

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

18 JUNE 2014 - TERM 2 WEEK 8

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I can't believe that there is only two weeks remaining in the semester. Very soon Mr Cheers will be back and this will all be a distant memory. However I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff, parents and especially the students for your overwhelming support over the past two terms. While 'enjoyable' is not the exact word I would use to describe my time sitting in the 'BIG' chair it has certainly been a steep learning curve and very fulfilling. So what have I learnt?

I've learnt that by focusing on the positive and the possibilities we can, together, improve many things.

I've learnt that the greatest rewards often come from working through the toughest times.

I've learnt that we don't all have to agree with each other but we do need to listen to each other.

I've learnt that no matter what our individual backgrounds and circumstances are we all want what's best for our children.

I've learnt that Mr Cheers, his predecessors and the many staff here over the years have done a wonderful job in creating the positive and welcoming culture that we are all fortunate enough to share.

I've also learnt that portaloos and 311 students don't mix.

Once again thank you all I truly appreciate everything you have done to support me.

Community Well Being Day

The Bongil Bongil Community of schools is holding the day here at our school on Wednesday 25th June. Approximately 300 students will take part in workshops designed to build self-confidence and resilience.

There will also be key note address by Alan Sparkes who has been awarded two awards for bravery. Parents are most welcome to attend keynote, take part in the cyber-bullying workshop for parents at lunchtime and visit the various agencies that will have marquees set up. Our P&C will be catering (see attached pre-order form). There are Lucky door prizes for parents who attend. An informational flyer is attached.

Sawtell Hotel

Sawtell Hotel rang me on Friday and said they were running a raffle and they would like the proceeds to go to the school. This is a wonderful example of how our community supports us. The raffle will be held tonight during the State-of-Origin.

National Data Collection for Students with Disabilities

When referring to disabilities it would be best to use the term adjustments for learning. This means it refers to students for who teachers modify the curriculum to allow those students better access to learning. There will be a note going home to parents today.

Sculpture Project

If you haven't already please go down to the school garden and have a look at the 'Hard Work Rewards' sculpture that Hamish and the children have created. It is truly wonderful and I would like to thank Hamish for the tireless hours he has put into the project. *And this is just the beginning.*

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 also includes nibbles and pre-show entertainment for the children. It is great to see our young students helping others. I have one spare, already paid for, child's ticket if anyone is interested please see me by Friday.

P&C BBQ

The P&C will be holding a Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 20th July and would love to have your help. Please contact the P&C or the school if you can donate some of your time to assist. Thank you for all the support with the chocolate drive. The P&C would like all monies collected to be dropped into the school office by Wednesday next week.

The P&C would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Dean for his great role as Relieving Principal for this semester. *"It has been a pleasure to work with you."*

LEVEL 0 DAY

Level 0 day for this Term will be held at *Boambee Creek Reserve* for those students who have remained on Level 0 for the entire Term. A separate note will be sent home explaining the details.

SPORT

Our school's AFL team was narrowly defeated by Toormina Public last Friday. In a great game of Australian Rules football both teams held the lead in a see-sawing battle. Unfortunately in extra time - next score wins scenario we were defeated by 1 point. Our team was gracious in defeat and I was so very proud of them.

Students have been completing many field events in the lead up to the School Athletics Carnival which will be held next Thursday 26 June. We hope to see you all there for what is generally a great community day.

Dean Burkitt

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 25 June	Student reports go home
Wednesday 25 June	Community Wellbeing Day
Thursday 26 June	Athletics Carnival
Friday 27 June	Level 'O' Day

The Girl's Rugby League day scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed till next term. There will be more information available next term.

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCES

20 June 5/6K

SCHOLASTIC**BOOK CLUB**

1. Twice each term, teachers distribute the Book Club brochures to their students.
2. Students take the flyers home to select books, software or other items with their parents.
3. Students return order forms and payments to the school. You can make one payment to Scholastic Australia Pty Limited, no matter how many of our Book Clubs you choose to order from.
4. The school places the classroom orders with Scholastic Australia.
5. Within three weeks, the box of books arrives in your child's classroom.

When your child gets to choose their very own books, reading becomes a joy and an adventure. That excitement can carry over into a lifelong love of reading. Also, the earlier students become independent readers, the more likely they are to succeed in school.

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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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

If you are in **Years 4,5,&6** and interested in **Lego** please make enquiries to Mr Burkitt. Places are limited to 12 spaces per session with a cost of \$25 per session or \$60 for all three sessions.

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