



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

18 MARCH 2015 — TERM 1 WEEK 8

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I received an email from the North Beach Holiday Park, where our Year 6 camped for two nights last week. The email praised the manners and behaviour of our students as well as the teaching methods that were observed. It is always wonderful to hear when a positive legacy is left for future students. The students, their teachers and families can all feel very proud of another successful event where successful learning occurred within the community.

Jennifer Murray, Director of Public Schools, will be in our school tomorrow morning. It will give me a chance to inform her of all the wonderful things our staff, students and parents do at Sawtell Public School.

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.

Miss Wilson and students are making a documentary on what ANZAC means to the Sawtell community. From what I have seen so far we can all look forward to a very special piece of work that we can all view on our new big screen.

Today almost 60 of our students are being entertained by Coffs Harbour High School students with a performance of the 'Commitments'.

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.

Some days you just get surprises. This week Park Beach Plaza contacted me to inform me that Juliet, in Year 2, had won a coffee machine for the school. Juliet pleaded her case for a 'turquoise coffee machine'. "The teachers work really hard at our school and it would be nice to say thank you." The amusing part of her application stated, "My mum says coffee makes everyone happier in the morning so it would be a good present for the teachers...." Thanks Juliet, an excellent persuasive text, clever work.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Leukaemia Foundation and to those who underwent hair removal of various kinds for the Big Shave. I have been receiving very warm feedback from local businesses. The happiness and confidence of the children was a joy, for all, including us baldy types. Finally I must commend Mr Burkitt on only making soft screams as his chest was waxed.

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.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day will be celebrated by the school on the Wednesday 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. A gold coin donation will go towards supporting our World Vision child - Anitha.

CROSS COUNTRY-ATHON

The school cross country will be on Wednesday 1 April. Each year the school organises a range of prizes for the event. This is a major fundraiser for the school and a chance to reach into the wider community for support. Students have received sponsorship forms and can begin getting sponsorship. There are excellent prizes for the most sponsorship raised. All students who finish get a ticket in the draw for prizes for every \$10 in sponsorship. We should be hearing lots of huffing and puffing as students train for the event. Every student will be participating at a distance suitable for their age.

CONCERT OF STARS

The Opera House Choir is organising a 'Concert of Stars' to raise funds to support their trip to the Opera House. The concert will be an extended Friday assembly on 27 March, starting at 8:55am, with performances by students, parents and teachers. There will be a donation as an entry fee which can be paid to class teachers. Parents can pay on the day. Don't miss it!

DISCO

The school disco is being held this 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. The P&C will also be running a BBQ until 7:00pm to help out families who don't get time for dinner before the disco. **Students must be picked up at the door.**

SCHOOL PLAN MEETINGS

Thank you to those who have attended the meetings to review our draft School Plan 2015-17. Next Monday 23 March I will post the final draft on the school website and ask for feedback via email for the week.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2016

Kindergarten enrolments for 2016 are now being taken.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 19 March	Disco K-2 5:30-6:45, Yrs 3-6 7:00-8:30
Wed 25 March	Harmony Day
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
Tues 31 March	Social Reports home
Wed 1 April	Cross Country-athon
Thurs 2 April	Easter Hat Parade
Fri 3 April	Good Friday [Easter Holidays begin]
Tue 21 April	Students return for Term 2

ASSEMBLY

Fri 20 March 2/3W

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**SMALL STEPS - MOVE TO LEARN CLASSES**

When: Tuesday - Preschoolers 9:15 am; Toddlers 10:00 am

Where: The Old Hall at Sawtell Public School

Cost: First class free - \$10 a casual class

Classes include movement, dance & gymnastics to support your child's development. For enquiries & photos see Facebook: Small Steps-Sawtell or contact Sami Small on 0420 323 507.

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