

A banner image for the Sawtell Public School Newsletters. It features a large, modern, curved metal structure, possibly a playground or a covered walkway, set against a backdrop of lush green trees and a clear sky. The text "SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters.

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

6 MAY 2015 — TERM 2 WEEK 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Teachers are having a busy week this week with two afternoon professional development sessions. Both sessions focus on the latest ideas in the teaching of reading. This will bring to an end a Focus on Reading course which was 50 hours of professional learning for our teachers on English.

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, do your best!

Students will showcase their talents at the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod for choir (25 May), band (27 May) and dance (5 June).

Our school student leaders will attend a student leadership conference in Coffs Harbour this Thursday 7 May. The GRIP conference develops leadership skills for students that that can be applied at primary school, at high school and later in life.

The following information is being shared by principals in our area. "In recent weeks there have been media reports on university studies comparing academic outcomes for public and private school students in Australia. I was not surprised that these found no difference between public and private schools, once student background was taken into account. What did make a difference were things like the age and gender of the child, their health status, the initial stock of skills that the child has before commencing school, their parents' level of education, the neighbourhood they grow up in, household income and the number of books in the home. This reinforced the findings of other studies, some of which have found advantages for public school students in social development and university performance."

Congratulations Sawtell parents - your children are receiving an excellent education, and you are saving thousands in school fees every year that you can use to give your child other fulfilling experiences. If you missed the 60 Minutes report on this subject, go to www.9jumpin.com.au/show/60minutes/stories/2015/april/public-vs-private

GARDEN NEWS

Over the next few days the vegie patch and strawberry patch will be planted out. We need more pots for potting up seedlings. Please put them near the shade house if you drop them in.

WORKING BEE

We are organising a gardening working bee for parents for Sunday 31 May from 10:00 - 1:00. Please call or put your name on the roster at the school office. If you have wheel barrows and gardening tools please bring them. We will be weeding and mulching.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS AT TOORMINA PS

Parents of students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 must submit their application between **Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015**. If you are considering this alternative for your child please come and speak with me as your child will cease enrolment at Sawtell PS. The application website is at :

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

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 **Monday 11 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 11 May. The prize pool is growing every day.

P&C NEWS

The school has a stall at the **Sawtell Chilli-Fest - 4 July 2015**. We need **lots of chillies** and clean jars for the chilli jams and chutneys being made. Or please donate some chilli plant seedlings to sell on the day.

A **Movie Night** in the school hall is planned for **11 June** so keep the date free. Two sessions are planned: K-2 from 5 to 6:30pm and Yr 3-6 from 7 to 8:30pm. \$5 'entry' which includes popcorn and drink.

The P&C now have a **Facebook page** - search for "Sawtell Public School P&C". General school/P&C notifications will be posted on the site. If you wish to receive these automatically via Facebook click on 'Get Notifications' under the 'Like' button.

The P&C is looking for a volunteer for the **Canteen Coordinator** role and also the **general Treasurer** role - please contact Emma on 0417 286 505 if you are interested. You will be assisted by the outgoing members to ensure you're not thrown in the deep-end.

Next P&C meeting Monday 1 June 7:00pm in the staffroom.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 8 May	District Cross Country
Sun 10 May	Mother's Day
12 - 13 May	NAPLAN
Wed 13 May	Cross Country-athon PRIZE DRAW
Thurs 14 May	District Touch Trials
Fri 15 May	PSSA Boys & Girls Soccer
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
Thurs 11 June	P&C Movie Night
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.
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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.

CANTEEN NEWS

ALL lunch orders coming from home need to be written out on paper bags [available at Coles & Woolworths]. Please use two bags if a recess order is required. Thankyou for your cooperation.

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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