



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

24 JUNE 2015 – TERM 2 WEEK 10

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Parents and students will receive their Semester One reports today. Having read each report and the wonderful words that teachers have written about our students I know that we are going to have many happy faces in Sawtell this afternoon. There is praise and advice on how to improve in every report. The opportunities that our students have and take up with gusto are testament to the hard work of our staff and positive attitude of our students. 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. As students progress through the grades, the amount of content that needs to be achieved and assessed becomes greater and more complex. This influences the achievement of higher results for older students.

The regular professional development session for teachers on Tuesday after school was an introduction to Microsoft 365. A powerful 'cloud based' program where all staff can save digital material and work together on projects in cyberspace.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Athletics Carnival will be held on the school 'Flat' tomorrow. Students can wear house colours. They need to bring a hat, sunscreen, water and something to sit on as the ground is damp. Events start at 9:30am with 200m races. At 11:15 Kindergarten and Year One join the carnival for our main event, the March Past.

NAIDOC CELEBRATION

Today is our NAIDOC celebration, a time of engagement, for us all, in the longest surviving culture on the planet. I often reflect on Indigenous Australians in this time of reconciliation and how their culture is not built on large cities or monuments but on relationships, respectful relationships with the land and with family. Our Indigenous student leaders led our assembly and gave an account of the special day that they spent with Gumbaynggirr elders. I hope today all of our students enjoy making stronger relationships as they cook their damper and chat around the campfires.

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. **The canteen will NOT be open.** Students will be walking to Boambee Reserve for the remainder of the day. Students can wear mufti clothes. With over 98% of our student attending O'Day it is a wonderful celebration of students engaging in their school in a positive and respectful way.

GARDEN NEWS

A Bunnings team came on Monday and supplied the vegetable seedlings for K-2 classes to plant. Year 3-6 classes will plant out early next term. The students also planted out about 100 native plants, some of which were propagated at school. The garden beds were made ready to plant by the families who helped out on the working bee and our garden group who have worked tirelessly during lunchtimes.

CHOIR FASHION PARADE

The Sawtell Waratah Gadabouts Charity group held a fashion parade on Saturday in the Uniting Church Hall. Students and teachers modelled items from Life Line. Mr Moore in a nightshirt, holding a teddy bear and wearing shiny slippers just shows the level of dedication our teachers have to our students. Apart from lots of fun, over \$1000 was raised for the Opera House Choir excursion. Thank you to Coleen Hull and her wonderful group.

BAND NEWS

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

ATHLETICS DAY CANTEEN

Canteen will be **OPEN** and operating **ALL DAY** Thursday. Food will be for sale at the 'Flat' for purchase by students and parents. **[NO normal orders please]**

The canteen is **NOT** open Friday.

P&C NEWS

We are also looking for volunteers to help attend the school stall at the **Sawtell Chilli-Fest - 4 July 2015**. It would be fantastic if you can assist for a two hour slot - anywhere between 8am and 3pm. Please contact Emma on 0417 286 505 and nominate a time that suits you.

Next P&C meeting: next term on Monday 20 July 7:00pm in the staffroom.

SPORTS REPORT

The girls' netball team will be playing Narranga this Friday. Tom Neale is currently away playing in the PSSA State Championship soccer finals.
Good luck to everyone participating in the school athletics carnival tomorrow.

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>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 25 June	Athletics Carnival
Fri 26 June	Level 'O' Day - Boambee Creek
Fri 26 June	PSSA NRL vs Bellingen [postponed]
Fri 26 June	PSSA netball vs Narranga
Sat 4 July	Chilli Festival
Mon 13 July	Teachers Return
Tues 14 July	Students Return Term 3
Thurs 16 July	Chess Competition
Mon 20 July	P&C Meeting 7:00pm [in staffroom]
Sun 2 August	Rotary Cycle Day

ASSEMBLY

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



Students celebrating
NAIDOC Day

COMMUNITY NEWS

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