



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

20 AUGUST 2014 - TERM 3 WEEK 6

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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. Finalists will take a note home to inform parents. Teachers are currently choosing finalists for the Spelling Bee Finals next Tuesday 26 August. Parents are welcome to attend the final.

The Minifete is booked in for Thursday 11 September. Students and teachers are busily organising activities and goods for the day.

With a number of viruses within our community at the moment a large number of teachers and students are ill and having to have a break from school. Please ensure students remain at home if they are ill as they will recover more quickly and absence will help control the spread of the virus.

Work has commenced on the demountable. Ms Wauchope and 1/2W should have a home by the beginning of next term, at the latest.

I will be out of the school this Thursday and Friday at the North Coast Principals' Conference in Coffs Harbour. These conferences usually provide leads into the most current thinking in education.

Mrs Arthur has organised the Operation Christmas Box charity appeal again this year. This is an opportunity for families to send small gifts to children living in poverty. Mrs Arthur will send home a note, with full details, with students interested in supporting this program.

The Girls Rugby League Team has had their competition in Sydney postponed due to the storms making the grounds unsafe. The team will travel to Sydney next week on Wednesday 27 August ready to play on Thursday 28.

Parents might be interested in watching Catalyst on ABC TV this evening at 8pm. This week's program is Part 2 and is about stomach bacteria and the impact on our health as children and as adults. Part 1 can be viewed online.

It was great to open the Advocate this morning and see the happy faces of some of our students who were involved in Soup Day. It is wonderful to see the wider community hearing about the generosity of our school community.

A big thank you to the parents who were able to help with the working bees last weekend. The cover over the walkway near the boys' toilet is almost complete thanks

to a big effort from Mr Seccombe and Mr Moss. The Van Schellebeck family toiled in the gardens with weeding. The vegetable patch is ready for planting next week.

The Community Sculpture Project is closer to completion. The result will be in a linked sculpture walk from the vegetable garden to the new hall. On Sunday Mr Malcolm, Mr McGinty and Mr Wordsworth combined artistic creativity and builder practicality to complete a stepping stone path in the vegetable garden. This was a great follow up to the effort by Toormina High school students who helped every student in the school to add a symbol to the post art sculptures. These have been screwed onto the posts near the new hall and provide messages about 'connections' within our lives. When the project is completed the quality of our school environment will be greatly enhanced.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL NEWS

The SRC would like to invite all students to participate in a Fruit and Veggie Sculpture Competition. The event will be held on Friday 5 September. Entry is a gold coin. Voting for the most creative works will be by students voting with silver coins. So get creative everyone and start saving your silver coins.

BOOK WEEK

Next Wednesday 27 August we will be celebrating Book Week. Students are to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring the book that their character is in. We will have a parade of each grade during morning assembly and there will be a random draw for a prize for each grade.

P&C NEWS

Pie Drive

Thank you to everyone who has returned orders & money for the pie drive. Volunteers to assist with the collation/dispatch of orders on Wednesday 27 August would be appreciated - please SMS Fiona McCredie on 0427367921.

Position Vacant

Our wonderful uniform coordinator is saying goodbye to Sawtell later in the year and we are seeking a volunteer. Leah Leeds would like to work with the new coordinator in Term 4 to ensure a smooth transition. Please contact Leah on 0438713477 or on Monday morning at the Uniform shop for further information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun 24 August	Tournament of Minds
Tues 26 August	Spelling Bee Final
Wed 27 August	Book Week Dress Up Day
Wed 27 August	P&C Pie Collection Day
Wed/Thurs 27/28 August	NRL [Girls] to Sydney
Fri 29 August	North Coast Athletics
Wed 3 September	Basketball Gala Arvo
Mon 8 September	P&C 7:30 Staffroom
Tues 9 September	Regional Spelling Bee
Wed 10 September	Maths Master
Thurs 11 September	Mini Fete
Tues 16 September	Public Speaking
Thurs 18 September	Level O'Day and Night Disco
Fri 19 September	Last day of term 3
14-16 October	Yr 4 Cascade Excursion
20-21 October	Yr 3 Camp - Sawtell Caravan Park
24 October	Kinder O'Day
10-14 November	Yr 6 Sydney Excursion

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCES

22 August	Kinder
29 August	1GH
5 September	Vegie Assembly
12 September	3/4A

BOOK CLUB

Book club orders due Friday 22 August.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is 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.

COMMUNITY NEWSSMALL STEPS CLASSES

These fun, energy-packed movement classes are held on Tuesdays in the old hall at Sawtell Public School.

Preschoolers - 9:15, Toddler - 10:00, Crawlers - 10:30.

All welcome to come long & try classes which include gymnastics, music rhythm & brain gym. \$10 a class.

Sami Small: 0420 323 507

Facebook: Small Steps - Sawtell

Art of Movement

OKI Yoga

1ST AVENUE GALLERY	No. 61 1st AVENUE SAWTELL
MONDAY	9:30 AM OKI YOGA
WEDNESDAY	6 PM YOGA, MASSAGE MEDITATION
THURSDAY	6:15 AM OKI YOGA

Call Victoria for bookings
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Like you, my kids *play the game*
at Sawtell Public School!

Please call
me for all
your property
needs.



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