



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community" 21 NOVEMBER 2012 - TERM 4 WEEK 7

PRINCIPAL'S / ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Some of the great strengths of our school are flexibility and action when things just don't go the way they are supposed to. Our students, teachers and parents demonstrated these admirable qualities last week in Sydney on the year 6 excursion. The Big Smoke gave our parents the opportunity to put out fires, apply first aid to ladies in distress and to help move 30 students through peak-hour train crowds. I understand there were a lot of sleep-ins on Saturday morning. The Year 6 students had to cope with last minute changes to daily activities and a complete change of lifestyle for the week. After a weekend of rest I have also recovered from the Year 6 excursion. Our school excursion program gives students an opportunity to not only learn things first-hand but also to find their personal limits and find out new things about themselves. Teachers and parents freely give up their time to support these excursions, (teachers do not get paid extra for excursions), and it is appreciated.

The school has had to cope with the outage of our electricity supply for the last two Tuesdays. Teachers modified their teaching and lessons progressed as normal. All coffee and tea issues were catered for creatively.

Congratulations to the Junior Chess Team of Pippi, Thomas and Ellena, who won the All Schools C-Grade Chess Competition.

The Day of Action at the Jetty was well-attended with many parents and teachers from local public schools airing their concerns about the cuts to Public Education. I would encourage every parent to make themselves familiar with the impact of the cuts on their child and inform their local member, Mr Andrew Fraser and the Premier, Mr O'Farrell, how they feel about the issue.

Students are showing patience as they wait for the newly-planted fruit trees to bear fruit. Last Friday, students from Kindergarten and Year 5 planted citrus fruit trees on the verge and on the school boundary as part of the Sawtell Healthy Homes Program funded from the NSW Government's 'Our Living Coast Regional Sustainability Program'. The tree planting was supported by the Coffs Harbour City Council with site identification and hole preparation. Erika Van Schellebeck was the driving force behind the initiative organising the materials and plants. The students involved in such community based projects develop a positive attitude towards community and respect for community property. The school continually encourages students to be involved in their community and this was a perfect opportunity for them to put their community spirit into action.

Digital TV 'Switch Over' Day

The Digital Switch Over Day is becoming a very big media event for the school and it would be great if as many parents as possible could attend. The digital 'switchover' event is being held 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.

Reminder to Kindergarten families...

Please return swimming money and permission notes for your child's intensive swimming lessons ASAP.

Library Stocktake

Home Reader and Library books need to be returned ASAP to allow stocktake to commence. Please check all those places where books may be hiding. Donations of good quality, modern books are always welcome.

~ Julie Turnbull

Book Club

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

Year 3 Camp

This 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

TV Raffle

Please keep selling tickets in raffle for the huge 50" TV and make sure you buy some for yourself. This is a great chance to raise funds for the school. The raffle will be drawn at the school concert on Thursday 13 December. More ticket books available at school office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Thursday 22 November</u>	Captains/Prefects speeches
<u>22-23 November</u>	Year 3 Camp
<u>Monday 26 November</u>	P & C meeting. 7pm School Library
<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

Family Christmas Craft Fun

Saturday December 1st at Coffs Harbour Library - 10am-1pm - join in anytime - no need to book. \$2.00 donation per child would be appreciated as all materials will be supplied. Dress up in Christmas or Fairytale: for more information, phone 6648 4900

Also; join our Summer Reading Club from December 1st 2012. Phone 6648 4900 or check out coffs.library@chcc.nsw.gov.au

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

Go4Fun is a **FREE** program offered In Term 1, 2013. For more information contact 6652 8111 or hjohnson@chwhc.com.au

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THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY ITEM...

will be performed by Jacob Watterston

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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