



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

14 MAY 2014 - TERM 2 WEEK 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week, at Friday's Assembly, I spoke about the wonderful way that our brains work and the importance of focusing on the positive. The best example of this is when you are looking to purchase or have purchased a car of a particular make and model, and then all of a sudden you see that car everywhere. This is because our brains become highly tuned to this and we have a heightened focus. Often this occurs without even realising it. We can use this same power of the brain to focus on all the positive aspects in our daily lives. The more we focus on the positive the more our brains then recognise the great things that are happening around us. This doesn't mean that negative things don't occur; we just need to deal with them and move on. Hopefully the balance tips in favour of a good outcome. 1GH and the Year 1 students from K/1S then reinforced this message beautifully with their great assembly item.

ENROLMENTS

Our student enrolment continues to grow with our total enrolment now at 309 students. This officially allows us to employ an additional teacher and it is with pleasure that I announce that Mrs Kylie Wauchope has been appointed on a temporary casual basis until the end of the year. We have at least 5 more students enrolling which includes Mr Cheers' two children between now and next term. Mr Cheers and I are now in discussions regarding how we can best utilise the extra teacher to most benefit the students within our school. Speaking of enrolments; to assist in our planning for 2015, could any parents who have not yet notified the front office of Kindergarten enrolments please do so at your earliest convenience.

GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Last Thursday our Captains and Prefects attended the student leadership conference with hundreds of school leaders from many other schools in our area. GRIP stands for Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People. The students and Mrs McMahon all came back with heads full of great ideas and positive thoughts in regard to what a good leader should be. One comment I heard was that one of the students wants to lead like a strawberry and not like a watermelon. The reason when asked was with a strawberry, it is the same on the inside as opposed to a watermelon which is very different on the outside compared to the inside. "I think I would like to lead like a strawberry too!"

Next week I will be in Sydney for most of the week and Miss Beveridge and Mrs Pollack will be in the Principal's chair on different days.

Once again I would like to remind all parents that the school has paid for both the Athletics program and Reading Eggs. This provides every student in the school with 24 hour access to these wonderful learning programs. Please take advantage of these at home.

Our level 0 day for this term has been changed from Friday to Thursday of the last week. This will be held at Boambee Creek Reserve, weather permitting.

SPORT

Alex Pyke will be down in Sydney next week at the PSSA NSW State Championships. Alex will be joining 21 other students from right across the North Coast from as far south as Camden Haven to the far north at Tweed Heads. Congratulations Alex and best of luck for the championships. Next week we have boys and girls representing the school in 7's rugby league teams and our soccer teams play in the next round of the PSSA knockout. Also we have approximately 30 students attending the MNC zone cross country. Good luck!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - APRIL

Congratulations to the following students:
Kelsey Bancroft, Katie Graham, Riaz Brough, Ashton Foley, Sarah Bobbin, Lilly Baynes, Triston King, Olivia Addison, Cooper Maynard, Phoebe Bridges and Ella Noble.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 29 May	Questacon - \$4.50 (all students)
	Taronga Zoomobile - \$6.00 (K-2)
2 to 4 June	Life Education - \$9.00 (K-4)
Wednesday 4 June	School Photographs
Tuesday 17 June	Visiting Performance - \$5.00

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCES

16 May	1H
23 May	2H
30 May	3/4A
6 June	2/3W
13 June	5/6M
20 June	5/6K

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is routinely 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

If you would like to become a canteen helper or learn a little more about what's involved, please contact Cherie Rodger on 0403 406 740. We have lots of fun, get to know other parents and your child will love seeing their Mum or Dad at their school.

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Live Life Well @ School

Finding it difficult to fit in 60 minutes of physical activity a day with your children? Then consider the following three areas -

Transport

Try some active ways to get to places with your children, for example, walk to school, ride to the park together on weekends or scooter to the shops.

Play

Encourage your child to be active through play, for example, make an obstacle course in the back yard that includes running, jumping, skipping, throwing and hopping.

Sport

Find an organised sport that your child is interested in and encourage their involvement, for example, swimming, soccer, netball or dance.

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