

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 clear and blue.

# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

6 AUGUST 2014 - TERM 3 WEEK 4

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a wonderful day of celebration in our school today. Parents enjoyed being in their child's classroom, followed by a formal assembly to celebrate Education Week as well as to present our Indigenous student leaders with their badges. The afternoon was filled with activities celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

On the staff front, Mr Burkitt will be taking leave for the rest of the term and will be replaced by Mr Brookman. Mrs Buckley will be relieving Assistant Principal. Many staff are becoming ill at the moment as viruses enjoy a frolic through our community. Please ensure students remain at home if they are ill.

We have some students within our school who have life threatening allergies to nut products. I ask you to be vigilant and save nut treats for home so we can ensure that these students have a safe and happy day at school. I love to have my banana, honey and peanut butter sandwich when I get home.

I include some words from my education week address:

"What makes our school special? I think it is our sense of community and belonging. How has this sense of community developed?

Firstly it is people and what they do. We have 20 teachers including classroom teachers, learning support teachers, school counsellor and a librarian. We have 3 office staff, 7 learning support officers, 2 grounds workers, a cleaner and a canteen coordinator. Add to this the many volunteers we have in the school it is easy to see how important the people are in caring for our children.

Secondly we have a beautiful environment in which to nurture our sense of community.

Further we have the support from our parents through the P&C and the wider community through our local businesses which broadens our sense of community.

Most importantly we have amazing young humans within our school; students who go about their day happily learning and being friendly. When they make mistakes they support each other. Max and Clayton, the peace makers that I saw helping others resolve conflict, Emily who handed in a large amount of money and our

year 6 boys who saw their mate on his way to school but didn't show. They told the teachers and we quickly found out that he was OK and had a special appointment for the morning. All of the students who are playing or doing activities in our community, doing the right thing, you are adding to our community.

We do have something special in Sawtell, we have a sense of community, something that you can't measure but can only feel and we all have a responsibility to look after it."

### COFFS CUP - THURSDAY 7 AUGUST

This Thursday 7 August is gazetted as a holiday in our local area for the Coffs Cup. Sawtell Public School will be closed from midday. Buses run normal times in the morning and afternoon (if necessary) but are not available at midday.

*Parents are asked to organise transport for their children at midday. Please send a note with your child to inform the class teacher on how your child is going home at midday. Students will not be allowed to leave school grounds without a note, as we want to ensure their safety.*

The OOSH bus will be running a service to the school at 12:15pm.

### P & C

#### **Pie Drive**

For all families who have orders for pies they will be ready for delivery on Thursday 14 August.

#### **WORKING BEE 1**

The school will be holding a working bee on Saturday 9 August. This will involve a small building project and some gardening fun. For the gardeners please bring your own digging tools, rakes and wheel barrow if you have them. If any builder types are available on that day please contact me on 0419161903 for more details on the project. We are replacing an old section of the walkway near the boys' toilet entrance before the sculpture works are attached the following week. If you can't make the whole day, 8:00am to 4:00pm, an hour or two would be great.

#### **WORKING BEE 2**

The next stage in the Community Sculpture project involves some concreting and construction on Sunday 17 August. If you would like to help (you don't have to be too artistic to help with concreting) please contact me at school on 6653 1666 or Hamish Malcolm on 6658 5151.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 7 August Coffs Cup - half day holiday  
 Mon 11 August P&C Meeting 7pm  
 Fri 15 August MNC Athletics  
 Thurs 21 August NRL [Girls] to Sydney  
 Mon 11 September Mini Fete

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCES

8 August 1/2W  
 15 August Tournament of Minds  
 22 August Kinder  
 29 August 1GH  
 5 September 3/4A  
 12 September 3/4W

CANTEEN NEWS

Thursday 7 July - Coffs Cup Day  
Canteen will not be open at all on Thursday.

COMMUNITY NEWS**Guessing Competition**

Guess the Lollies in the Jar - 50 cents a guess, will be being run at morning tea time starting 7 August to help raise money for Tom Neal to compete in the Australian National Cross Country titles in WA. Lucky winner announced 19 August at morning assembly.

Tom would like to thank everyone for your encouragement and support and cannot wait to run and represent NSW and Sawtell PS.

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.

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Art of Movement  
**OKI Yoga**

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MONDAY	9:30 AM OKI YOGA
WEDNESDAY	6 PM YOGA, MASSAGE MEDITATION
THURSDAY	6:15 AM OKI YOGA

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 at Sawtell Public School!

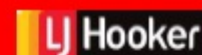
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