

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community" 11 DECEMBER, 2013 - TERM 4 WEEK 10

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was such a pleasure to watch the school concert last night. I wasn't sure if it was the faces of the students or the faces of the parents that were the happiest. It is a credit to our whole school community to be able to produce such an entertaining hour of performances and give students such memories.

This Thursday evening, at Presentation Night, our school band and choir will be performing. With Advanced band, Beginner Band, the P&C Sculpture Project and Visual Arts enrichment groups, it is plain to see that the arts are becoming an integral part of our school, complimenting the academic programs and sport. There is much research to support the need for the arts within school. Research compiled from around Australia by Dr Mary Hunter found that the arts improved student social and personal development, improved attitude to learning, improved literacy and numeracy results and improved problem solving and planning skills.

Reports will be sent home this Friday. It is an amazing exercise to read every report, to celebrate how our students are achieving and see the advice that they have been given for improvement. I know parents will read the comments carefully and celebrate the successes with their children.

The school plan is completed and encompasses strategies that will support our complex, dynamic and caring school for 2014. Mr Burkitt will present the plan at the first P&C meeting in 2014.



Having a garden in the school increases our biodiversity. The biodiversity was added to yesterday when our sunflowers were being fed upon by three king parrots. They are a large parrot, aptly covered in the Christmas colours of red and green. Many students saw these birds for the first time ever.

Please read the information following about the canteen functioning over the next last two weeks. Our award winning canteen offers great choice to students and this can only happen through the very hard work of Sheree and her team of helpers.

It is the time of year to say thank you. It is an honour, exhausting yet exhilarating at times, to lead such a dynamic school. Our students are privileged in having such supportive families and dedicated, professional teachers and support staff. I want to sincerely thank every person that has supported students over the past year in the myriad of ways that you have. Thank you to every member of staff who gave that extra effort, every parent who supported the school with words or deeds (the K-1 teachers felt very special last Friday night being pampered by parents) and to every student who tried that little bit harder, helped someone else or practised their resilience. Schools are about people, especially the little kind.

As a thank you to parents, teachers are inviting every parent and community member who has helped throughout the year to a morning tea this Thursday 12th December at 10:55am in the new hall. Please come and have a chat with the teachers and give us an opportunity to thank you personally.

I will take this opportunity to say Auf Wiedersehen as soon my family and I head off on a European adventure until July next year. I know I leave the school secure, in the competent hands of Mr Burkitt and the team - please watch that he doesn't make AFL a subject area.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 12 December	Presentation Night 6pm
Friday 13 December	O Day at school Student Reports home
Monday 16 December	Year 6 Farewell 6pm
Tuesday 17 December	Picnic Day 7am start at Sawtell Caravan Park
Wednesday 18 December	Final day for students Talent Quest
Wednesday 29 January 2014	Year 1-6 students resume

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly item will be performed by the advanced band.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: The Uniform Shop will be open between 9am to 11am on Tuesday 28 January.

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COFFS HARBOUR YOUTH CHOIR

The Coffs Harbour Regional Conservatorium will be launching a junior choir for all Coffs Harbour area students between the ages of 7 to 13. The choir will be conducted by Peter Kaukianen, under the Artistic Direction of Trish O'Brien. This high quality musical experience is aimed at teaching singing in harmony, learning to read music, self-confidence, concentration, awareness skills, vocal training and performance skills, connecting with other creative minds and experiencing the joy of music.

Rehearsals will be at the Conservatorium on Tuesdays 4-5pm (children in years 2 - 4) and 5-6pm (children in years 5 - 7). Cost per term is \$125 with the maximum number of choir members set at 80. For bookings and enrolment forms contact 6652 1592.

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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SURF GROMS XMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Monday to Friday courses

Choose a week that suits you

Jan 6th to Jan 10th

Jan 13th to Jan 17th

Jan 20th to Jan 24th

Age groups: 5yrs to 8yrs & 8yrs to 12 yrs

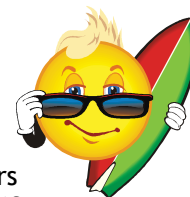
Times: 8:30am to 10am & 10:30am to 12pm

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**CANTEEN**

Monday 16th is the last day for canteen 2013. Recess will operate as normal. Students will be able to purchase food/drinks at lunch but no lunch orders will be taken. A few last day treats including jelly cups and two-toned ice cups will be for sale.

As the school year is winding to a close we are also slowing down. So for the remainder of the week we may run out of some items. Strawberry and banana milks have finished for this year.



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