



# Chisholm Catholic Primary School

*Faith - Family - Future*

## Chisholm Update – Term 1 Week 2

*'We are a safe, honest and respectful learning community.'*

3 February 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a restful break and enjoyed some quality time with your loved ones. It has been wonderful to see the students back this week, particularly the arrival of many new students and of course our Kindergarten students yesterday.

I welcome back all of our brilliant staff; new and old. You will get to know them during the term as we work together in partnership to benefit our children.

Mrs Marilyn Hancock who has been a valued member of staff at Chisholm for the last 18 years will be leaving us in week 5 to take up a position in the chancery as the Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Marilyn has been our Religious Education Coordinator in all of her time at Chisholm as well as a class teacher and most recently our valued Music teacher. I know our Staff, Students and Parent Carer community will miss her expertise. We will farewell Marilyn as a community on a date to be announced as soon as possible. Her position as REC has been advertised and a new Music teacher will be advertised soon as well. The Bishops office is very fortunate to have a person of Marilyn's calibre. Chisholm Catholic Primary will miss her.

### Term 1 Key Events

<b>Week 3</b>	Tuesday 7 February	Year 2 Excursion
	Friday 10 February 11.30am	Beginning of Year Mass - All Welcome
<b>Week 4</b>	6:30pm Monday 13 February 6:30pm Wednesday 15 February 6:30pm Thursday 16 February	Stage 3 Parent/Carer Information Evening Early Stage 1/Stage 1 Parent/Carer Information Evening Stage 2 Parent/Carer Information Evening
<b>Week 5</b>	Wednesday 22 February 11:30am	Ash Wednesday Mass
<b>Week 6</b>	Tuesday 28 February	School Photos
	Friday 3 March	Chisholm Cross Country Carnival
<b>Week 7</b>	Monday 6 March & Wednesday 8 March 9:30 am & 6:30 pm	Chisholm Open Days for new enrolments
	Wednesday 8 March - Friday 10 March	Year 5 Camp
<b>Week 11</b>	Thursday 6 April	Last day of Term 1

Please see below an updated Staff list. Some staffing changes were made over the break. Positions for staff who will be going on maternity leave during and at the end of Term 1 will be advertised shortly.

## 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> - <u>Sarah Kneller</u> - Diane Jones - <u>Paige McCarry</u> - Samantha Tanti
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>Michelle Maric</u> - Lorraine Pruss - Jessica Triebe
Year 6	<u>Aprill Broy</u> - Belinda Gatt - Helen Hutton - <u>Rebecca McKay</u> - <u>Sue McNamara</u> - Debbie Merceica - Sarah Meszaros
Specialist Teachers	Music - Merylyn 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 - Merylyn Hancock Diane Jones - Tasha King - Michael Mifsud - Bernadette Rogers
School Counsellor	Stephen Brown
Please note that there are no grade homerooms in 2023. The main contact teachers for each grade are underlined above.	

### Assemblies

School Assemblies will be held every Friday afternoon at 2:00pm in the MPA. All parents and carers are welcome.

### Learning Overviews

You will receive your child's grade Learning Overview early next week. The overview outlines the focus for each Key Learning Area during the term, as well as important information on weekly grade routines, school events and parent/carers communication.

### Parent/Carer Information Evenings

Parent/Carer Stage Information Evenings will be held in Week 4 to outline structures and routines, provide an overview of the learning for the year and share strategies to support student learning and well-being. We will meet as a stage in the MPA and then you will have an opportunity to meet your child's teachers in their grade learning spaces.

### Information Communication Technology - Acceptable Use Policy.

Parents and Carers will be receiving the Chisholm Acceptable Use Policy early next week. Please read through the policy with your son/daughter and sign the accompanying form and return it to school.

### School Photos

School Photos are scheduled for Tuesday 28 February 2023. Students are to wear full school uniform on the day. More information on how to order will be communicated in the coming weeks.

### Change of Address

Please notify the office if your contact details have changed. This includes address, contact number, emergency contacts or email address. Forms are available from the school office.

## Sports Uniform and Library Days

Students are asked to wear their sports uniform on the following days commencing Week 3. All students will be actively working in the Chisholm Gardens on Wednesdays this year. They are invited to wear their sports uniform on that day. Children are to bring their Library bag for borrowing on their Library day.

Grade	Sports Uniform (plus Wednesday for gardening)	Library Borrowing
Kindergarten	Tuesday & Friday	Tuesday
Year 1	Wednesday & Thursday	Wednesday
Year 2	Monday & Wednesday	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday & Thursday	Friday
Year 4	Tuesday & Friday	Friday
Year 5	Wednesday & Friday	Friday
Year 6	Wednesday & Thursday	Friday

## Morning Procedures

All students enter via the front gate and are welcomed into the school by a staff member. We ask parents and carers to say goodbye at this time. School times are 8.45am - 3.00pm. Any student who arrives after 8:45am will need to be signed in by a parent/carer.

## Kiss & Ride

Our Kiss & Ride Zone is for your convenience and for your child's safety. To work together as a safe, honest and respectful learning community, please follow these simple steps:

- Display your family sign clearly on your passenger visor.
- Remain within your vehicle at all times.
- Support younger students by teaching them to buckle their seatbelts independently.
- Place bags within the vehicle rather than the boot to minimise risk to our students.
- If the Kiss and Ride Zone is full with vehicles, please continue to drive on around the block and re-enter at the end of the queue when the zone is clear. Police and Council's Compliance staff will be monitoring schools. When driving or parking infringements are observed, fines may be issued.
- Stay in Sequence. Please queue in an orderly manner.

## Medical Action Plans

Medical Action Plans are required for all students who take regular medication at school (eg ventolin). Parents and carers should supply specific written permission for the distribution of medication. The following forms are available from the website or the school office:

**Medical Form 1:** Notification and request by Parent/Carer for the administration of medication during school hours

**Medical Form 2:** Medical Advice to School to be completed by the prescribing doctor verifying medical condition and treatment

Prescription medicine should be in a prescription container or blister pack which gives the name of the child, the dosage and time the medication is to be given and the name of the prescribing doctor.

Medical Action plans are required to be kept up to date at all times. If your child currently has a Medical Action plan, can you please review and update if necessary. Please advise the school office of any changes or if your child no longer requires medication as soon as possible.

**QKR App**

Please use the QKR app for ordering school uniforms. Do not forget to update your child's profile to their current year/grade as this does not automatically update from last year.

Please keep in your thoughts those in our community who are unwell including our very own Mrs Helen Hutton. 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.

And finally love and prayers to those who have recently lost loved ones, including my mother Colomba Mifsud who passed away on Christmas Eve. She is now with my father again. I miss her with all of my heart.

We look forward to continuing our learning journey together throughout the year.

*Take Care & Be Kind*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MM', written in a cursive style.

Michael Mifsud  
Principal