



# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community" 10 DECEMBER 2014 - TERM 4 WEEK 10

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Mayor Denise Knight visited our school twice over the last week. Mrs Knight attended our Friday assembly and then viewed the Sculpture Trail. She also attended our Presentation Night on Monday. The dignitaries at Presentation Night, were very impressed with our students' achievements, the band and choir. It was enjoyable to see the majority of our school community all together celebrating student achievement.

Student numbers and classes for next year are still in a state of flux as families make decisions around employment for the new year. Staff have drafted classes for next year but it is most likely that these will change and result in many more long hours of organisation for teachers early next year. With changes in numbers and staffing Miss Hague and Miss Wauchope will not be on staff for 2015. Many parents have informed me of the wonderful opportunities that their children have had with these teachers. I would like to thank them both for this year, and to Miss Hague for her teaching over the last seven years. It is always sad to lose great teachers from our team.

It is a very busy time of year for our school community. Please keep viewing the calendar in current newsletter as dates and times can change. If for some reason a newsletter doesn't reach home please go to the Sawtell Public School website and access a copy there.

Reports are close to completion and will be ready for sending home on this Friday 12 December.

Generosity is a part of our school culture. Parents help in so many ways, whether it is tarps for the concert, help in making costumes or providing ties for our computer cables. Schools are such uplifting places to be in. Teachers had the opportunity to thank parent helpers by providing morning tea on Tuesday.

I had a big scare this week when I was sent in to challenge Eva, a Year 1 student in saying the 2 times table. Eva recorded an amazing 6 seconds. It took great focus just to pip Eva and retain my tables title. My title looks shaky for next year.

My main messages at Presentation Night were to thank the whole school community for their support of students within the school. My second message was about just how much hard work goes on in our school. Students, parents and staff work very hard to make our school the respected place of learning that it is. Teachers work very hard to give students a solid academic base from which the school can enjoy the many extra activities that we all enjoy. There is a saying about hard work, 'Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some

turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all'. (Sam Ewing). The year ahead will involve more hard work as further changes in curriculum and management of schools evolve as well as managing the day to day hard work and joy that children bring.

## CONCERT NIGHT TONIGHT

All students are to be at school by 5:30pm for a 6:00pm sharp start. Those students needing their faces painted need to be at school by 5:15pm.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH (NOVEMBER)

KM Sean Finley, KS Bodhi Garner, KB Charlie Healey, 1GH Savannah Winchester, 1H Randall Brunke, 1/2W Isabella Warren-Zanzerl, 2H Ben Gregory, 3AC Kiara Fry, 3/4A Alex Cheers-Flavell, 3/4W Tully Collins, 4/5P Bayden Saville, 5/6M Jake Rowe, 5/6K Finn Klaus,

## PERFORMING ARTS

Thursday 11 December. Students are to bring instruments to school in the morning. **All groups (Junior Band, Big band, choir, and dance groups)** will be performing at the Sawtell Summer Session in the main street. This will be a great community celebration of our school and the performing arts. Performances start at 5:15pm. Students need to be there at 4:45pm for setup and tuning. All school instruments will be collected after the concert for checking on Friday.

## P AND C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Christmas raffle will be drawn tonight at the Concert.

## LEVEL 0' MUFTI DAY

Mufti Day is on this Friday, each class needs to read their notes for more details, all students will be back at school by lunchtime.

## POOL PICNIC DAY

Tuesday 7am-1pm at Sawtell Pool - all students need to bring **\$3.20 on the day**. School will be open normal hours for those students unable to be dropped off or collected from the pool. These students will be walked to and from the school under supervision.

## IMPETIGO

Impetigo has been reported at school this week [also known as school sores]. Children with impetigo should be kept home from school until appropriate treatment has begun and sores on exposed areas are covered with a waterproof dressing and if necessary a crepe bandage.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 10 December	Concert Night
Thurs 11 December	Sawtell Street Party 5:00-6:00pm
Fri 12 December	Level O' Day / Reports Out
Fri 12 December	Assembly - the 'Nuons' Show
Mon 15 December	Year 6 Farewell 6:00pm start
Tues 16 December	School Picnic Day 7am - 1pm
Tues 16 December	P&C 7:00pm in Staffroom
Wed 17 December	Talent Quest / Last Day
Wed 17 December	Year 6 'Walk through the Arches'
Wed 28 January	First day for students 2015

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Sawtell Public School 2015 Kindergarten Play Date**  
10am - 1pm  
Sunday 18 January

John B. Smith Shelter - Boambee Creek Reserve

Sausage sandwiches provided by Sawtell Public School P&C.

For catering please RSVP by Friday 16 January.

Emma 0417 286 505.

Parents are to be responsible for their own children near & in the water. All welcome - a great chance for kids & families to meet. Contact person Emma 0417 286 505.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES

We have had reported cases at school of the following diseases.

**Chicken Pox** - children should remain at home for 5 days or until blisters have all crusted.

**Slapped Cheek** - most infectious before rash appears.

**Hand, Foot & Mouth** - children should remain at home till all blisters have dried.

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will operate as per usual this Friday.

**Monday** is our last day as we have 6 weeks break we have been running our stock down. Please make sure your child realises they may have to make another choice for lunch that day.

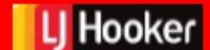
**Coffs Harbour Library**

Summer Reading Club - all school aged children. Join at Coffs Harbour, Toormina or Woolgoolga libraries, or [www.summerreadingclub.org.au](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au). For more information contact 6648 4900 or [coffs.library@chcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:coffs.library@chcc.nsw.gov.au).

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