneath mufti clothes. They will need to bring an extra set of dry clothes as it is a safety requirement to be dry before going on the jumping castles and obstacle course. Joggers are to be worn to and from school.

Students are to bring things to wear during the day's activities. A towel, hat and sunscreen are essential. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided. Students will need to bring their own recess and water bottle. The canteen will be non operational on this day. If you haven't already done so please complete the Permission Form via the following link. [Chisholm's K-6 fun day](#)

It will be assumed that your child will be participating in the day's activities if a permission form is not completed by Wednesday morning. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Movement of Learning Spaces

On Wednesday 14 December removalists will be moving all furnishing and resources from a number of learning spaces to another. This is to utilise the spaces to best suit the needs of our students. All grades will be relocating except for Kindergarten and Year 3. The children will be enjoying their fun day while this will be happening. You will be informed of the grade location in future correspondence.

2023 Important Dates

The first day back for students in Years 1 - 6 will be on Tuesday 31 January 2023. Kindergarten students will commence on Thursday 2 February 2023.

Kindergarten 2023 - Meet the Teachers

Kindergarten students will participate in learning activities with their teachers prior to commencing school. These sessions will be conducted on Tuesday 31 January and Wednesday 1 February 2023. Booking information will be communicated in Week 10.

Mathematics Assessment Interviews (MAI)

Mathematics Assessment Interviews for students in Years 1 - 6 will be conducted on Friday 27 January & Monday 30 January 2023. Booking information will be communicated in Week 10.

School Bus Travel in 2023

Applications are now open for School Opal cards. All students catching the bus in 2023 will need a School Opal card. Eligible students can apply for free or subsidised travel between home and school. To apply visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/> from a desktop computer, and click 'apply for a school travel pass'. Busways is the school bus operator that runs our schools' bus services. To find your child's school bus timetable visit the Busways website by using the following steps:

1. Go to busways.com.au/nsw
2. Click on 'school services' in the navigation bar and then proceed to '[school timetables](#)'
3. Enter Chisholm Catholic Primary in the field that says 'enter a school name' or use the drop-down menus on the web page to find our school.
4. Select the school's name and the timetable should open on your device.

I wish to thank the CCG for their outstanding contribution to our school community this year. We are very fortunate to have such selfless representatives of our parent/carer body always striving for what's best for our children. A very big thanks to Mel Nagle for leading our CCG this year.

Finally, I have the privilege of working with the best staff at Chisholm. Their commitment, passion, professionalism, love and empathy for all members of our community is inspirational. Thank you to our wonderful staff at Chisholm.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers members of our community who are unwell. Prayers, love and support also for those who are finding it difficult at the moment to cope with the challenges life often brings. Please make sure you reach out if you need assistance.

We look forward to continuing our learning journey together in 2023.

Take care.



Michael Mifsud
Principal

