

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community" 27 NOVEMBER, 2013 - TERM 4 WEEK 8

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The busy season is upon us.

I enjoyed my brief visit to Cascade last Thursday evening. A big thank you must go to Mr Trice and Mr Moore and the parents who made the excursion possible. I have heard many great examples of excellent manners being used over the three days. There are few places where students can be eating dinner and have paddymelons hopping past the door or be lulled in to sleep by the melodious tones of red-eyed tree-frogs accompanied by the percussion of great barred frogs.

Mr Pyne the Federal Education Minister reported yesterday that the government will not be honouring the Gonski funding model after this year. This will have an impact on Public Education in NSW and our school. Please keep yourself informed of this issue as it will affect your child's education.

There is a planned stop work meeting for teaching staff for next Tuesday morning, 3rd December from 9:00am to 11:00am. This is an unfortunate time of year for this to occur but there are many issues related to the threats to the funding of schools, schools reclassification and teacher salaries that will be discussed at the meeting. I am anticipating that we will have a majority of our staff at the meeting and minimal supervision at school until 11:00am. Another note will be sent home this week with more details on the impact of the stop work meeting on student supervision.

Our intensive swimming scheme lessons began this week. These lessons help to ensure that all students who leave the school can, at minimum, swim to save themselves and be water safety aware. Kindergarten will be in the pool next week.

The P&C has been successful in receiving a grant for the creation of seven sustainability themed sculptures within the school garden. Hamish Malcolm is the driving force and artist behind the project. The sculptures will involve students, teachers and community members working together. The project needs more than arty types; concreters, builders, wood workers, pavers, metal workers, diggers and wheel barrow wheelers are also needed throughout the year. If you would like to

help, add ideas and maybe learn a few things about sculpting, please come to the meeting at 5:00pm, Tuesday 3rd December in the school library to help plan the year ahead.

CASCADE REPORT by Shante Cannon

Year 4 enjoyed their time at Cascade last week, starting off with a bus ride that was long but worth it. We saw emus, rosellas, paddymelons and much more. We got there and walked to the box tree. Yay, it was trivia time!!! The girls were awoken to the sound of boys playing cricket at 6:30 in the morning. Some girls got extremely angry at the boys!!! Mr Moore and Mr Trice split us into two groups - the Whipbirds and the Honeyeaters. Some went mountain biking and some went bug catching with Geoff, our guide. After lunch we swapped activities. Mr Cheers came just before dinner and showed us where he used to live when he was a young boy but his house was gone. He also showed us the old laundromat, a creek! Then it was dinner (at like 7:00!). The last day was the rope course and the biodiversity trail. Again we split into our two groups and did both activities. We then had our delicious lunch of pizza. Now it was time to leave! Cascade was a great opportunity to see what the rainforest is all about.

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.



REMINDER - KINDER SWIMMING

A reminder to parents of students participating in the Kinder Swimming Program - please return payment of \$25 and permission note to the class teacher as soon as possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

25 November - 6 December

	Intensive Swimming
2 - 5 December	Kindergarten Swimming
Tuesday 3 December	Stop work meeting 9-11am
	Sculpture meeting 5pm
Wednesday 4 December	Student Orientation Day
	Toormina High School
Monday 9 December	Concert dress rehearsal
Tuesday 10 December	School Concert
Thursday 12 December	Presentation Night
Friday 13 December	O Day
Monday 16 December	Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday 17 December	Picnic Day
Wednesday 18 December	Final day for students
	Talent Quest
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 James, Ellena and Rachel.

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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