



# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

28 JANUARY 2015 - TERM 1 WEEK 1

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to 2015!

Great to see so many happy faces excitedly telling their holiday stories.

A special welcome to our new families. If you have any questions about our school please ask a teacher or parent. You can also phone the office or myself on 66531666.

Classes will remain as they were for 2014 for a few days so we can check numbers and finalise the formation of classes. It is better to do this than rushing into class formation and then have to change after a few days. Teachers spent many hours forming classes at the end of last year and will again spend time finalising classes to ensure the best learning opportunities for each student. Sawtell PS does not stream classes by ability. Each class has students with a range of abilities and learning needs.

There is much evidence to show that mixed ability and mixed age classes provide leadership opportunities for some students and good role models of learning for others. This benefits all students. Every class has a range of abilities whether it is a straight class or a composite. Students in small schools often have four grades in one class and achieve highly. The new NSW syllabi have a focus on catering for individual learning needs based on continuums helping all students to achieve personal goals. We will be having information sessions before each P&C meeting this year on some aspect of the new syllabi or school programs. The school has implemented the new English, Mathematics and Science curriculum and this year we are focusing on the new History syllabus.

Teachers were engaged in professional development on Tuesday updating their anaphylaxis skills with the latest DET online course. We revisited the DET Code of Conduct that all staff members are to follow. We also determined the staff coordinators of all the

programs that combine to make our school so special. We also looked at important frameworks that can be used as tools for improvement for our school and student learning.

It is wonderful to start the year with some great news. The hard work and resilience shown by Mrs Pollack, Mr K and our senior choir over the last three years has paid off with them being chosen to sing at the Opera House in October this year. The news was greeted with a great cheer on assembly this morning. A note with details is being sent home to the choir students and their families with further details. Congratulations to all.

### SPORTS NEWS

Next Thursday 5 February is our school Swimming Carnival. All students from Year 2 to 6 will attend. A separate note will be sent home to all students 2-6 outlining the details of the day.

### SCHOOL INFORMATION

If any of your information has changed during the holiday break, for example address or phone numbers please remember to update the new details with the school office.

### P&C NEWS

P&C introduction meeting will be held on 9 February 2015 at 7:00pm in the school staffroom.

A chance to get to know new families.

P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on

16 February 2015 at 7:30pm in the school staffroom.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 5 February	School swimming carnival
Mon 9 February	P&C Introduction meeting
Tues 24 February	District swimming carnival
Thurs 26 February	Mid North Coast swimming
Wed 4 March	North Coast swimming
Thurs 26 March	School photos
Fri 3 April	Good Friday
Tues 21 April	Students return for Term 2

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesday mornings from 8:30am. Should you be unable to attend the Uniform Shop during these hours, order forms are available at the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

School A to Z website.

Practical help for parents. Back to school 2015.

Wondering where, when or how your kids will go to school this year? Here's where you'll find answers to many FAQs about attending a NSW public school.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/>



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