

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

4 DECEMBER, 2013 - TERM 4 WEEK 9

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a joy it is to move around our school and hear, feel and see creativity in action as classes prepare for the end of year performances. Teachers are working very hard to stir the creative juice in some students while toning the juice of others to a ballistic level that we will be able to keep up with. The students are making memories that they will take with them throughout life. Don't miss the school concert next Tuesday evening commencing at 6pm.

It is with sadness that I write about the passing of Bruce Barnier. Bruce was an ex-principal of our school and a person who supported his community with both heart and deed. Our senior choir, captains and vice captains will be attending a short ceremony tomorrow as a celebration of Bruce's life.

The stop work meeting on Tuesday morning resulted in an agreement by the NSW Teachers Federation and the NSW Government that ensures that in NSW, well trained quality teachers will be in front of our students for the next three years. With the winding road, that is funding for public schools, again turning in a positive direction the next three years look like a time when our students will have the best opportunities to reach personal educational outcomes. Please congratulate any politicians that you meet on this outcome and begin discussions about the following three years.

With longer term funding ensured we can now make final adjustments to our school plan for 2014 which will be presented at the first P&C meeting next year by Mr Burkitt as he takes on the role of relieving principal as I enjoy the coolness of Europe with my family.

Our intensive swimming scheme lessons continue this week for Years 1-6. Kindergarten will also be splashing around this week with their lessons. These lessons help to ensure that all students who leave the school can, at minimum, swim to save themselves and be water safety aware. Thank you to all who help out with these swimming programs.

If you are an arty type, concreter, builder, wood worker, paver layer, welder, digger and wheel barrow wheeler be prepared to be asked to help out next year with our sculpture project. Through the P&C, Hamish Malcolm is the driving force and artist behind the

project. The sculptures will involve students, teachers and community members working together to produce 3D art for us all to enjoy.

I was listening to an interesting science show recently and two pieces of important research information relevant to students were highlighted. Firstly, children of today are 15% less fit than children in 1975. With obesity, heart disease and diabetes all associated with lack of exercise, keeping fit should be a part of all of our lifestyles. The research showed that to keep fit children need to 'huff and puff' for one hour per day. This can be in small allotments during the day. Secondly the chemistry associated with our brains first developed in the oceans millions of years ago. This chemistry has not changed for millions of years and we need to ensure we regularly eat seafood, the only source to ensure we get the essential nutrients that our brain needs. This sits well with me and a few other dads in our community, as the reason for fishing trips and using the new boat, has just been enhanced.

Reports will be sent home next week. Many hours have been poured into these by students working hard and teachers recording their efforts. Please read them with your child and enjoy the positives and discuss the suggestions for further learning.

The school looks like growing again with us very close to a thirteenth class. The most likely outcome is twelve classes, the same as this year. At this time our school is closed to out of zone enrolments.

Teachers have spent much time and effort in forming classes for next year. We have a highly skilled team of caring teachers, a pool of enthusiastic students and a supportive community. 2014 here we come.

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

25 November - 6 December

	Intensive Swimming
2 - 5 December	Kindergarten Swimming
Monday 9 December	Concert dress rehearsal
Tuesday 10 December	School Concert 6pm
Wednesday 11 December	Student Reports home
Thursday 12 December	Presentation Night 6pm
Friday 13 December	O Day at school
Monday 16 December	Year 6 Farewell 6pm
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.

**COFFS COAST MILO T20 BLAST
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Brelsford Park, Coffs Harbour

Girls & Boys aged 8-12 years

Wednesday 22 & Thursday 23 January 2014

9.30am to 1.30pm

\$99 (inc. lunch, t-shirt, hat plus more)

Register before Wednesday 1 January

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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 Choir, ukulele and guitar groups.

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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