

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

7 MAY 2014 - TERM 2 WEEK 2

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to start this week's newsletter with congratulations to all of our parents. Often when we have a cold snap like we experienced earlier this week we often have multi-coloured jumpers everywhere. Not this week. Your children look fantastic in their school jumpers on morning assembly and they are a credit to you. Thank you and I hope that this continues.

I would also like to thank everyone for the wonderful response to our cross-country-athon. The students have raised just under \$9,000 which is a wonderful effort. This works out to be an average of \$30 raised per student. First place in the prize draw went to Braidon Cutts 5/6M who raised \$348 and second place went to Cooper Maynard 5/6K who raised \$305. The remaining top ten highest money raisers were, from 3rd to 10th, Sancia Ridgeway, Mahaliah Laurie, Neve Coates, Talulah Bell, Jordyn McCredie, Jack Hone, Maya Farmer and Sienna Lane. A special thanks to Amart All Sports and all of the Sawtell businesses who supported our school with their donations. Please now give them your support.



As I stated last week we have many activities and events happening this term. These include Questacon (Science show), Taronga zoomobile, a visiting performance, Life Education and school photos just to name a few. Most of these will happen in weeks 5 and 6 and have a cost associated. I have attached a note to this newsletter which outlines the event and the cost so that parents may begin paying these off. We hope that all students will be able to attend these great learning opportunities. If you have some financial difficulties please come and see me.

Parents seeking Opportunity Class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015. Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

LAKE AINSWORTH

I have spoken with Mrs King and she informs me that the Year 5 students are all having a great time at Lake Ainsworth despite the cold start to the week and water safety being their first activity. They will be home on Friday and Mrs King will contact me then to let us know their ETA.

STUDENT ENROLMENTS

In the last week we have had 8 new students start and we have at least two others on their way. This brings our total enrolment to 308 students. We now need to hold these enrolments for a period of time and then we will be entitled to an additional teacher.

NAPLAN

These assessments will commence on Tuesday next week for students in Years 3 and 5. Assessments include; Writing, Reading, Language conventions and Numeracy. They conclude on Thursday. Friday can be used as a makeup day for students who are away during the testing period.

SPORT

Zac Paunovic has made the North Coast Soccer team as the goal keeper. He will go to state championships in Week 6 this term. Congratulations Zac.

Last Friday two teams went to Toormina Oval to play soccer. The girls won 4-0 and the boys won 9-1.

Tomorrow some students are going to Sawtell Reserve for District Cross Country. We wish them all good luck.

TOILET UPGRADE

The toilet upgrade will commence this Thursday and may take between 6 to 8 weeks to complete. Portaloos have arrived and will be being used as of tomorrow when work begins. It is envisaged that the main 'gutting' will occur on the weekend to minimize the noise.

Important note: The fence around the toilets will mean that the school bubblers will be unavailable to students. **Please ensure that your child has a drink bottle.** Teacher will allow students to fill these up in their classrooms before recess and lunch.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 9 May	Stewart House Day
Friday 9 May	Lake Ainsworth camp return
13-15 May	Naplan
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

STEWART HOUSE

This **Friday 9 May** is Stewart House Day. Stewart House donation envelopes need to be returned to school by this Friday 9 May. A \$2.00 donation puts you into the draw to win \$4000 family holiday.

BOOK CLUB

Book club orders are due **Friday 9 May**.

UNIFORM SHOP

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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THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY ITEM...

Will be performed by - all parents are welcome!

**About Stewart House**

Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All others costs associated with the childrens' stay are met from charitable donations.

Stewart House needs your support to ensure we can continue to provide important services to children.



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