

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

28 MAY 2014 - TERM 2 WEEK 5

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Already about half way through this term and I only have 5 weeks left in the big chair. Having said that, there are lots of activities happening and some big decisions to be made. Tomorrow we have two very exciting events happening with the Questacon science show for all students and the Taronga Zoomobile for Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two. Next week the Life Education Van will be here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. All of these events will be wonderful learning opportunities for the students in our school. Please continue to send in payments. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please do not hesitate to contact me.

This is National Reconciliation week and classes will be discussing what this means and why it is so important. On Friday we will have a ceremony at 10:30 in the amphitheatre and the students will place their decorated hands in one large symbolic gesture.

The toilet upgrade continues to cause some difficulties and we have had to implement a few additional procedures to cope with the porta-loos. However we must experience this short term pain for long term gain. Progress on our new toilets is continuing steadily and they will hopefully be ready for the start of Term Three.

Children helping Children

Huxley (Year 1) and Ruby (Kinder) Foulkes will be holding a movie night to raise money to help the children affected by the Syrian Crisis. Tickets can be purchased from the 1st Avenue Boutique, Sawtell, or Parry's Jewellers, Coffs Harbour. The movie will be *"How to Train Your Dragon 2"* and will be screened at Birch, Carol and Coyle on the 21st June. 3:45pm for a 4:30pm start. Tickets prices are \$17 Adults and \$13 children or a family (4) ticket is \$50. This will also include nibbles and pre-show entertainment for the children. It is great to see our young students helping others.

SPORTS REPORT

Last week I had the pleasure of coaching the North Coast PSSA AFL at the state championships. Alex Pyke was one of our best ten players and played with great skills and sportsmanship. This week Zac Paunovic is at state soccer as the North Coast goalkeeper. Congratulations to Riki Blaikie who has just been selected for the North Coast Netball team. Our soccer teams were defeated last week by Narranga in two exciting games and our seven's rugby league teams were

narrowly defeated in an extra time final. Today the senior boys rugby league team will play against Toormina.



The P & C will be hold a chocolate drive as their next fundraiser. An informational flyer is attached and can be returned to the school office for collection. Please support the P&C who are tireless in their support of students and staff of Sawtell Public.

ENROLMENTS

Our student enrolments continue to climb with all classes now above recommended numbers. Since the beginning of the year we have grown from 298 students to, as of today, 310. Add to this Alex and Ellena Cheers plus three other students that I am aware of. This would mean that since the beginning of the year we will have had 18 new students in semester one alone. This is equivalent to a Kinder class.

After many discussions and a great deal of thought I have decided to form an additional class as this is the best way to cater for the needs of our students long term. I envisage that we will look at it as an end of semester change. Parents whose children are affected by the move will be contacted by me in person and by letter. At this point I see that approximately 20% of our students will get a new teacher. The new class will use the library until another classroom is created and/or brought. The 13th class is most likely to be sustained into 2015.

Dean Burkitt

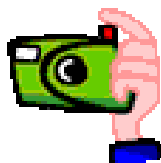
UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 29 May	Questacon - all students
Thursday 29 May	Taronga Zoomobile
2,3,4 June	Life Education
Wednesday 4 June	School photos
Tuesday 17 June	Visiting performance

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please return envelopes including payment to class teacher as soon as possible.

Payment must be received no later than
Tuesday 3rd June

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCES

30 May	3/4A
6 June	2/3W
13 June	5/6M
20 June	5/6K

BOOK CLUB

Book club orders are due Thursday 12th June.

UNIFORM SHOP

Selected items reduced to \$5.00

- girls tailored shorts size 4 & 14
- girls skorts size 10,12,14,16
- boys cargo shorts size 10,12,14,16
- boys gaberdine shorts size 12,14,16
- boys football shorts size 10 (2 only)

The Uniform Shop is open on Monday mornings 8.45 to 9.15am. In addition to new uniform items there is also a good selection of seconds clothing and shoes available for sale. Should you be unable to attend the Uniform Shop during these hours, order forms are available at the school office.

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