

# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community" 17 DECEMBER 2014 - TERM 4 WEEK 11

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a performance! The school concert was a great success again this year. Many parents helped out with costumes and Bec Nicholson spent many volunteer hours helping many classes with their dance routines. Teachers spend many hours working with students to produce such a high quality evening, giving students and families memories that they will remember forever.

The Year 6 Farewell was again a very family orientated evening with many parents attending this important event. This year's Year 6 were an exceptionally responsible group who set such a positive tone for the school year. Our school 'produces' Year 6 students that are at different places on their journey to academic success but all of whom are ready to take on the challenges of high school. It was pleasing to note that many ex-Sawtell students performed well at the recent Toormina High School Awards Presentation. I know everyone will wish our Year 6 well as they pass through the human archway this afternoon.

The Picnic Day was a celebration of a great year. This is an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to play, celebrate friendships and enjoy what our town and environment has to offer.

Although our end of year activities take a lot of energy and time for all involved it is great to keep students so engaged in school activities right to the end of the term. Many teachers, especially the executive, work very hard to ensure students are safe and enjoy all of these activities.

This week I had the pleasure of having morning tea with a special group of people in our school. The Individual Literacy Program is coordinated by Mrs Astle and Mrs McCarthy and a number of community volunteers who spend time each week one on one with students supporting them in their literacy. This year 24 students were involved, all of whom improved in their literacy skills. This program is one of the hidden treasures in our school. I cannot thank those involved enough, you really make a difference. If parents, grandparents or family members want to help please contact Mrs Astle.

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.

As 2014 comes to a close we can all relax and reflect on all the hard work done by all. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has helped in some way. It is also time to remember that schools are about children achieving personal and academic outcomes and all of us supporting them in doing this. As a school community our reputation as an inclusive and collaborative tribe is attracting families who want the benefits of a strong public education for their children. An education where equity is central, relationships matter, passions are followed and expectations are high.

Enjoy the break. See you in 2015 with your sleeves turned up.



## P AND C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Congratulations to all the winners of the P&C raffle drawn at the School Concert.

## 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.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

We have also 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 17 December	Last day for students 2014
Fri 19 December	Last day for staff 2014
Tues 27 January	First day for staff 2015
Wed 28 January	First day for students 2015
Thurs 5 February	School swimming carnival
Thurs 26 March	School photos

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&amp;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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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.

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the  
Staff at Sawtell Public School**

**Urunga Sculpture In The Park**

In January Urunga will be holding a sculpture display. If any students and or family members would like to have a piece on display please contact David on 66557550.

**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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