

## IMPORTANT DATES

- ♦ Wednesday Feb 7  
Sesquicentenary  
150 Year 5pm
- ♦ Friday Feb 9  
Whole School  
Assembly 2:20
- ♦ Thursday Feb 8  
African Drumming  
Workshop
- ♦ Thursday Feb 15  
Small Schools  
Swimming Carnival
- ♦ Thursday March 15  
School Photos

# Important

**Thursday February 15**  
**Small Schools**  
**Swimming Carnival**

## NEXT P & C MEETING

**AGM FEB 27 6 PM**

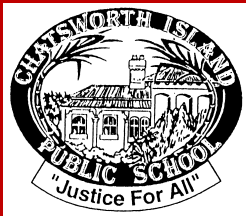
# Canteen Roster

**Veronica and Lucy**  
**HELP NEEDED**

## WEBSITE

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

[www.chatsworth-  
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**February 6 2018**

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**Greg Speirs-Principal**

## WELCOME TO WEEK 2

**FRIDAY ASSEMBLY** - Our first whole school assembly will be held in the school library starting at 2:20pm. Our 2018 Sports House Leaders will receive their badges at this assembly. Our Sports House Leaders for 2018 are Koalas- Molly Bennett and Wallabies- Carmen Simpson.

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL** - It may have been a little damp however that did not stop all our students literally throwing themselves in the deep end at last Friday's swimming carnival. I would like to congratulate each and every student on their willingness, enthusiasm and attitude at the carnival. The cheering and encouragement was wonderful to see. I was also impressed to see students having a go in events even though they were not confident. Well done boys and girls and thank you to parents for time keeping and encouraging the kids.

Swimming champions will be announced at this Friday's whole school assembly in the library starting at 2:20pm. Ribbons will also be handed out at this assembly.

**CLASS STRUCTURE** - The Department of Education requires final enrolment numbers by tomorrow and therefore our class structure will be as follows:

**K/1/2**- Mrs Adey will be teaching K/1/2 four days per week and Mrs Shannon will teach the class on Thursdays. There will also be a teacher's assistant in this class 3-4 days per week.

**Yrs 3-6**- Mr Speirs will be team teaching with Mrs West and Mrs Shannon. As I mentioned last week, although this will be a larger class we are all very excited about the possibilities and opportunities the students will receive.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)** - Student Representative Council elections will be held next week. One student from Grades 1-6 will be elected on the SRC and will be responsible for assisting with a variety of school activities throughout the year as well as being the voice for their peers.

**PARENT INFORMATION NOTES** - Class requirement and information notes will be sent home this week. These notes will outline time tables, class stationary requirements as well as an outline of subject content. We will not be holding a formal information session however teachers are always available to discuss class arrangements. If you would like to discuss your child's progress or you have any concerns or questions please feel free to make an appointment or catch up with a teacher at an appropriate time.

**SESQUICENTENARY MEETING-TOMORROW** - Wednesday Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm in Mr Speirs room. Everyone welcome and encouraged to attend.

## CANTEEN ORDER FORM PLEASE RETURN ON WEDNESDAY

This Friday we will be serving 1. honey soy chicken kebabs with fried rice or  
2. Vegetable kebabs ONLY \$5

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

Childs name .....	Class.....	(1)	(2)
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**HAPPY AFRICA DRUMMING VISIT** - This Thursday all students will be participating in an African drumming workshop with Gabriel from Happy Africa. This should be a fun filled afternoon which kicks off at 2:00pm. Gabriel has asked me to also invite along parents and friends to come along and join in the fun. There will be no charge for this activity.

**CREATIVE ARTS AND LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM- SEMESTER 1** - The implementation of our Creative Arts program kicks off this week with a special drumming performance. Ryan Enns our choir master will be returning this week with music and choir lessons. Mrs Mac and Ryan also have vacancies for students interested in small group lessons. Miss Lauren will also be returning with dance and movement lessons for all students next term.

**LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM** - Later this term we will begin our Life Skills program. Some of the activities planned include a St John Ambulance First Aid awareness course for all students, Aboriginal Education talk, reptiles show, STEM lessons, virtual excursions with our video conferencing and discovery lessons on a variety of topics.

**PAY POP - ONLINE PAYMENTS** - Chatty school is now set up to receive online payments. Payments can be made by visiting the school website where “**\$Make a payment**” link will be located in the ribbon bar on the front page of the website. By selecting “**\$Make a payment**”, parents/carers will be taken to a secure Westpac payment page, you will no longer be in the school’s website.

Parents/carers should provide as much information as possible when paying online so that we can identify and accurately receipt the payment. Where a parent/carer is paying for multiple students the parent should enter payments separately for each student by selecting Make Another Payment option, after completing the first student’s transaction.

Please be advised that details are **not retained** by this QuickWeb site, protecting parents/carers from fraudulent transactions and ensuring compliance with PCI DSS.

**TEXT BOOK FEES/ SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS** - A separate note will go home this week outlining the text book fees and Creative Arts fees.

**CONTACT AND EMPLOYMENT DETAILS** - This is a reminder to all families regarding contact details and employment status. If your contact details have changed recently you need to call in and see Mrs O’Connell so they can be updated. If your employment status has changed then it is important that you also let Mrs O’Connell know. A large percentage of our schools’ funding is based on the socio-economic status of our families. Hence, if you have ceased employment please let the school know as this can only benefit the school.

**MERIT SYSTEM** - Our school assemblies are generally held each fortnight on a Friday afternoon in the school library and all parents and families are invited to attend. Teachers hand out Merit Awards for a variety of reasons such as class behaviour, effort or positive work ethic. Below is an outline of how our Merit Award system operates.

- At Chatsworth Island Public School all students are treated equally and fairly.
- At the beginning of each term all students are eligible for an end of term reward afternoon, providing they have not been placed on Level 3 once in the term, Level 2 twice in the term or level 1 three times within the term. This is designed to recognise and reward students for their appropriate and expected behaviour in both the playground and the classroom.
- **STAR Cards (Striving To Act Responsibly)** are still handed out by teachers on playground duty and 5 winners will be drawn out at each assembly. These students receive a small stationary reward.
- Class reward systems and House points are still the responsibility of each teacher in their classroom.

#### **MERIT AWARD CERTIFICATES**

- Each fortnight class teachers will hand out “ **Awesome Awards** ” at the school assembly or the following Monday morning at class lines.
- There will also be one **Library Award** and One **Technology Award** handed out at the above times.
- When a student receives four “ **Awesome Awards** “ they will automatically be presented with a “ **Chatty Champion Award** “ at the next assembly.
- If a student receives two Chatty Champion Awards ie: 8 Awesome Awards over a two year period they will receive a school medallion or badge to be presented at the next assembly.
- It is the responsibility of the student/family to keep their awards and hand them to the Principal when they are eligible for a Chatty Champion award or medallion.

**WELFARE AND DISCIPLINE POLICY** - Our Student Welfare and Discipline Policy can be viewed by visiting our school website and clicking on the appropriate link.

**BRING ON THE LEARNING!** - I must mention just how well the students have settled into routines and positive behaviours. There have been a few changes this year however the students are taking it all in their stride and need to be commended on their positive outlook, excellent behaviour and willingness to adapt and enthusiasm displayed in their learning. Well done boys and girls!

Have a great week everyone

**GREG SPEIRS**



## PRINCIPAL

**CANTEEN:** Canteen this week will be honey soy chicken kebabs with fried rice or vegetable kebabs. \$5  
Volunteers are Veronica, Lucy and help needed! The canteen will only be open Fridays this term.

**Please HELP**, we need volunteers to keep our canteen up and running. This term it will only be opening Friday but without your help this will not be possible. If you are available, even if it is only for an hour, you DO NOT have to work a full day any time will help please put your name on the attached roster next to the dates you would prefer and return as soon as possible.

# SWIMMING CARNIVAL





# Maclean Adventurers 2018



Adventurer Club is a worldwide program designed for children 6-9yrs.

The program aims to help your child learn valuable life skills.

Monthly Club days run for 1 1/2 - 2hrs & include Crafts, songs and achieving awards which focus on four themes; My God, Myself, My Family and My World.

We are starting our exciting  
2018 Adventurer Club on  
March 10

Please email your intention to join the club or to obtain more information. An information pack, which includes the registration & medical forms, cost and calendar of events, will be sent.

As spaces are limited those who are first to finalise their registration by 5 March 2018 and pay the fee of \$20 on the 10 March, will not be disappointed.

For more information call Christine Allomes – 0432 793 041, 66460213 or Email – macleanadventurerclub@hotmail.com

## Registration Day

Players and parents are invited to our sign on registration day to be held on Saturday February 10th at the Yamba Oval, Angourie Road Yamba

Come on down from 3-6 and meet the coaches, learn some footy drills and stay for a BBQ

All registered players will go into the draw to win prizes

Exciting new League Tag competition starting for girls 13/14 and 15/16

All new players will need to provide their birth certificates.



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## Crunch&Sip

Crunch&Sip is all about crunching on veggies or fruit and sipping on water. It gives our kids a chance to top up their energy supplies and rehydrate while in the classroom. This week we will be sending home some handy magnets that provide great ideas on "What to pack for Crunch&Sip". As a reminder, plain water and whole or cut up fruit or veg is best. Remember that students have Crunch&Sip in the classroom so keep the fruit or veg snack low mess and easy to eat!

**what to pack for Crunch&Sip®**  
here are some examples

A bottle of plain water

A whole piece of veg or fruit

Several whole, smaller veg or fruit

Chopped veg or fruit

Veggie sticks

Tubbed fruit  
In water or juice occasionally

Dried fruit  
Maximum once per week

