

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community" 20 NOVEMBER, 2013 - TERM 4 WEEK 7

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I was a very, very proud principal yesterday as I listened to the captains and prefect speeches. The candidates used words like kind, caring and responsible to describe themselves and were obviously very proud of their school. As a school we should all celebrate that we have students, who as they end their time at Sawtell PS, can present such passionate speeches. Public speaking skills will help them more confidently proceed through high school and beyond. As with any democratic process some students will feel elation and others disappointment as I announce the leaders for 2014. It is an achievement to stand on stage and make a speech about yourself and your ideas. There will also be many other leadership opportunities for other candidates next year as sports captains and indigenous leaders. Congratulations to the captains and prefects for 2014:

Captains:	Jayden McGinty	Meg Denman
Vice Captains:	Jack Malcolm	Olivia Addison
Prefects:	Spencer Roche	Neve Coates
	Zac Paunovic	Rubi Ballinger

Our Senior Choir records their audition video next Wednesday as they try to perform at the Sydney Opera House. Mrs Pollack, Mr K and the students have worked very hard to be at a very high standard.

It seems that we are again successful in winning the NSW Twitchathon (bird watching) competition for 2013 in the under 10's and under 16's sections.

Our intensive swimming scheme begins next week. The program ensures that all students who leave the school can, at minimum, swim to save themselves and be water safety aware.

This morning we farewelled Year 4 as they headed to the wilds of Cascade for two nights, braving leeches and vicious possums. With Mr Trice, on his last ever excursion, and Mr Moore leading a team of enthusiastic parents I am sure they will have a very educational time.

Excursions like Cascade and last week's Sydney

excursion help to build resilience in students, another life skill necessary for living in the 21st century. A week in Sydney using public transport, making financial decisions, functioning as one of a group of 35 people can be tough at times but students always get through it and have greater reliance and other life skills as a result. I would like to especially thank all of our teachers who organise the excursions and give up time away from their families, the staff back at school who help out while others are away, the parents who help out on the excursion and to the parents who prepare their children physically and emotionally for these experiences.

P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The P&C would like our school community to donate non-perishable food items toward a Christmas raffle. Tickets for hampers will be on sale leading up to and on Concert night - thank you.



TOORMINA HIGH SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Year 6 - 7 Parent Information Night

Tuesday 26 November 6pm

Student Orientation Day

Wednesday 4 December

UPCOMING EVENTS

26 November	Year 6-7 Parent Info night Toormina High School 6pm
25 November - 6 December	Intensive Swimming Kindergarten Swimming
2 - 5 December	Student Orientation Day Toormina High School
4 December	Concert dress rehearsal
Monday 9 December	School Concert
Tuesday 10 December	Presentation Night
Thursday 12 December	O Day
Friday 13 December	Year 6 Farewell
Monday 16 December	Picnic Day
Tuesday 17 December	Final day for students Talent Quest
Wednesday 18 December	
Wednesday 29 January 2014	Year 1-6 students resume

MR TRICE RETIRES

Mr Trice will finish his final year as a classroom teacher and member of Sawtell School staff at the end of this term. We would like to invite any interested parents or community members to celebrate his retirement at a function to be held on Friday 13 December at 6.30pm at the Coffs Harbour Rugby Club (Link Road, Toormina). Cost is \$20 per head which includes pizza and prawns, and a contribution towards Mr Trice's retirement gift. If you are keen to attend, please make payment to the school office before Friday 6 December.

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UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open on Monday mornings 8.45 to 9.15am. Should you be unable to attend the Uniform Shop during these hours, order forms are available at the school office.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly item will be performed by the Sancia and James.

COMMUNITY NEWS

What's the go with Go4Fun??

It's on in Term 1! It's fun! It's free! It's a family healthy lifestyle program! It's for 7-13yo children who are above a healthy weight range! If you want to make a change and get fit and healthy in the new year with your family call 1800 780 900 now!!

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