



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

17 JUNE 2015 — TERM 2 WEEK 9

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I am currently reading all Semester One reports in preparation for distribution next Wednesday. It is such a joy to see in print the effort, results and goals of our students and teachers. Teachers will begin to make arrangements for one on one interviews with parents to discuss individual students' reports and their learning. Many parents are still getting used to the Limited, Basic, Sound, High and Outstanding results for students. Most students attain a sound result, which means they are achieving within 12 months of expected outcomes. To attain a high result a student needs to be achieving at over 12 months above expected grade outcomes. Outstanding students are outstanding and are achieving greater than 2 years above expected outcomes. For older students the amount of content that needs to be achieved and assessed becomes greater and more complex and this influences the achievement of higher results for older students.

Teachers' regular professional development session on Tuesday after school was led by Mrs King and focused on the new History Syllabus. The new syllabus encourages students to learn Australian history through enquiry. Dust off the old 'family treasure' boxes as old family photos and artefacts will become important in this learning.

The P&C Movie Night was a great success. Not only did we all have fun but everyone had to show resilience as technology around the new projector gave us some challenges. Undeterred teachers and parents met the problems with energy and intelligence finding solutions to ensure a great night. The next time K-2 children watch the Penguin movie they may find some exciting parts that they may have missed on the night. Thank you to all the adults who gave up their time for the students.

I attended a meeting of Bongil Bongil principals last Friday to make final decisions on the Bongil Bongil Musicale for 2016. The Musicale is going ahead and for those unfamiliar it is a combined performance of local public schools' Year 4-6 students and Toormina High School students. It is a lot of work for teachers and students but brings great reward and quality entertainment for all.

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Our celebrations for NAIDOC Day will be next Wednesday 24 June. Indigenous Australians provide a unique cultural link to our country for all of us. All students will be engaged in activities celebrating indigenous culture including painting, cooking, stories and music. Parents are welcome on the day. Our Indigenous school leaders will be

taking a non-indigenous friend for a special NAIDOC Day with elders on Monday at Bongil Bongil National Park.

O'DAY

Level 0 Day is a celebration for students who have made good behaviour choices during the term and have not been placed on Level 1 or higher as per the school discipline code. O'Day begins at 10:00am after the Kindergarten assembly. Students will be walking to Boambee Reserve for the remainder of the day.

CHOIR FASHION PARADE

The Sawtell Waratah Gadabouts Charity group is holding a fashion parade on Saturday 20 June at 1:00pm in the Uniting Church Hall. Students and teachers will be modelling items from Life Line while the audience has afternoon tea. The choir will be singing. The cost is \$10 per head with tickets available at the school office. Raffle tickets are also available.

SCRIPTURE CONCERT

This Thursday from 12:00 there will be a scripture concert in the new hall for all students who attend scripture. Ethics lessons will occur as usual.

GARDEN NEWS

A Bunnings team will be coming on Monday 22 June. They will be working with students to plant the Bunnings donated vegetable seedlings and re setting up our work farm.

WORKING BEE

We are organising a gardening working bee for parents for Sunday 21 June. Please call 6653 1666 or put your name on the roster at the school office.

BAND NEWS

Instruments need to be brought to school this Friday for tuition.

MANDATORY WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

A reminder that all volunteers who work with children at school, on excursions or for sports travel need to have a working with children check. Parents and community volunteers are not able to have contact with students unless this process is complete. Once you have your approval form please give a copy to the school office for verification and placement on the approved volunteers list. Volunteers also need to sign on each day at the office please. This is free for volunteers online at <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>

P&C NEWS

Many thanks to all parents and children who attended the **Movie Night** last Thursday. Apart from initial technical difficulties it was a great night. The event raised a healthy \$1,600 that will go into school improvements. Thanks also to the teachers and volunteers for making it possible.

Just a reminder the school will have a stall at the **Sawtell Chilli-Fest - 4 July 2015**. We need lots of chillies and clean glass jars - just drop them into the office.

The school is looking for more **volunteer Ethics teachers** to assist with the Ethics classes. You don't need formal qualifications. If you are interested or know of someone who may be suitable, even if they are from outside the school community, please contact Melissa Giese (0428 516 830). To find out more visit www.primaryethics.com.au

We are also looking for parents to help with the **Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge** on Sunday 2 August - we need road marshals, assistance at water stops or supervision riders for the family 10k ride. There is a meeting planned for 9:30am on Friday 24th July for a briefing. Please leave your name at the school office, or with Michael Cheers or text / call Tim Ruge (0424 743 033) if you can assist.

Next P&C meeting: Monday 20 July 7pm in staffroom.

SPORTS REPORT

Our school athletics eliminations are well underway in shot put and discus. Hopefully the weather will be fine next Thursday for our school carnival. This Friday the Girls and Boys Paul Kelly Cup teams battle for the Regional Shield. Zach Stevenson is away this week at the State Rugby League Carnival. His team is doing well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 18 June	Boys/Girls 7's NRL [Postponed]
Thurs 18 June	Scripture Concert 12:00
Fri 19 June	Paul Kelly Cup AFL
Sat 20 June	Choir - Fashion Parade 1:00pm
Mon 22 June	Vegie Patch Planting Day - Bunnings
Wed 24 June	NAIDOC Day
Wed 24 June	Reports Out
Thurs 25 June	Athletics Carnival
Fri 26 June	Level 'O' Day - Boambee Creek
Fri 26 June	PSSA NRL vs Bellingen
Fri 26 June	PSSA netball vs Narranga
Mon 13 July	Teachers Return
Tues 14 July	Students Return Term 3

ASSEMBLY

This week's Assembly 8:55am Friday.
Big Dance Group - in costume

COMMUNITY NEWS

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