

# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

7 NOVEMBER 2012 - TERM 4 WEEK 5

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Many of our senior students and teachers joined together at Toormina High School with teachers and students from other local schools to celebrate 'Music Count Us In'. Students from all across Australia sang a specific song at the same time. The sound of six hundred students in full song is something not to be missed. Before and after the singing, our students performed dance and singing items. It was great to see some of our ex-students taking a leading role in the performances. Charlotte's big brother was amazing on the guitar.

The time for eating fish is over. Brain cells should be ready to peak as teams meet in the highly cerebral battle that is our Trivia Night. It is not too late to get a ticket from the school office and join in the fun. Mr Trice and I are confident that Ms. Turnbull will carry the staff team but just in case we have been studying up on the history of Swaziland and other possible topics. Don't forget to wear a wild wig.

After a couple of weeks of testing, students and teachers are ready for major excursions. Today our Year 4 go to Cascade; next week Year 6 go to Sydney to be 'city kids' for a week; and the following week Year 3 go to 'The Resort' with Mrs Pollack. Thanks to those parents who are able to help out with these excursions. It takes a lot of extra effort for teachers to organise the travel, accommodation and activities for excursions. They also volunteer their time to stay overnight with students and give them such memorable experiences.

There is a planned day of action for families on Sunday 18 November at Harbourside Markets, Jetty Foreshores from 8am to 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 16 November 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 ones labour'.

Our school was a wonderful blend of cultures this morning when 20 refugee students from Coffs Harbour PS visited our vegie garden to gather ideas. Our year 5 students were perfect hosts showing the students around the school and getting to meet students from Congo, Afghanistan, Burma and Eritrea.



### Digital TV 'Switch Over' Day

We will be holding a digital 'switchover' event at Sawtell Public School on Tuesday 27 November 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](http://www.digitalready.gov.au) or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13.

### Person of the week - Mr Paszkowski

Mr Paz is a Learning and Support Teacher who works three days per fortnight at Sawtell PS and the remaining days at Coffs Harbour High. He supports students in literacy, maths and welfare. Mr Paz is volunteering his time to help with the Year 3 excursion and he is even braving the Year 6 excursion in Sydney. Mr Paz enjoys the ocean and is a keen surfer.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<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>Thursday 22 November</u>	Captains/Prefects speeches
<u>22-23 November</u>	Yr 3 Camp
<u>Friday 30 November</u>	Haiti Hat Day
<u>Tuesday 11 December</u>	Yr 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**

The **P&C Trivia Night** is on Saturday 10 November in the school hall. This is not an ordinary Trivia Night; you don't even have to know stuff to win. Tickets are available at the school office \$15 each. There will be a great raffle on the night as well. It would be great if each class was able to field a team of mums and dads. This is a great fundraiser for the school as well as a blast, so get your teams of 8 -10 organised. The staff has a cracking team who will be applying every trivia trick they can think of to secure victory.

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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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**THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY ITEM ...**

will be performed by 5K.

**BOOK COVERERS NEEDED**

If any parents or grandparents have some time to spare to cover some of our new books, please see Mrs Pollack at the school.

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



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