

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

17 OCTOBER 2012 - TERM 4 WEEK 2

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Kindergarten Orientation Day is on Friday 26 October from 9:00am. I am looking forward to meeting all the students and parents and welcoming them into our school community. I know there are many excited little people and big people, as there are every year.

It is important that families that are leaving our school next year let the office know now so we can more accurately work out enrolments and classes for 2013. There are times when parents have special requests for their child in relation to friendships and class placement. Please be confident that teachers will spend many professional hours placing students in classes for next year. We look at friendships, behaviours and academic factors when making these decisions. If you do have a special request please let me know a.s.a.p. and I will discuss these with you.

The P and C meeting is on this Monday 22 October at 3:00pm in the library. Mrs Pollack will supervise students of parents attending the meeting, in the computer room. Please try to make these meetings as they are a forum for discussion and a great chance to support students through helping at events or fundraising. The Trivia Night is on the agenda.

Next Thursday evening I will be in Sydney representing our school at the NSW Workplace Health and Safety Awards. We are a finalist due to our use of tablet technology in making information available on emergency procedures and the health needs of students. This was a school/local business partnership with Rod from Just-In-Time Technologies.

I had an interesting conversation with a senior student from Toormina HS yesterday afternoon. This student is an ex-dux of our school and she was very angry about the negative press targeting her school. She was of the opinion that bullying occurs in all schools and this was confirmed by her friend with her, who attends a local private school. She was full of praise for the teachers at THS and especially her physics teacher. I feel very proud that Sawtell PS has had a part in producing such a well-spoken, ethical, confident, academically focused, non-bullying student.

NSW TWITCHATHON- 27/28 October 2012

The Twitchathon is a birdwatching competition where teams try to see as many species as they can within 24 hrs. Students form teams of two or more and begin finding birds at 4:00pm on Saturday 27 October and finish at 4:00pm on Sunday 28

October. There is an under 10's section and an under 15's section. There is a range of adult sections as well. If any students or adults would like to enter please contact Mr Cheers or Mr Trice for entry forms. We are currently the NSW Champions.

BIG BIKE RIDE- Tomorrow, Thursday 18 October 2012

Students from Years 4-6 are getting their bikes in top order for the annual Big Bike Ride from the school to the Coffs Harbour Jetty and back. We need parents to help on the day and cycle with the students. Please contact Mr Burkitt if you are able to help.

P and C TRIVIA NIGHT

Start eating fish and get your teams organised for the P and C Trivia Night on Saturday 10 November. This is not an ordinary Trivia Night, you don't even have to know stuff to win, last year's winners proved that.

SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS

Photos of Captains and Prefects, State Champion Football Team, Student Representative Council, Dance Group, Group 2 U/10 and Open Rugby League Champions, Year 6 Formal and Informal are available to view at the office. Should you wish to place an order, please complete the order form (available at the office) and return with payment of \$10 for each photo or follow instructions on the order form for direct debit.

IN SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were many nerves this morning at the in school Public Speaking Finals. The winner from each class was 1B - Max Riddle, 1/2H - Angus Dugard, 1GF - Peyton Winchester, 2AT - Billie Denman, 3P - Ellena Cheers-Flavell, 3/4AC - Olivia Addison, 4/5BM - Meg Denman, 5K - Luke Field, 6B - Blake McGinty.

Two students from each Stage progress to the 'Bongil Bongil' Speaking Competition to be held next Friday 26 October at Toormina Public School. These students are: Stage 1 - Billie Denman, Peyton Winchester. Stage 2 - Ellena Cheers-Flavell, Freya Laidlaw. Stage 3 - Luke Field, Alek Ion.

Thank you to Mrs King for organising the competition and Mrs Trice for adjudicating. Congratulations to every student who worked hard on their speeches and overcoming their public speaking fears.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Thursday 18 October</u>	Big Bike Ride
<u>Monday 22 October</u>	P&C meeting 3pm (library)
<u>Friday 26 October</u>	Kinder Orientation
<u>27-28 October</u>	NSW Twitchathon
<u>7-9 November</u>	Yr 4 Cascade Camp
<u>Saturday 10 November</u>	P & C Trivia Night
<u>12-16 November</u>	Year 6 Sydney Excursion
<u>22-23 November</u>	Yr 3 Camp
<u>Tuesday 11 December</u>	Yr 6 Farewell
<u>Thursday 13 December</u>	School Concert
<u>Monday 17 December</u>	Presentation Night

CANTEEN ROSTER AND NEWS

Friday 19 October - HOT DOG Day.
Hot Dog, ice cup and cookie - \$4

**PERSON OF THE WEEK****Jackson Harmey**

Jackson is our boy school captain and represents the school admirably on formal occasions. Jackson was a member of our State champion AFL Team and represented Mid North Coast in PSSA soccer. Jackson is a great role model for our younger students. He is a keen surfer and enjoys surfing at Island or Murrays. He has just finished the Deltora Quest series of books. Jackson enjoys carving and shredding on his skateboard.

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The Uniform Shop is open on Monday mornings 8.45 to 9.15am. We are seeking supplies of seconds clothing - if you can assist please see Kelly in the Uniform Shop. Should you be unable to attend the Uniform Shop during these hours, order forms are available at the school office.

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