



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

27 AUGUST 2014 - TERM 3 WEEK 7

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I attended the North Coast Principals' Conference in Coffs Harbour last week and again I had the opportunity to hear about the latest movements in education. NSW is leading Australia in educational outcomes for students but as a nation we are falling behind countries that we have traditionally been close to. The reason for this is being researched at the moment. Early research seems to point to some link with three government funded systems in Australia that is marginalising groups within our society and no one is benefitting. Research also shows that in Australia parental attitude to education is the key factor in a student being academically successful and not the school that they attend. According to one researcher, David Gillespie, good schools have teachers who have a culture of continuous professional learning and a leader that engages the community and mentors teachers. An extraordinary school will provide a music program and teach at least one foreign language. It will teach students how to learn, not just what to learn, will use technology for learning and for feedback, and enable teachers time to help those who need it. Homework has a low profile but parents are kept in the learning loop, students are not streamed academically, truly gifted students are accelerated and reading does not just have one approach and includes phonics. Students who stay at the one school have a better chance of learning to their potential. Things that don't matter are buildings, homework, how much you pay, composite classes and single sex schools. Other research is showing that we need to ensure that we build resilience in Australian students to help them cope with future realities.

The weather interrupted the placement of our demountable this morning. The builders will be back in the near future to try again.

Please be extra careful during drop off and pick up in wet weather. We have a drop off zone on the west side of the school near the playground.

Please start organising your teams of eight for the P&C Trivia Night on 8 November. This is a night not to be missed and the best fun you will ever have on school grounds.

SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING FOR PARENTS

As part of the new planning procedures I will be holding two meetings and sending out a questionnaire to get parent ideas on future directions. The meetings will entail discussions on a vision for the school and feedback on current programs within the school. The meetings are:

2:15pm Friday 5 September in school library.

6:30pm Monday 8 September in staffroom.

(Followed by P&C meeting at 7:00pm)

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to all students who were brave enough to compete in our grueling Spelling Bee. Finalists had further pressure as they competed on stage yesterday. The winners from Stage 2 and 3 will represent the school at the Regional Spelling Bee on the 9 September.

Winners Stage 1 - Callan Brookes and James Arnold

Winners Stage 2 -Jesse Buckle and Maya Farmer (tied for first)

Winners Stage 3 - Ellie Decker and Sharnte Cannon

BOOK WEEK PARADE

The best way I know how to cheer up a school on an otherwise wet and dismal day is to start with a Book Week dress-up parade. Miss Wilson and Ms Turnbull organised a great morning where all students had a chance to parade their outfit and some lucky random students won prizes. I am just concerned that some of the teachers enjoyed the dressing up a little too much.

SPORTS REPORT

The Girls Rugby League Team trip to Sydney has been cancelled. I know that the girls are disappointed but we will organise a game for them against a local school. A big thank you to Mr Moore and the parents who supported the trip.

The North Coast Athletics scheduled for Friday 29 August has been postponed until Tuesday 2 September.

Will Lloyd is to be congratulated for his achievements at the district athletics carnival. He was the 11yrs champion.

Congratulations to Tom Neal on his 20th placing in Australia for cross country. Tom also participated in the NSW team and gained third in the team event. Tom deserves his success as he trains very hard and always gives his best, plus some.

THE P&C REPORT

Next P&C meeting is Monday 8 September at 7:00pm.

Our wonderful uniform coordinator is unfortunately saying goodbye to Sawtell later in the year and we are seeking a volunteer to take over this role. 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

Fri 29 August	North Coast Athletics(postponed)
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
Mon 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

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCES

29 August	1GH
5 September	Fruit and Vegie Assembly
12 September	3/4W

COMMUNITY NEWS**QUIKSILVER VEGEMITE SURFGROMS SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMS!**

Lee Winkler's Surf School is celebrating the opening of Coff's new Skate Park!!! Book in a surfgrom course before September 12 and go in the draw to win a brand new Element (Hatched) skateboard!

September school holiday programs start September 22
Term 4 programs start October 25

BONUS! Book into both programs and double your chance to win the skateboard?

Ages 5 to 12 years - beginners and intermediate
Weekends and weekdays after school and school holidays during the day

All registrations receive a free surfgrom quiksilver pack
Book with www.surfgroms.com/surf_schools/lee-winkler-s-surf-school

Further enquiries phone 66500 050 or lwss@bigpond.com

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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.

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS - CANCELLED

The onesie cinema under the stars screening of "Frozen" due to be held in Sawtell's main street on Thursday 29 August has been postponed due to weather.

COFFS COAST LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

Registration Days -

Thursday 28 Aug: 4.00pm to 5.30pm at Toormina Oval

Thursday 4 Sep: 4.00pm to 5.30pm at Toormina Oval

Thursday 11 Sep: 4.00pm to 5.30pm at Toormina Oval

Ages 5 to 17 welcome. Proof of Age (birth cert, baby book etc.) required for all new athletes. More information Greg Robson 0407 882460 or gregrobson2@bigpond.com

www.coffscostathletics.org.au

QUICK KICKS FOOTBALL

Quick Kicks is a summer football program providing an introduction to the game for girls in primary school (K-6). Quick Kicks is a fun, friendly environment in which to learn and develop basic football skills. Quick Kicks consists of a half hour skills session and half hour of games. Games are played on modified fields with 5 participants on each team.

Quick Kicks is structured around providing a positive introduction to football, with each session designed to suit the primary school age group. Each Quick Kicks location is run by a dedicated Centre Coordinator to ensure the delivery of the best quality experience and coaching at each of our Quick Kicks Centres. For more information on Quick Kicks please visit www.quickkicks.com.au or contact Nyssa Suchanow on 4964 0706

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