

A photograph of a modern school building with a large, curved, light-colored roof structure supported by several pillars. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

16 JULY 2014 - TERM 3 WEEK 1

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello again.

What a joy to visit classes yesterday and see over 300 happy faces. We are indeed a privileged family to have had a great six months travelling and then to return to Sawtell community and school. I look forward to meeting the new parents within the school. I took the opportunity to observe and speak with educators in Germany giving me an insight into different ways of educating young people. I shared some of these observations at the P&C meeting on Monday evening and will continue to tell 'stories' on assembly. We have world class teachers in Public Schools in Australia.

Another joy was seeing the toilet upgrade completed. Hopefully now when I ask students what they would like to change about the school the first thing they say will not be, to improve the toilets. The colour scheme, chosen by Mr Burkitt, is surprisingly effective.

On Monday's Staff Development Day teachers participated in professional development on the new mathematics syllabus, applying the disability standards to classrooms and using iPads as a tool for higher order thinking lessons.

This term is highlighted by a number of opportunities for students to show their academic skills as we have the Spelling Bee, Maths Master, Tournament of Minds, and Public Speaking competitions.

Next week on Thursday 24 July we will host a class of 11-12 year old students from China. The Chinese students will be in groups within classrooms from 8:55 to 11:15am sharing culturally with our students.

Please be aware that a half day, Coffs Cup holiday has been gazetted for Thursday 7 August. The school will be closed from midday. More detailed information will be distributed closer to the date.

Note that buses will run normal hours and will not be providing a midday service.

The P&C have been very busy organising fundraising events. A pie drive, trivia night and BBQ's are organised for this term. Money is still trickling in from the chocolate drive and any families with outstanding money should return this as soon as possible. This Sunday 20 July there is a BBQ at Bunnings. These are usually quite lucrative. If you are able to help for an hour or more between 8:00am and 4:00pm please contact Peter Richards on 0437699446. The P&C has also organised free breakfast foods and fruit from Woolworths to be delivered to the school each week to support our Breakfast and Munch and Crunch programs.

The school has organised an Indigenous singer/story performance on Wednesday 23 July. Please support this event as it gives students an opportunity to see quality performances within the school at a very reasonable price. Mrs King has organised a permission note for the performance.

Finally I would like to thank all school staff and especially Mr Burkitt for continuing to provide quality learning for students. The professionalism of all staff has made my transition back to reality enjoyable.

### SOUP DAY

The Student Representative Council will be running a soup day next week on Wednesday 23 July, at lunch time. Stage 2 will be making vegetable and pumpkin soup using produce from our school garden. 5/6M are making damper.

Soup and damper will be available to all students at a cost of \$2.00.

Money raised will be donated to charity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun 20 July	P&C Bunnings BBQ
Wed 23 July	Soup Day
Wed 23 July	Indigenous singer/story performance
Mon 28 July	District PSSA Athletics
Thurs 24 July	Chinese students visit
Thurs 7 August	Coffs Cup - half day holiday
Mon 11 August	P&C Meeting 7pm
Sat 8 November	P&C Trivia Night

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCES

18 July	3AC
25 July	4/5P
1 August	1/2W
8 August	Tournament of the Minds
15 August	Kinder combined
22 August	1GH
29 August	3/4A

BOOK CLUB

Bookclub orders due Friday 25 July.

BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Do you want to play basketball?  
If you do, then telephone Carlee at Sportz Central, Coffs Harbour on 6651 1452.  
High School games commence Friday 25 July at a cost of \$160 for two terms. Primary School games commence Saturday 26 July at a cost of \$130 for two terms.

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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