



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S / ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Cheers is enjoying the Year 6 excursion in Sydney this week. However, a little bird has told us that instead of swimming at the Aquatic Centre at Homebush, he ducked outside to crane his neck to twitch some water-birds (very successfully, we believe).

Students and staff are to be congratulated for the manner in which they coped with the power outage yesterday. Fortunately, by 11am we had a generator. A special thanks to Raewyn, Sheree's mother who cooked hot food at her home for recess. It was much appreciated, especially because it was 'International Kindness Day'. There will be another outage next Tuesday but we already have the generator booked.

This afternoon at 4pm a qualified asbestos-removal team will be taking away sheeting on the verandah outside the Kindergarten classrooms. An atmospheric hygienist will monitor air control. We have been assured that there will be no safety concerns for the students.

The Junior Chess Team of Pippi Hayman, Thomas Henderson and Ellena Cheers-Flavell, are representing our school today. We wish them good luck.

Many classes are enjoying interesting science lessons today about the solar eclipse. The interactive whiteboards enable realistic demonstrations so the children can fully understand this amazing phenomenon.

There is a planned day of action for families on Sunday November 18th at Harbourside Markets, Jetty Foreshores from 8am-1pm. Show your support for stopping the funding cuts to public schools and other services in our community. Next year our school will have less funding for students with special learning needs. Other impacts could include a cut to school office staff and reduced support staff at a regional level which means students will not have the same level of support.

On Friday November 16th our Kindergarten and Year 5 students will help council and community volunteers plant fruit trees on the curb side and within our school grounds. This is an initiative to celebrate community and enjoy the 'fruits of one's labour'. Also on Sunday November 18th from 2-5pm, you can join with neighbours to plant citrus trees at the end of Sixteenth Ave Sawtell. Meet near the new cycleway/footpath off Eighteenth Ave.

Digital TV 'Switch Over' Day

We will be holding a digital 'switchover' event at Sawtell Public School on Tuesday November 27th at 8:55am. The digital television signal is being switched on officially on this day. The switch is planned to happen at about 9am so we hope to have the children 'count down' to the 'switch over'. We will have a number of official guests and there will be lots of giveaways for students, including balloons, wrist bands, and small footballs. People who need help and advice to get ready for the switch to digital-only TV should visit the Digital Ready website at www.digitalready.gov.au or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13.

From Mr Cheers

I send these words for the newsletter while on the ferry to the zoo on the Year 6 excursion. Year 6 are having an amazing time doing all the things that you can do in the city. We have seven parents along helping with the excursion, and we have even had Mr La Macchia (Sawtell Fire Chief) put out a fire in the Australian Maritime Museum. We are all having a great time and looking forward to the rest of the week.

Book Club

All orders are to be in by Thursday November 22nd. No late orders can be taken.

Year 3 Camp

Next Thursday November 22nd at 2pm, Year 3 will travel to Coffs Coast Conference Centre at Bonville, and will return at 2.30pm the next day. Activities will include swimming, 15 metre-high giant swing, and the Zorb Balls.

~ Mrs Pollack, filling in for Mr Cheers

Cascade Report

Year 4 had a fantastic time at Cascade Environmental Centre last week. The students enjoyed mountain bike riding, bug catching, bush walking, identifying plants, games and eating! Thank you very much to our parent helpers Mr McGinty, Mr Gallagher, Mrs Monk and Mr Bellchambers. A special mention must also go to Mrs Bellchambers, who was a wonderful support and tireless helper throughout the camp.

~ Mrs Andrews and Mr Moore

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>12-16 November</u>	Year 6 Sydney Excursion
<u>Thursday 22 November</u>	Captains/Prefects speeches
<u>22-23 November</u>	Year 3 Camp
<u>Friday 30 November</u>	Haiti Hat Day
<u>Tuesday 11 December</u>	Year 6 Farewell
<u>Thursday 13 December</u>	School Concert
<u>Friday 14 December</u>	O Day
<u>Monday 17 December</u>	Presentation Night
<u>Tuesday 18 December</u>	Picnic Day

P & C Trivia Night

A big thank you to Mal Hill and Julie-Ann Willis for organizing the P&C Trivia Night, and also a big thank you to Julie-Ann's friend, Sandra Moon, who stepped in as MC at the last minute. Although the staff team was very unlucky not to win, they are already studying up for next year. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Funds raised will be used by the P&C for our students. Thanks to major donors Mrs Kristen Minton for donating the BBQ, and to Mr McCredie from Carpet Court for donating a \$300 mat for the raffle.

COMMUNITY NEWS**Go4Fun program:**

- Make new friends while increasing confidence and self esteem
- Become more physically active, improving skill and fitness
- Set goals and work towards maintaining a healthy weight
- Adopt lifelong healthy habits

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THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY ITEM ...

will be performed by Tom Henderson and James Clerkin.

UNIFORM SHOP

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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**ROYAL FAR WEST**

The Royal Far West is a children's charity that supplies free healthcare to country children who cannot get treatments for specialized medical and learning difficulties in their local area. Funds are raised locally at the Royal Far West Op Shop on the corner of Moonee and West High Streets, Coffs Harbour, where they are now in urgent need of donations of men's and children's clothing, school uniforms, household goods including linen, craft items/wool, bric-a-brac, books etc. Please drop your donations into the Op Shop now and support the charity that supports our sick local children.



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