

A photograph of a large, modern school building with a green roof and white pillars, surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn. The title 'SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER' is overlaid in large, light blue, sans-serif capital letters.

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

29 OCTOBER 2014 - TERM 4 WEEK 4

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I write this newsletter with weary eyes after spending the night in my swag at the Year 3 Camp at Sawtell Caravan Park. A big thank you the Mrs Andrews and Miss Wilson for organising the camp and to the parents who came along to help. Mr Moore and I enjoyed being dads on a school camp. Our night walk had little success in finding night life but on returning to the kitchen we found possums being fed our supper biscuits by Mr McGinty. Year Three will have bush survival skills this morning and then head to the pool for a swim. This camp is a great start to our excursion program and the students enjoy every minute, even the minutes after midnight.

As we plan for 2015 it is essential that we have accurate information on students attending Sawtell PS next year. If you know of students within your family that are leaving our school in 2015 please let the office know this week. If you have any children or are aware of any new students intending to enrol in 2015 please contact the school

The last litter survey results showed that we have a staggering 21000 pieces of litter within our playground. Last week's survey resulted in 16537 pieces of litter which is an improvement. Many students worked hard to pick up litter in our playground which helped to achieve this result. The team will carry out another survey in two weeks.

There have been a number of cases of nits reported within the school. Could all families please check hair and treat as needed.

Please ensure your child brings a school hat to school each day.

Ms Turnbull is currently on leave and Miss Anderson will be replacing her as librarian.

Our second Kindergarten Orientation session is this Friday 31 October from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS (BAND JNR BAND, STRING ENSEMBLE, DANCE GROUPS, CHOIR)

Our performing Arts groups have a big term ahead with a number of gigs booked. A Gig Guide and permission note is accompanying the newsletter for all students in these groups. There will be many opportunities for parents to watch these performances and as always,

parents are warmly welcome. All band students need to bring their instruments this Friday.

VOLUNTEERING/WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

In accordance with the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 and the Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013 all workers and volunteers have to have a Working with Children Check. If you volunteer within our school could you please apply online for this check and give a copy of the permission to the school. This includes all parents accompanying excursions, transporting for sport or any activity involving students. The link to the application is below.

<https://wwwcccheck.ccyp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/Application>

BIRDING NEWS

Congratulations to our 5 teams who participated in the NSW Twitchathon. Results will be available soon.

SCULPTURE WORKING BEE

The final working bee for the community sculpture project will be on Sunday 2 November. Meet in the school garden at 9:30. 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 off it etc. If anyone in the school community has graphic design expertise and software and is willing and able to help with the interpretation panel for the sculpture project, could they please contact Hamish Malcolm on 66585151.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents are invited to the school on Wednesday 5 November from 12:00pm. We will begin with an assembly in the new hall and a performance by the choir, dance group and string ensemble. Grandparents will then spend a short time in classrooms before sharing a picnic lunch with their grandchildren.

P&C REPORT

P&C Trivia Night on 8 November. Tickets are now on sale at the school office at a cost of \$10 per ticket, or a table of eight for \$80. Contact Nat La Macchia on 0419 419 435

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 30 October	Year 6 Car Wash 1:30pm-4:00pm
Tues 4 November	Girls' Rugby League Dorrig
Wed 5 November	Captains Prefects Speeches (am)
Wed 5 November	Grandparents Day (Noon)
Wed 5 November	Schoolyard Twitchathon
Thurs 6 November	Big Bike Ride
Sat 8 November	P&C Trivia Night
Thurs 13 November	Visiting Prefomer
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
Wed 28 January	First day for students 2015

YEAR SIX CAR WASH

Year 6 will be holding a Car Wash on Thursday 30 October from 1:30pm - 4:00pm to raise funds for the end of year excursion. Wash \$5 Vacuum \$5.

COMMUNITY NEWSWorking with Children Course.

There is an opportunity for parents to attend a free one day workshop on understanding children with emotional and challenging behaviours such as anxiety, ASD, and ADHD. The course is on Wednesday 26 November, 9:00-3:00pm at the Boambee East Community Centre.

Registration is via email by the 3 November.

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TOORMINA HIGH SCHOOL- YEAR 7 2015

The following dates will be of interest to Year 6 students and parents:

- November 27 - Year 6 into 7 2015 Parent Information Evening.
- December 3 - Year 6 into 7 2015 Orientation Day
- December 10- 2015 7 Blue Orientation Day

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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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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