

IMPORTANT DATES

December

- ◆ Friday 16
Students Last Day

2017

- ◆ January 30 2017 All
students return

FISHING PHOTOS



Canteen Roster

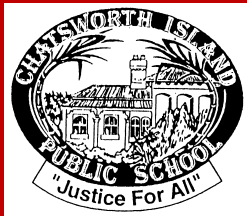
Wed: Tennille, Lloyd &
Karen

Frid: Lucy & Jenni

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WELCOME TO WEEK 10

MERIT CERTIFICATES: Congratulations to the following students

Premiers Reading Challenge Gold Award: Sumira Mahoney

Reading Awards: 100 nights: River Bufalino, 200 nights: Monique McPherson

Chatty Champion Awards: Koby, Theo, Archie, Seth, Luna, Georgina, Olive and Alora.

EDUCATION NEWS: Last Friday I was joined by the Senior Education Director for the North Coast, Mrs Meghanne Wellard for a meeting and review of the school year and a discussion on our future strategic directions. I am pleased to report that we are well on track with our school plan and goals for the near future. Discussions also included Department educational reforms to be introduced over the next two years. These reforms include Local Schools Local Decisions, business intelligence, administration, finance and student wellbeing.

All these reforms will ultimately benefit our students, however along the way we must not forget that education is at the forefront of everything we do here at Chatsworth Island Public School. Believe it or not, reading, writing and arithmetic still play the most important role in a student's education! The key is the way we as teachers now incorporate these core essential learning skills into a child's education. Mrs Wellard also commented on the positive feel and sense of belonging experienced every time she walks through our front gate. Well done everyone!

SICK CHILDREN: Yesterday we had an extremely large amount of students absent and at school with head colds and tummy bugs. I realise the final week of the year can be lots of fun with excursions and class parties etc however with the holidays just around the corner, if your child is sick please think whether or not they would benefit from a day's rest if that is possible.

SCHOOL DISCO: A huge congratulations to all the students at last week's disco. Not only was your behaviour excellent but everyone got in and had a dance. Well done boys and girls. A big thanks to the P & C for organising the night.

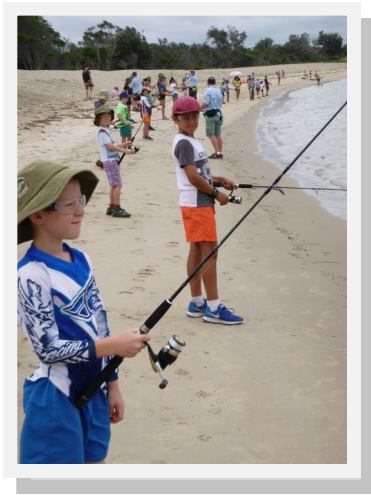


YEAR 6 LUNCH: Last Friday Year 6 and I went to the Maclean Services Club for lunch and ice creams in the park. We had a great time and I know each and every student is ready for High School. Thank you to the P & C for shouting lunch!

CLASS PARTIES: Class parties will be held on Wednesday afternoon. Each class has been instructed on what to bring on the day. Students may wear mufti on Wednesday.

FISHING EXCURSION: Last Thursday all students from Years 2-6 enjoyed a wonderful morning at Whiting Beach. The students broke into groups and participated in workshops involving casting techniques, water safety, fish bag limits and how to tie the correct knot. This was followed by an afternoon of fishing with catches including, flathead, bream, whiting, flounder and even blue swimmer crabs.

Congratulations to Letia Rokowaqa for landing the biggest fish of the day. Not only was the flathead the biggest of the day, according to our instructor, it was the biggest fish landed of the year in the entire program. When she went home Letia had to remind her father that it was a catch and release program, not fillet and release! A big thank you to the Department of Primary Industries and Fish Care for a fantastic day and also thanks for the goody bags and tackle boxes that every student got to take home.



STUDENTS RETURN: A reminder that the student's last day is this Friday December 16. The school will be open next Monday and Tuesday as teachers will be participating in staff development days and planning for next year. All students return on Monday January 30, 2017.

As I mentioned last week at our Presentation Assembly, this has been another wonderful year and I would like to thank the school parents, grandparents and friends for transporting students and supporting all our events and performances and also for making the feel of the school community so positive. To the P & C for their contributions and efforts throughout the year, although only a small band of volunteers, you have continued to work hard to achieve your goals and look to the future for the betterment of the school and the students. To the canteen committee and volunteers, a very busy year comes to a close, Thank you. To Mr Skinner, you only have to look at the school grounds to know the pride Darryl puts into everything he does. To our CWA ladies and volunteers whom assist our students in reading and our Multilit tutors, thank you for taking the time to make sure our students are given every opportunity to progress in the area of literacy.

To Mrs Narelle O'Connell and Mrs Roz Connor, a huge thanks for your assistance throughout the year and putting up with me. To the teaching staff Mrs Baker, Mr Farlow, Mrs West, Mrs Shannon, Mrs Adey, Mrs Kelsall and Mrs Towell, the dedication towards your students in giving them every opportunity to achieve their best is second to none! Finally, I must not forget the students. They are the ones that make every day not only worthwhile but also unique and make Chatty Island Public School a very special place to teach and learn.

Merry Christmas and enjoy a safe and happy holiday

GREG SPEIRS
PRINCIPAL

CANTEEN NEWS: This Friday we will be serving crispy chicken wraps with lettuce, tomato & mayo. The canteen will be celebrating Christmas this Wednesday with some yummy Christmas treats and a special visitor.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Vacation Care @ St Joseph's Maclean Outside School Hours Care

Open to all children aged 5 - 12 years

Operating Monday - Friday 8AM - 6PM

19 - 23 December 2016

3 - 27 January 2017

Vacation Care cost \$45 per day - BYO food and water

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