

IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ **Thursday Nov 2**
Kinder Orientation
- ◆ **Friday Nov 3**
School Assembly
- ◆ **Year 6 Excursion**
Mon Nov 13 - Thur 16
- ◆ **Thursday Nov 16**
Kinder Orientation
- ◆ **Wednesday Nov 22**
Sesquicentenary
Community Meeting
5pm
- ◆ **Thursday Nov 23**
School Disco 6-8pm
- ◆ **Friday Dec 1**
Woombah Christmas
Carols

Important

**K-4 Swim Scheme
begins Nov 27. Notes
sent home this
Thursday.**

NEXT P & C MEETING

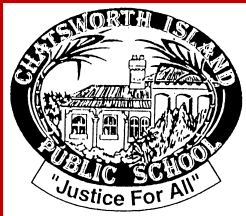
Canteen Roster

**Fri: Katie, Lucy & Sally
(Stanley's Nanny)**

WEBSITE

Chatsworth Island School
Website.
School Newsletters can be viewed
in colour.

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WELCOME TO WEEK 4

2018 SESQUICENTENARY COMMUNITY MEETING: Our school will officially turn 150 years old next year. This is a massive occasion for the school and community and a great opportunity to showcase our wonderful little school to the residents and visitors of the Clarence Valley.

We will be holding a community meeting in the school grounds on Wednesday November 22nd at 5:00pm. The purpose of this meeting is to bring everyone together to form a committee to organise and oversee the celebrations. I encourage all community members, parents, students and teachers (past and present) to come along to the meeting. This is not a P & C or school coordinated meeting, it is all about coming together and working together to gauge the interest and ideas for the sesquicentenary.

DID YOU KNOW? The first school on Chatsworth Island was built in 1868 on a site of one acre, purchased from Benjamin Jones for eight pounds, about one mile south of the present site. It was proposed to erect a building of sawn timber at an estimated cost of 330 pounds. The lowest tender received, however, was for 398 pounds 10 shillings. The first teacher was Mr Albert Gale. In September 1890, Mr Gale was nominated and appointed Postmaster on Chatsworth Island.

Chatsworth School 1890

When the school first opened, the enrolment was 32 and the average weekly attendance 30. By May 1871, the enrolment was 77. The teacher's duties involved other affairs besides work within the school, including boating children to and from school, from two other islands and the mainland. By the end of 1876, the enrolment had reached 107.



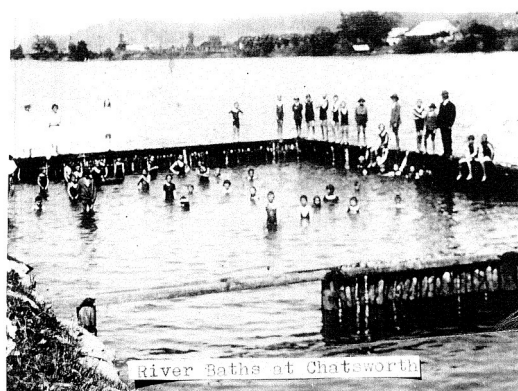
CANTEEN ORDER FORM PLEASE RETURN ON WEDNESDAY

Wraps	Name	Name	Name
Select your ingredients with a tick in the column below your name.			
Crispy Chicken			
Felafel			
Lettuce			
Tomato			
Carrot			
Mayo			
Sour Cream			

In January 1881, a petition was received by the Department from some of the parents asking for the removal of the school to a new site. It was pointed out that the Sydney Sugar Refining Company had recently erected a large sugar refining mill on the island, (across from the school) and that a village was growing up near the mill. In June 1882, the architect was instructed to prepare plans for the new building, and in March 1883, a tender of 400 pounds was accepted. The new building consisted of a schoolroom and two classrooms. (K1 and 2/3/4) There was also a teacher's residence of five rooms. (current admin building) The new building was completed in April 1885. In March 1935, electric lighting was installed in the residence, and two months later it was extended to the school building at the suggestion of the P. & C. Association.

On 10th December 1981, the new administration, classroom (4/5/6) and library block were occupied. In 1992, the school residence was amalgamated with the school for use as a staffroom, teacher's resource centre, music room and early intervention centre.

More recently the school has received a large and modern library building with an interactive classroom and purpose built office and resource spaces. This has been a wonderful addition to the Chatsworth Island Public School learning environment.



River Baths at Chatsworth



IMPORTANT WATER RESTRICTION NOTICE: We have been informed that **this Thursday** November 22nd the water will be cut from 9:30am until 1:30pm to enable essential works to be carried out in relation to the new highway. Please make sure your child has adequate water for the day.

K-4 ARANYANI ADVENTURE PARK EXCURSION: The day finally arrived and all of Kinder to Year 4 set off bright and early this morning on their excursion to Aranyani Bison Adventure Park. All reports suggest the students had a fantastic day full of sightseeing, learning, games and fun activities.

SCHOOL PAYMENT METHODS: We are in the process of setting up a new online payment method in accordance with the new Department finance structure. This will enable families to make online payments. We will let families know when the new system is up and running, until this time we can only accept cash or cheque payments. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

2018 KINDER ORIENTATION: This Thursday we will be holding our second orientation visit for students starting Kinder in 2018. The Year 5 students will be joining the class for a morning of buddy activities and stories followed by playtime at recess. If you know of any families with a child who maybe starting school next year please let them know to contact the school. A lot of families may not realise that the village of Woombah is one of the official zoned areas for our school.



SCHOOL FACE BOOK AND WEBSITE: Just a reminder that our official school face book page and website contain information about upcoming events and activities. This is the only recognised face book page for our school. The page is administered by Mrs O'Connell and myself. If you would like something placed on this page please contact the school for approval.

YAMBA MARKETS SCHOOL CHOIR: Our choir master Mr Ryan Enns will be leading a gigantic choir performance for all the schools on Sunday November 26. Ryan would like to see as many students as possible perform on the day. More information will be included in upcoming newsletters.

ASSEMBLY AND RAFFLE DRAW: There will be a whole school assembly this Friday in the library starting at 2:30pm. The giant Toblerone raffle will also be drawn at this assembly. All raffle money from Year 5/6 must be returned by Thursday.



EXTRA DATES: Please add the following dates to your term calendars.

- ♦ Wednesday November 22nd - Sesquicentenary community meeting 5pm (school grounds)
- ♦ Thursday November 23rd - School Disco, Harwood Hall, 6:00pm-8:00pm.
- ♦ Friday Dec 1st - Woombah Christmas Carols (students will be performing)

Have a wonderful week,

GREG SPEIRS
PRINCIPAL

CANTEEN: This Friday we will be open for recess and lunch. On the menu are Crispy Chicken & Salad Wraps or Felaful Wraps for \$5. If your child would rather have their lunch as a salad bowl please just write a note on your order. All orders must be returned tomorrow (payment can be made on Friday if needed).

We welcome any new volunteers, please fill in the volunteer form and return it to the front office if you are able to spare any time on Fridays to help out.

WEEK ENDING	VOLUNTEERS
Friday November 3	Katie, Lucy & Sally (Stanley's Nanny)
Friday November 10	
Friday November 17	
Friday November 24	
Friday December 1	
Friday December 8	
Friday December 15	

Thank you to our volunteers Richard, Tennille & Sahnti who fed the hungry hoards last Friday with some gruesome Halloween goodies. The Zombie Nachos were very popular!!!

P&C NEWS: We had a very successful General Meeting last week so thank you to all who attended. The proposed Policies & Procedures that have been on display in the Front Office were formally adopted by the meeting - Social Media Policy; Code of Conduct; Grievance, Complaints & Disputes Procedures; Work Health & Safety Policy. They will be placed in a display folder and available to view at the Front Office along with the Chatsworth Island P&C Association Constitution.

The P&C will be running a School Disco at the Harwood Hall on Thursday 23rd November so please put it in your diaries. It will run from 6-8pm and there will be food and drinks available. We will consult with the students this week to decide on having a theme and more information about the disco will be in next week's newsletter.

