

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

29 APRIL 2015 — TERM 2 WEEK 2

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The 100 Year ANZAC weekend was an emotional time for many in our community. Thank you to the students, their families and teachers who attended the march and service in the main street, about half our students attended. A special than you to Mrs Pollack and the choir for your singing during and after the service. Everyone was very impressed, especially with the NZ national anthem.

The school ANZAC service was also special with Brenton Knight, as bugler, and Mr Martin from the RSL both attending and both being ex -students from our school. There were lots of comments made on how respectful all the students were.

We also received great news on Sunday with our school, along with many other local schools, receiving \$500 for our '100 Years since ANZAC Day' display at the Coffs Harbour Ex-services Club. Miss Wilson and her team created an impressive display with the documentary as a highlight.

The NZ Touch Team visited our school this week. The whole school sang the NZ national anthem for them and they responded with a heart-felt haka. Stage 2 students then participated in a skills session on the Flat with the team. We hope New Zealand come second.

Grade one and two students had a visit from Uncle Mark Flanders this week. Mark is a Gumbaynggirr elder. He discussed local Gumbaynggirr culture helping all students to 'connect to country.'

School staff had after school professional development on Tuesday focusing on the use of epipens for anaphylactic students, students with disability data collection and the new performance development policy agreed upon by the DEC and Teachers' Federation. Quality professional development for staff is a key aspect in students achieving outcomes.

Congratulations to Stage 1 students and their families for the cake stall today which is raising money for Anitha, our World Vision sponsored child in Africa.

Many students have been busy in the vegie patch this week, preparing the garden for planting and hoping to catch the predicted rain.

Over the next three weeks teachers will be formally assessing students for mid-year reports. Year 3 and 5 students will also be engaging in NAPLAN tests from

4 May while many other students have signed up for the upcoming University of NSW tests. Good luck to all students, get plenty of sleep.

The Sawtell Public School Plan 2015-17 has been endorsed and will be uploaded to the Sawtell PS website this Friday, (Our School tab then School Plan on left menu). There have been many hours of thinking and discussion in producing our plan. I cannot but feel that for us as a school community the process has been as important as the outcome.

LIFE EDUCATION

The Life Education van will be at school during next week. The lessons will be offered to students in Years K-4. Although expensive, the lessons focus on how our bodies work and give important messages about healthy life choices. The cost is \$10 per student. Permission notes and payment need to be returned this week.

CROSS COUNTRY-ATHON

Please be reminded that students will receive one ticket in the prize draw for each \$10 raised through sponsorship. If every student could get \$20 in sponsorship it would be a fabulous outcome.

Green forms are to be returned with sponsorship money by **Friday 8 May**. We will have the draw on **Wednesday 13 May**. Students can still get sponsors after the race and money will count towards their total for the draw up until 8 May.

SPORT

Last week Tom Neal was selected for the North Coast PSSA Soccer team. On 8 May is the District Cross Country. Good luck to the six girls who have gone off to netball tryouts today. Mr Brookman has also organised girls and boys soccer tryouts, Friday during sport.

P&C NEWS

P&C meeting Monday 4May 7:00pm in the staffroom.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2016

Kindergarten enrolments for 2016 are now being taken.



UPCOMING EVENTS

4-6 May	Life Education Van Lessons
Tues 5 May	Gala Day Rugby League 7's
Thurs 7 May	Schubert 7's Rugby League
Fri 8 May	District Cross Country
Sun 10 May	Mother's Day
12 - 13 May	NAPLAN
Wed 13 May	Cross Country-athon PRIZE DRAW
Tues 19 May	Sustainable Schools Meeting pm.
Fri 22 May	Mid North Coast Cross Country
Mon 25 May	Eisteddfod - Choir
Wed 27 May	Eisteddfod - Band
Thurs 28 May	Girls' 7's Tackle
1-5 June	Year 5 Camp - Lake Ainsworth
Wed 3 June	All Schools Rugby League
Fri 5 June	Eisteddfod - Dance
Fri 19 June	Athletics' Carnival
Wed 24 June	NAIDOC Day
Thurs 25 June	Reports Out
Fri 26 June	Level 'O' Day

ASSEMBLY

This week's Assembly 8:55am Friday.
Choir

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.

Polar Fleece Vests

With the cooler days ahead the school has introduced navy polar fleece zip up vests, with the wave logo, available now for \$20.

The uniform shop will be open until 10:00 Thursday morning 30 April, for an extra chance to purchase a jumper or a vest.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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