

# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

4 FEBRUARY 2015 - TERM 1 WEEK 2

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Today is a very special day in our school year with our Kindergarten students starting the first of their 13 years of school. It is such an exciting time for students, their families and teachers. Kindergarten will be together as one class for the remainder of this week. They will also be going home at 12:00 each day this week before commencing full days next week. Next Monday they will be placed in their home classes. I am sure that the local cafes were overworked this morning as many of our kindergarten parents 'debriefed over coffee'.

The rest of the school has also settled well with students and teachers already developing those relationships that help students to learn best. This year we again have an exceptional team of teachers. Mrs Chape rejoins the team for two days per week, returning from maternity leave. Miss Anderson will be our Reading Recovery and Computer Teacher.

Please develop educational relationships with your child's teacher as research shows these relationships are a key component of successful learning. We have 317 students enrolled today giving us a buffer that ensures we will hold 13 classes for 2015. The classes for 2015 are:

KB- Miss Beveridge	KM- Mrs McMahon
K/1S- Mrs Steyne	1H- Mrs Hart
1GC- Mrs Gillespie (M/T/W) & Mrs Chape (T/F)	
2AF- Mrs Andrews (M/T/W) & Ms Flavell (T/F)	
2W- Miss Wauchope	2/3W- Miss Wilson
3/4M- Mr Moore	3/4A- Mrs Arthur
4/5P -Mrs Pollack	5/6K -Mrs King
5/6B- Mr Burkitt	

Each class will be having parent information evenings in Week 4 of this term.

Our senior students have already shown what a mature and dynamic group they are. They have set the tone for a great year ahead. This Friday 6 February we will be having our induction assembly for our school leaders including School Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects, House Captains and Indigenous Leaders. Parents have been invited to pin badges on their child as a part of the assembly.

We are about to further improve the technology of the school with the instalment of a complete new printer and photocopier system. This system will give us the latest technology to support student learning and administration as well as being more economical. Also the process has begun for the installation of a 'big screen' and projector in the new hall. We look forward to seeing students on the big screen soon.

Accompanying this newsletter is a note that gives permission for walking excursions, watching movies and permission to publish photographs and videos of students. This note needs to be returned by tomorrow.

I have been informed that some of our students were diagnosed with whooping cough during the Christmas holidays. When I contacted the Department of Health they informed me that the students were now past the 21 day infectious stage and most of them had moved on to high school. Given this I would like us all to be vigilant about this potentially fatal disease and have our children checked by a doctor if they show any signs of whooping cough.

It is important that parents inform the school about any illnesses from the list below as Primary School Principals must notify their local Public Health Unit by phone as soon as possible after they are made aware that a child enrolled at the school is suffering from one of the following vaccine preventable diseases:

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| •Diphtheria                         | •Mumps   |
| •Poliomyelitis                      | •Tetanus |
| •Meningococcal disease              | •Measles |
| •Rubella ("German measles")         |          |
| •Pertussis ("whooping cough")       |          |
| •Haemophilus influenza Type b (Hib) |          |

For further information on Childhood infectious diseases, please refer to the 5th edition of Staying Healthy at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/ch55>

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL TOMORROW

The weather may be little inclement so I recommend that students bring a raincoat or umbrella for the walk down and back. I would also advise a warm jacket. Students walking will leave school at approximately 9:15am. Carnival will start approximately 9:35am. Good luck.

## SCHOOL FEES

Accompanying today's newsletter is a statement of account [Yrs 1-6] detailing school contributions for 2015. The school relies on income generated from the school contributions to purchase classroom requisites for your child/children. A Math contribution of \$20 is collected to supplement the costs associated with our Mathematics program offering remote access for students. It would be appreciated if your child's contributions could be settled by the end of this school term.


Statements for kindergarten students will be distributed next week.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 5 February	School swimming carnival
Fri 6 February	Leaders badge induction assembly
Mon 9 February	P&C Introduction meeting 7pm staffroom
Tues 10 February	Boys & Girls cricket PSSA trials
Tues 17 February	Parent Teacher evening
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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Unitingcare Burnside Family Centre - Courses for Parents**  
**1-2-3 Magic.** Encouraging good behavior, independence and self-esteem - a simple discipline program that really works! One session per week for 3 weeks. **When:** Mondays 16,23 Feb & 2 March. **Time:** 10am-1pm. **Where:** Burnside Family Centre 7 McLean Street Coffs Harbour.  
 For more information or to enrol - Phone: 6659 2800.  
 Or go to the website. [www.burnside.org.au](http://www.burnside.org.au)



**PCYC**  
COFFS HARBOUR

**JUDO**  
COFFS HARBOUR PCYC

Learn how to defend yourself and fall safely while having fun in both recreational and competitive judo. Judo is a martial art and Olympic sport, ideal for males and females. Meaning 'the gentle way' in Japanese, judo has a strong emphasis on safety.

**Join PCYC - first 2 lessons FREE**

**Improve:**

- flexibility
- balance
- posture
- co-ordination

**Build:**

- confidence
- self esteem
- discipline
- self control

Classes Tuesday and Thursday school terms  
 Phone: PCYC on 6651 9961



**Thinking of buying or selling real estate?**

For all your real estate needs, contact your local professional today on **0431 011 913**  
**Howard Nicholson - Sales Agent**



## 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.

## WEB ACCESS TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Please visit our website located at <http://www.sawtell-p.schools.nsw.edu.au> to access our school newsletter each Wednesday.

The previous free service of bulk email distribution provided by Safe Newsletters is no longer available.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



Registrations for all North Coast Football players is open this week. These days, registrations are taken online at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au), however, most clubs have sign on days at their local ground or a shopping centre so players can meet their coaches or buy socks etc.

**Sawtell and District SC**  
**Sat Feb 7th, 14th & 21st** at Toormina Gardens from 9am-12pm. **Thurs Feb 12th** Sawtell Summer Sessions, 1st Ave from 5pm.



**FLIPPABALL**

Flippaball is a non-contact, fun, water polo game for primary school kids (girls and boys) in standing water

- 6 wk program
- Cost \$70 inc. rego, all games & pool entry

**COFFS HARBOUR**

**WATER DRAGONS**

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**Come 'n' Try Day:**  
 4pm Sunday 8 Feb - only \$5 ea

6 wk training program starts Sunday 15 Feb in shallow end at Coffs Harbour War Memorial Olympic Pool, Coffs St: 4-5pm Sundays

Contact: Claire on 0415 495 010 or visit Coffs Harbour Water Polo Club at [www.chwp.com.au](http://www.chwp.com.au)



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