



# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community" 18 FEBRUARY 2015 - TERM 1 WEEK 4

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent teacher information evening last night. Every class was well attended by parents and the interest in how each student's classroom will function this year was great to see. Each of our expert teachers have special educational passions that students will respond to each year as they progress through the school. The relationship between teacher and parents is a big factor in student achievement. A very big thank you to Mrs Astle and Ms Turnbull who played with 60 children in the library allowing more families to attend the evening.

The new printer system is mostly working well with students now able to print efficiently in the computer room. Teachers have improved printing capabilities and access to colour printing.

The 'Big Screen' will be in action at this Friday's assembly. This was a dual funded project, with the P&C and the school budgets contributing equally to the \$9800 cost.

There was a vandalism incident on the school grounds last weekend where I had to call the police. It is illegal to be on school grounds after hours and on weekends unless permission has been granted. Could all parents please discuss this with their children.

Accompanying this newsletter is an information sheet from the Department of Education and Communities on 'Compulsory School Attendance'. It is essential that students attend school if they are to reach their educational potential. The information outlines the importance of sending a note when students are absent, applying for extended leave and parent's legal obligations.

On Thursday 12 March the sounds of Mr Burkitt screaming will be heard across Sawtell as he and I challenge off in the Shave For A Cure chest wax at the Sawtell Summer Sessions. He has been plucking his eyebrows for practice and is making less noise now. We will both be forgoing our hair as well (what I have left anyway) and I will be losing my moustache that has been with me for most of the last 35 years. If you wish to sponsor us please go to the World's Greatest Shave website and search for Sawtell Summer Sessions Team. We will be asking students to donate a small amount as the event gets closer. Your donation will help fund research into leukemia.

## BAND NEWS

There will be no band this week as Mrs Pollack and Mr K are flying to Sydney for training for the choir's

performance at the Opera House in October.

On Friday 27 February the New England Youth Orchestra will be having a workshop with our band in the afternoon.

## P&C NEWS

The P&C held their AGM last Monday evening. Firstly I would like to thank the outgoing executives who have worked very hard for our school supporting students and projects within the school over the last few years. With some minor arm bending all but one executive position has been filled. There were a number of new faces with new ideas. 2015 should be a busy but fun year for the P&C with a number of fundraising activities already planned. The P&C executive positions for 2015 are: President: Peter Creenaune. Secretary: Emma Aspden. Treasurer: Ursula Hohn. Vice Presidents: Tim Ruge & Matt Flynn. Canteen Coordinator and Treasurer: Unfilled (Janelle Bailey is remaining in the position until a volunteer is found. Please see Peter Creenaune or Mr Cheers if you are interested) Uniform Coordinator: Adele Byrnes.

There are a few T-Towels left. Many families have safely put away T-towels for safe keeping and now have the opportunity to buy some to use in the kitchen and see those wonderful faces every day.

## IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)

There have been some reported cases of Impetigo. A reminder to parents that children cannot attend school unless undergoing appropriate treatment and the infected area is covered.

Time from exposure to illness: **1 to 3 days**. Symptoms: Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp. Do I need to keep my child home? Yes, until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings. How can I prevent spread? Careful hand washing.

## NUT AWARE SCHOOL.

Sawtell Public School is a nut aware school. We have seven students in our school that can have a life threatening anaphylactic response to nuts and nut products.

What do we do as a school community to help?

1. Ensure all students don't bring nut products to school. Save your favourite nut treat for when you get home.
2. The school canteen does not sell nut products.
3. All members of our school community know about anaphylaxis
4. Each class knows who the nut allergic students are so

they can all help to keep the nut allergic students safe.

5. Staff discuss anaphylactic students every week in the welfare part of staff meeting so every teacher knows who they are.
6. Emergency Action Posters for all anaphylactic students are placed around the school in places such as office, canteen, staffroom and classrooms.
7. Teachers have just completed the latest online anaphylaxis course offered by the DEC.
8. A generic Epipen accompanies every teacher when they are on playground duty, leave the school for sport or when on excursions. On excursions students own Epipen is taken by the teacher.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 20 February	5/6 B Assembly
Thurs 19 February	AFL Fun lessons
23-24 February	Mr Cheers in Sydney - training
Tues 24 February	District swimming carnival
Thurs 26 February	Mid North Coast swimming
Fri 27 February	New England Youth Orchestra visit
Wed 4 March	North Coast swimming
10-12 March	Year 6 Camp - North Beach
Thurs 12 March	"Deadly Australians" performance
Thurs 12 March	"Big Shave/Wax" - Summer Sessions
Thurs 19 March	Disco
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.

Please be advised that unfortunately shirts in sizes 6, 8 and 10 will not be available until 25 February 2015. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Children in the Library  
Parent Teacher Night

### COMMUNITY NEWS

A **\$1000 donation** will be made to Sawtell Public School P&C for every successful sale resulting from this advertisement\*

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Like you, my kids 'Play the game' at Sawtell Public School



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