

A photograph of a modern school building with a large, curved, light-colored roof structure supported by several tall, thin columns. 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 a smaller, bold, blue capital font below it.

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

8 OCTOBER 2014 - TERM 4 WEEK 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to all that is Term Four. There are assessments and school reports, excursions; Year 3 to Sawtell Reserve, Year 4 to Cascade and Year 6 to Sydney as well as the many end of year celebrations, including our school concert. Please put the calendar section of this newsletter on the fridge to help you through this busy time.

Welcome back to Mr Burkitt after annoying fish for a term and to Mrs Pollack after her trip to Japan. Miss Hague is currently on two weeks leave in the outback somewhere. Mrs Barnes will be teaching 2H.

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

Kindergarten Orientation Day is on Friday 24 October. We look forward to welcoming our 2015 Kindergarten students and their families to the school. Starting school is such an exciting time for families, especially for the first child families. It is always exciting for me to share our wonderful school with others.

Next Tuesday 14 October will be our Maths Master Competition. This is like a spelling bee but more exciting, for mathematicians. We will start at 9:15am with Year 1 and progress through the grades. There are 8 finalists from each grade that have been selected in classroom preliminary rounds.

'BLOOD MOON' and Lunar Eclipse

Tonight starting at 8:15pm there is a lunar eclipse. The Earth will block light from the Sun reaching the Moon. During the eclipse light will be bent around the Earth giving the moon a blood red appearance. The total eclipse will occur at 9:15pm.

BIRDING NEWS

October is an exciting time for bird watchers with many of our migrant species returning. There are two major events coming up

- 1) School Yard Twitch on Wednesday 22 October. 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 database. This is part of Bird Week across Australia. This will be organised at school.
- 2) 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.

SCULPTURE WORKING BEE

The final working bee for the community sculpture project will be on Sunday 2 November. It will involve some concreting to install the 'organic' and 'biodiversity' sculptures. It will also involve creating the 'fun & creativity' sculpture - digging, painting, bolting and roping together, making some things to hang on 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 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 24th October.

YEAR 4 CASCADE EXCURSION

A reminder that the Year 4 Cascade Excursion is Wednesday 15 October to Friday 17 October 2014.

All notes & money should be returned by Friday 10 October. A chance to live in the rainforest for a few days.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES /EXCURSION PAYMENTS

Sawtell School relies heavily upon income generated by school fees. This funding provides classroom requisites required for your children's education. Prompt payment of any outstanding fees as detailed on statements included with today's newsletters is appreciated.

P&C REPORT

Next P&C meeting is Monday 13 October. Please start organising your teams of eight for the P&C Trivia Night on 8 November. The P&C are looking for prizes to be donated for the night. 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

Mon 13 October	Hot Dog Day
Tues 14 October	Maths Master
15-17 October	Yr 4 Cascade Excursion
20-21 October	Yr 3 Camp - Sawtell Caravan Park
Wed 22 October	Schoolyard Twitchathon
Fri 24 October	Kinder 2015 Orientation Day
25-26 October	Twitchathon
Tues 4 November	Captains Prefects Speeches
Wed 5 November	Grandparents Day
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
Mon 15 December	Year 6 Farewell
Tues 16 December	School Picnic Day
Wed 17 December	Talent Quest/ Last Day

HOT DOG DAY

Monday 13 October.

Order and money need to be in **NO LATER** than Friday 10 October for catering purposes.

1 Hot dog, traffic light ice cup \$4

CHRISTIMAS SHOEBOXES

Christmas Shoeboxes need to be returned by this Friday 10 October.

Like you, my kids *play the game*
at Sawtell Public School!

Please call
me for all
your property
needs.




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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.

COMMUNITY NEWSJunior Cricket

"Sawtell /Toormina Junior Cricket Club still has some spaces for under 10 cricketers.

Contact Chris Neal 0429703610 or
Chris.neal@live.com.au



The Coffs Harbour Volunteer Branch of Make-A-Wish Australia presents:
10th Anniversary Party

Date: Saturday 25 October 2014

Time: 6pm

Where: Sawtell Golf Club, Bayldon Road, Sawtell

Cost: \$35, includes finger food & Lucky door prize.

Contact: Emma Rhoades 0430 535 487 or
Kristy Hodges 0431 342 695

Entertainment by Coastal Soul & Kada.

Win a helicopter joy flight, holidays and so much more.

Tickets available at Sawtell Golf Club.

Howard Nicholson

LJ Hooker



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