

A photograph of a modern school building with a large, curved, light-colored roof structure. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn. The title 'SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL' is written in large, bold, blue capital letters across the top, with 'NEWSLETTER' in smaller blue capital letters below it.

# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

15 OCTOBER 2014 - TERM 4 WEEK 2

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our school Maths Master Competition was keenly contested again this year. It takes great courage to go outside your comfort zone and compete on stage in Maths Master. This competition is about mental computation strategies and requires different strategies to those used when working on written maths problems with no time constraints. All finalists tried their best and we were eventually able to get our grade winners except for Year 4 where we couldn't separate the contestants and had to give a tie for first. Congratulations to all the finalists and our winners: **Year 1** Penny F. Damon L. Harry C-H. Whitby C. Billie B. James A. Cooper F. Olive A. **Year 2** Kallan B. Zac C. Zamara P. Poppy B. Jack H. Cadence F. Asha L. Finn H. **Year 3** Toi W. Angus D. Maya F. Lucy L. Laura T. Braydan P. Jeck W. **Year 4** McKinley B & Caleb H. Seth I. Bella T. Eliza W. Leroy V. Jesse B. Kate C. **Year 5** Will L. Sharnte C. Ellie D. Tom N. Zach S. Adams R. Emily C. Ellen C-F. **Year 6** Jack M. Tiana S. Zac P. Sam D. Jayden M. Trinity V. Clayton B. Finn K.

Miss Hague is currently on leave in the outback somewhere. Mrs Barnes will be teaching 2H until next week. Mrs Buckley has started her position as Instructional Leader at Stuart's Point PS. She returns to our school in 2016. Mr Cavallaro remains on 3AC for Thursdays and will be the Computer Coordinator on Fridays with Mrs Andrews returning to 3AC for Fridays. Ms Flavell will be the computer teacher in the afternoons on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays to fit our current timetable.

Before the holidays a group of senior students carried out a litter survey of our school grounds. Four 20m transects were randomly selected within our playground. The results showed that we have a staggering 21000 (yes, 21000) pieces of litter within our playground. This includes small pieces of plastic. This means, on average, 70 pieces of litter per student. I know many students do not litter but every student needs to take responsibility for their behaviours and their planet. The team will conduct the survey again in two weeks and let's hope the result is better.

The UV index is climbing rapidly. Please ensure your child brings a school hat to school each day.

A few students are turning up for school well before 8:30am. There is no playground supervision until 8:30am and student safety cannot be assured. Can parents please ensure students are not arriving before this time. If students arrive just before the bell they are to sit in the handball court area.

Kindergarten Orientation Day is on Friday 24 October. We

look forward to welcoming our 2015 Kindergarten students and their families to the school.

I enjoyed watching an excited group of Year 4 students, parents and teachers depart for Cascade this morning. Mrs Arthur and Miss Wilson are looking forward to living in the rainforest wilds for 3 days with the students. The bushwalking, rope climbing, blindfold walks in the forest, paddymelons, leeches and carpet pythons should all add to the fun.

### BIRDING NEWS

- 1) The NSW Twitchathon starts at 4:00pm on Saturday 25 October and finishes on Sunday 26 at 4:00pm. Students can organise an under 10's years or under 16 years team to find as many bird species as they can within 24hrs. Please see me for entry forms. They need to be returned by Tuesday 22 October.
- 2) School Yard Twitch on Wednesday 5 November. This is a day where students find birds in the school playground. We are competing against other local schools. The information is sent to the Birds Australia bird data base. This will be organised at school.

### SCULPTURE WORKING BEE

The final working bee on **Sunday 2nd November**. It will involve some concreting to install the 'organic' and 'biodiversity' sculptures. It would also involve creating the 'fun & creativity' sculpture - digging, painting, bolting and roping together, making some things to hang of it etc. The current sculptures have added a new dimension to our school. If you would like to be involved in this creative muscle work please contact Hamish Malcolm on 66585151.

### BAND

All band students need to bring their instruments on this Friday. The band will be performing at a number of venues this term. Their first performance will be at Kindergarten Orientation Day on Friday 24 October.

### YEAR 3 CAMP

A reminder that the Year 3 camp is this **Monday 20 October and Tuesday 21 October**. Students and parents can pitch tents and set up from 5pm onwards on Monday afternoon at Sawtell Caravan Park. **All money and notes are due by this Friday 17 October**

### LATE TO SCHOOL

In accordance with school policy, students arriving late to school must be accompanied by a parent to the office to sign a late note. A parent's signature is mandatory to verify late arrival.

UPCOMING EVENTS

20-21 October	Yr 3 Camp – Sawtell Caravan Park
Wed 22 October	Bongil Bongil Public Speaking
Fri 24 October	Kinder 2015 Orientation Day
25-26 October	Twitchathon
Tues 4 November	Girls' Rugby League Dorrig
Wed 5 November	Captains Prefects Speeches
Wed 5 November	Grandparents Day (Noon)
Wed 5 November	Schoolyard Twitchathon
Thurs 6 November	Big Bike Ride
Sat 8 November	P&C Trivia Night
10-14 November	Yr 6 Sydney Excursion
17-28 November	Yr 1-6 Intensive Swimming
24-28 November	Kindergarten Swimming
Mon 8 December	Presentation Night
Wed 10 December	Concert Night
Thurs 11 December	Sawtell Street Party
Fri 12 December	Level O'Day /Reports Out
Mon 15 December	Year 6 Farewell
Tues 16 December	School Picnic Day
Wed 17 December	Talent Quest/ Last Day

CAPTAIN & PREFECT SPEECHES

Captain and Prefect speeches are now on Wednesday 5 November straight after morning assembly.

SPORTS REPORT

Kayne Wells is currently in Sydney at the State Athletics competing in the 800m running.

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.

THE P&C REPORT

Please start organising your teams of eight for the P and C Trivia Night on 8 November. This is a night not to be missed. The P&C are looking for prizes to be donated for the night. Tickets are available at the school office for \$10 each. Table of eight \$80.

**Toormina High School Year 7 2015****Parent Information Evening & Orientation Days**

Thursday, November 27, 6pm at Toormina High School Library - Year 6 into 7 Parent Information Evening.  
 Wednesday, December 3 at Toormina High School- Year 6 into 7 2015, Orientation Day.  
 Wednesday, December 10 at Toormina High School - 7 Blue Extension class 2015, Extra Transition Day.

COMMUNITY NEWS


**Self Confidence, Problem solving, Engineering, Leadership, Interpersonal Skills, and FUN.**

**Who:** Children aged 7 and up.  
**What:** Lego based learning activities  
**Where:** Coffs Harbour Community village  
**When:** Saturdays 10:45-12:15  
**Cost:** \$25 per session/\$150 for 8 sessions up front.

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