



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

11 MARCH 2015 — TERM 1 WEEK 7

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I returned from the Year 6 Camp this morning after a very early start to my day. On Tuesday the students, parents and teachers had to start at 7:00am to catch low tide to cross Bonville Creek followed by a 12km walk along Bonville Beach and through Bongil Bongil National Park. We were followed by dolphins as we walked along the beach. Students are tent camping for 2 nights at Mylestom. Many parents walk and camp with the students or help with transporting camp gear. During the 3 days the students help with cooking and participate in leadership, science, mathematics and personal development activities as well as kayaking and Aboriginal studies with an Aboriginal elder. This is a major challenge for our students who have all made the distance again this year. It isn't easy but it is a great sense of achievement for students when they make the distance. This is an incredible 3 days organised by Mr Burkitt in our beautiful part of the planet.

Please keep Thursday 26 March free from absences or appointments during school time as this is the day of our school photos. Students can become disappointed if they miss their class photo. Envelopes are being sent home today and should be returned on photo day the 26 March.

A group of students and Miss Wilson are making a documentary on what ANZAC means to the Sawtell community. The documentary will be on display in April in Coffs Harbour along with other school projects celebrating 100 Years since the first ANZAC Day. The students will be filming a range of activities and interviews with people from within the Sawtell Community. If you think you know someone interesting to interview please contact Miss Wilson.

Students will receive a social report on their social development at the end of this term. This is followed by more formal reports at the end of terms two and four.

The 2015 P&C executive and members were in action on Monday evening planning fund raising for the year. The first event will be the disco on 19 March.

If parents want a laugh come to the Sawtell Summer Sessions in the main street this Thursday at 5:30pm to see Mr Burkitt and myself being clipped, shaved and waxed for the Leukaemia Foundation Charity.

LEGAL AND MEDICAL RECORDS

We are doing an audit of our student information. If you have any information or documents related to medical or legal issues related to your children could you please inform the office or make a meeting with Mr Cheers. We need to have updated information so we can make the

best decisions in relation to student safety and welfare. Please **double check** with the office that we have this vital information on file. All students with ASCIA Medical Plans need to have these updated ASAP.

NBN ART PROJECT - ENRICHMENT GROUP

As part of our enrichment program Mrs Arthur and a group of students went to Coffs Harbour Central to work on a live art project last week. They had been working with Mrs Arthur and an artist, provided by the NBN, to develop their artistic skills which they applied to 3 large letters these are on display in Coffs Central until 15 March. Thanks to Mrs Arthur for her organisation and to parents for help with transport. Without you we could not have had so many children involved in the live art in the mall. It is really worth a trip into town to see it. The school is so proud of the children's work, their behaviour and the manner in which they represented Sawtell School.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day will be celebrated by the school on the 25 March. Students, parents and teachers come dressed in costume from other countries for the morning assembly. This gives everyone an opportunity to celebrate their own cultural background and our multicultural society.

SCHOOL PLAN MEETINGS

The school plan draft will be presented to parents next Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 March with a number of sessions to help to engage as many parents as possible. The sessions will be 2:15pm and 6:00pm on Monday 16 March and 9:15am, 2:15pm and 3:10pm on Tuesday 17 March. The 3:10pm session on Tuesday 17 March is a combined parent and staff discussion. I hope that these times allow a majority of parents to come to these meetings to discuss the draft 3 year plan that has been developed by parents and staff. Our final School Plan has to be posted on the school website by the end of this term.

SPORTS REPORT

There have been some outstanding performances in sport already this year. We have one swimmer Tayla and three cricketers Will, Tom and Ellena representing North Coast in PSSA events. Many students are heavily involved in teams or in selection trials at this time of year. We encourage students to try out but parents have the final say as to whether students participate.

DISCO

The school disco is being held on Thursday 19 March- 'Fluoro Theme'. 5:30 to 6:45pm for K-2 and 7:00pm to

8:30pm for Yrs 3-6. \$5 for entry, drink and chips is organised by the P&C.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10-12 March	Year 6 Camp - North Beach
Thurs 12 March	'Deadly Australians' performance
Thurs 12 March	'G Shave/Wax' - Summer Sessions 5:30
Fri 13 March	3/4A Assembly
Mon 16 March	School Plan meetings
Tues 17 March	School Plan meetings
Wed 18 March	Performance at Coffs High School
Tues 24 March	Yr 1&2 Gumbaynggirr Country Talks
Wed 25 March	Harmony Day
Thurs 19 March	Disco K-2 5:30-6:45, Yrs 3-6 7:00-8:30
Thurs 26 March	School photos
Fri 27 March	'Opera House All Stars' concert
Sat 28 March	NSW State Election
Mon 30 March	P&C Meeting
Wed 1 April	Cross Country-athon
Thurs 2 April	Easter Hat Parade
Fri 3 April	Good Friday
Tue 21 April	Students return for Term 2

ANZAC DAY VIDEOS

Any parents or families who have any video footage of Sawtell Public School students marching in ANZAC Day March 2014. Could you please contact Miss Wilson 6653 1666.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

SAWTELL GIRL GUIDES ST PATRICK'S DAY DISCO

When: Fri 13 March

Where: Sawtell Guide Hall, Minorie Drive

Time: 4:00-5:30 pm Ages 4-8, 6:00-7:30 pm for Ages 9-12

Cost: \$5 (includes drink and chips)

Sausage Sizzle: 5.30-6.00 pm - \$2.50 each

FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS

INTERNATIONAL FOLK FIDDLE FRENZY TO HIT CORAMBA AND TOORMINA

Tue March 31 Bayldon Community Centre, Toormina

Wed April 1 Coramba Community Hall

Canadian musicians Gordie MacKeeman & His Rhythm Boys, & Australian sister-duo Siskin River will be hitting the road together for the first ever Festival of Small Halls in regional New South Wales.

Tickets on sale at www.festivalofsmallhalls.com.

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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