

## IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ Thursday February 23  
Zone Swimming
- ◆ Friday March 3  
Assembly
- ◆ Thursday March 9  
School Photos
- ◆ Monday March 13  
Basketball Yr 3/4
- ◆ Wednesday March 16  
High School Transition
- ◆ Friday March 17  
Assembly
- ◆ Monday March 20  
Basketball Yr 5/6
- ◆ Tuesday March 21  
Harmony Day
- ◆ Thursday March 30  
Assembly
- ◆ Friday March 31  
School Cross Country
- ◆ Friday April 7  
Easter Hat Parade

# Important

## P&C AGM

### 7th March

## All Welcome

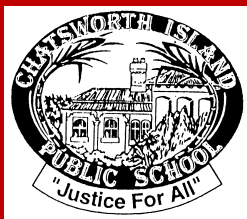
## Canteen Roster

**Wed: Karen & Tennille S**  
**Frid: Jenni & Justin**

## WEBSITE

Chatsworth Island School  
Website.  
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**Greg Speirs - Principal**

## WELCOME TO WEEK 5

**AWARD WINNERS** - Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at last week's assembly. Mattea Swift, Darryl Hobbs, Ruby James, Cahlia Stobie, Theo Wiblen, Ruby Forrest, Kooper Waller, Tess Shannon, Jack Hayes, AJ Black, Luke Young, April Young, Seth Creighton.

**PRINCIPAL'S NETWORK MEETING** - Last week I attended a conference with North Coast Senior Education Directors, Department of Education delegates and Principals from Coffs Harbour to the Tweed Coast. Topics for discussion included the new Learning Management Business reforms for all schools, external school validations, school registrations and enrolment zoning areas and requirements. It is fair to say that there will be a lot happening this year in terms of planning and management however student learning and development have and always will be our number one priority. The kids come first!

**SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL** - Last Friday we sent a team of thirty students to the Small Schools Swimming Carnival in Maclean. I would like to thank all those parents who assisted with time keeping and managing students on the day. Congratulations to all the competitors on your behaviour and participation. Good luck to Morwenna, Lily and Hendrix at the Zone Carnival in Lismore this Thursday. Congratulations to Morwenna on being named Senior girls champion at the carnival.

**CLASS DOJO'S** - This year we will be introducing a new merit and reward system in classes. The class Dojo's will be used in classes for behaviour, management and work application. The system also allows for direct communication with parents using a specific app on your phone. This will prove to be a wonderful communication, student progress and reminder tool. K/1 will be the first class to implement this program and it is hoped to be utilised by all classes by the end of the term.

**SRC MEETING** - Last week Mrs Adey and the SRC held their first meeting of the year. The feedback and input from all the students was excellent and I have listed just a few of the ideas and requests put forward.

Footy Colours Day on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> to raise money for cancer research. This would include a gold coin donation and students will come to school dressed in their favourite rugby league, soccer, AFL or rugby union teams' colours. Our Harmony day will coincide with a no bullying message and poster competition, Clean Up Australia Day, pyjama day and grand-parents day throughout the year.

Requests included: replacing some of the play equipment, a chicken coop, new filtered water bubbler ( coming soon ), wooden tables in the nature area, playground murals, resurfacing of the tennis court and a water tank to catch water runoff from the gutters. These are all fantastic ideas and we will work together throughout the year to make some of these requests a reality. Unfortunately, I had to say no to fizzy drink in the bubblers, a new swimming pool and gymnasium, sorry kids.

## CANTEEN ORDER FORM PLEASE RETURN ON WEDNESDAY

This Friday we will be serving (1) meatballs and spaghetti \$5

**Order forms need to be in on Wednesday.**

Childs name ..... Class..... (1)

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## SCHOOL TEAM TRIALS

Over the next three weeks we will be holding trials to select our PSSA teams for this term. Year 6 are generally given first opportunity to participate and then Year 5. If extra players are required from Year 2,3,4 these players will be selected on ability, team work and fair play.

## LITERACY AND NUMERACY GROUPS

The students are now well and truly settled into new routines. I would like to congratulate all students on their smooth transition into Literacy and Numeracy groups this term. I would also like to commend all the teachers on their professional attitude, team work, determination and collaboration to ensure each and every child's needs are catered for in these groups.

## GREG SPEIRS PRINCIPAL

## CLASS NEWS

**KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS** - What a great start to our learning so far!! We have been working hard at establishing our daily routines and I would like to thank all families for their support. Students have been enjoying practicing their sight words with their Year 5/6 buddies each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and all students have made positive progress as a result of this partnership. This program, combined with the high daily return of Home Readers is developing helpful reading habits for your children. I would like to congratulate the children on their independent return and borrowing of home readers and the enthusiasm they are showing in this area. In Maths, Kindergarten have been working on recognising and writing numbers 0-10 and common 2D shapes and Year 1 have been consolidating their knowledge of numbers to 100. This week we have begun looking at patterns, and children have enjoyed making their own patterns using percussion instruments. Last week, we planted some capsicum and basil plants in the school garden as part of our Science Unit and we have taken on the role of weather reporters as part of our observations of the sky and local landscape.

Our dance sessions with Miss Lauren have been lots of fun, and last week we started learning the choreography for our School Concert Dance – it is going to be awesome!! During Creative Arts, Year 1 produced some outstanding bear drawings as part of our “The Very Cranky Bear” literacy unit and we are working on some artworks of the other characters in the story using a range of mediums. We will be holding a Teddy’s Bear Picnic in Week 10 to celebrate the end of our literacy unit – more information will be sent home closer to the date!

I am sure your child has mentioned “dojo” points over the dinner table... Class Dojo is being used in the classroom to reward and monitor student learning behaviours. More importantly, it is a very useful tool to communicate with you regarding your child’s day and today I am sending out invitations for families to ‘connect’ with our classroom via their computers or other mobile device. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to talk to me. I look forward to sharing your child’s learning journey with you.

**YEAR 2/3/4** - A great start to the year! Year 2/3/4 have been very busy getting into routine with literacy and numeracy groups. We are busy learning our tables and basic math facts to relate to every day living skills.

Our student of the day is still popular with children doing their upmost best to win that trophy!! Big eyes look at me every afternoon prior to announcement.

**Please remember** homework folders are due in on **Fridays**. We then use these books for Mondays spelling pre-test. Our novel study this term is Robinson Crusoe. Children are captivated with the misadventures of the characters.

Thank you to all the families who are reading with their children daily.

**YEAR 4/5/6** - Our class is well and truly into the swing of things. We have been working hard on consolidating our Literacy and Numeracy group work. In Science and Geography we are looking at weather and Antarctica and following Classroom Antarctica on the web. Our novel this term is “Call Me King” which is all about the mischievous undertakings of a group of dogs and their masters. We are still undecided about our song and dance for the Big Impact Concert later in the year, in fact we may need to vote as there are several songs we all want! In sport this term 4/5/6 are learning the finer points of golf and then designing our own golf course around the school.





**CANTEEN NEWS:** A big thank you to all the mums, dads and grandparents that have volunteered to work in canteen this term. However, we still have a few days without volunteers so if you are able to volunteer please contact Tennille 0423 368 161 or Jenni 0428 494 424. Or fill in the sheet on the back of this newsletter and return it to school, thanks. This Friday we will finally be open for lunch and serving meatballs and spaghetti for only \$5. Please return form tomorrow, Wednesday.

**P&C NEWS—AGM ANNOUNCEMENT** - The Chatsworth Island School P&C Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday **7th March** commencing at 3:40 pm. The General Meeting will follow at 4 pm. Afternoon Tea will be available from 3:20 pm for those attending to finalise membership and discuss ideas for fundraising events and projects we would like to support this year.

All positions will be declared vacant on the day with elections to appoint office bearers for 2017. If you cannot attend but would like to be involved please speak with a current member, send a note in to school or contact Sahnit on 0432439815.

Please consider becoming a member of the P&C this year to get involved with our great school. You do not have to take on a role on the committee to be a member. For the cost of \$2 membership entitles you to a vote regarding committee members, how the P&C spends funds and school projects that the association will support.

## 'THE LOWER CLARENCE RELAY FOR LIFE'

We have set up a team "Island Wanderers" and am hoping to get some more people to join up and participate in the relay with me!

It is an all ages, family event held at the Yamba Public School, Angourie Road from 3pm Saturday 18th March until 9am Sunday 19th March!

The purpose of this event is to Raise Money for the Cancer Council NSW. A very worthy cause.

We are asking families to join our team for the night of the Relay, come along we will have tents set up for the kids.

If you can't make it, but would like to support us by making a donation, (every donation over \$2 is a tax deduction)

For donations and registering for the team head over to the website!

There is also Raffle Tickets \$2ea, available for the Major Raffle drawn on the night of the relay. If you would like to purchase a Raffle ticket contact Tennille Wiblen 0421825240

Please help us save lives!



## MORNING FITNESS



## WORK OF THE WEEK

Hendrix Mahoney



| WEEK ENDING               | WEDNESDAY      | FRIDAY          |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 17 <sup>th</sup> February | Melita Moresby | Fleur           |
|                           | Lucy Strange   | Tennille S      |
|                           |                |                 |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> February | Tennille S     | Jenni           |
|                           | Karen          | Justin          |
|                           |                | Tennille (1hr)  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> March     | Katie Lake     | Kylie Shannon   |
|                           | Renee Roberts  | Tennille W      |
|                           |                |                 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> March    | Sam Carlon     | Rachael Bennett |
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| 17 <sup>th</sup> March    |                | Anne Law        |
|                           |                | Jenny Anderson  |
|                           |                |                 |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> March    |                | Kylie Shannon   |
|                           |                |                 |
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| 31 <sup>st</sup> March    |                | Anne Law        |
|                           |                | Jenny Anderson  |
|                           |                |                 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> April     |                | Rachael Bennett |
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ILUKA FOOTBALL CLUB

Sign on this Saturday **25/2/17**  
**9-11 am**—Soccer Shed Iluka



For further Information please contact  
**Skye:** 0419 913 199  
**Annette:** 0455 887 721

**MACLEAN FOOTBALL CLUB** - is having another junior information day at the Maclean bowling club this Saturday the 25th February, between the times of 9am till 12pm. This is aimed at new families who have children at the age of 5 and up. We are hoping that this message could be sent out to all parents and students who are willing to play football this year and are unsure how to register or are new to the club.

CLARENCE COAST



MAGPIES  
 JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

### Sign on dates:

Maclean Bowling Club-  
 Saturday 18th February 2-5pm  
 Sunday 26th February 11am-1pm

Yamba Shores Tavern-  
 Sunday 19th February 2-5pm  
 Saturday 25th February 11am-1pm.

All new registrations must bring a birth certificate  
 or passport to be able to be registered.

Uniforms will be sold at each on sign on:  
 shorts \$25 and socks \$15

### Fees:

Minis under 7s - under 9s \$65  
 Mods under 10s - under 12s \$75  
 Internationals under 13s - under 16s \$95