



# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

15 JULY 2015 — TERM 3 WEEK 1

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 3, 2015. This term has highlights including the Spelling Bee, Maths Master, Public Speaking and Mini-fete.

The first few weeks of this term will have teachers and parents meeting to discuss the progress of students. Each class teacher will organise their own meeting times.

On the first day of this term staff were engaged in mandatory online learning around workplace health and safety and corruption prevention as well as planning for the remainder of the year.

Our end of year Presentation Night has been discussed at P&C meetings and staff meetings. I am now seeking wider school community feedback on whether we should have a day time or night time presentation event at the end of the year. Traditionally we have had an evening event which has allowed working parents to attend. Some arguments for change to day time include: reducing the number of nights out for younger students and parents at a busy time of year, allowing younger students to remain and see older role models receiving awards and the ability to have a break for younger students. As with all problems there are valid arguments for both sides. A survey will be going home next week but before this I would like our community to have discussions around this issue.

Staffing has remained as for Semester One with the exception of Miss Rebecca Nicholson commencing one day per week supporting our refugee students with English.

The governing body for education will no longer be known as the Department of Education and Training but as the Department of Education (as it was called when I started my teaching career in 1979.)

Unfortunately our wider community received news of the arrest of Father Casey, the local parish priest. He had a high profile in our community and his arrest will impact on many families within our school and wider community. If parents feel that their child would benefit from counselling on this issue please contact class teachers so this can be organised. The Department of Education has clear professional development and procedures in place on remaining vigilant and reporting child protection issues.

## BAND NEWS

Instruments need to be brought to school this Friday.

## CHESS DAY

Mr Moore is coordinating a chess day at SPS tomorrow. Students from most local school will be competing. We have 7 teams entered.

## P&C NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3! Over the holidays the P&C held a stall at the Chilli Fest. It was a huge success thanks to the many volunteers who helped on the day and behind the scenes. It wouldn't have been possible without Adriana Lombardelli and her family, who organised the stall & made many jars of deliciousness chilli products over the last few months. Many thanks also to the Browne family for the faceless chilli man. And a BIG thanks to those who helped with setting up, working the stall, recruiting customers and packing up at the end of a massive day. We are getting closer to purchasing the shade structure for the playground!

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: next term on Monday 20 July 7:00pm in the staffroom.**

## SPORTS REPORT

On Monday in the last week of Term 2, Tom Neal went to Bathurst for state soccer and he was named player of the tournament for North Coast. Well done Tom. Tom Neal and Kayne Wells are off to Sydney for the state cross country good luck Tom and Kayne. Then girls' netball team played Narranga on the last day of Term 2 and unfortunately lost by 1 point. Well done girls.  
By Zach and Jesse

## COFFS CUP DAY

Please put 6 August in your calendar as half day holiday for Coffs Cup race day.

**Students leave school at midday. NO school buses will be running at midday.**

GARDEN NEWS

Senior classes will be planting out their veggie patches over the next two weeks.

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 16 July  | Chess Competition                 |
| Mon 20 July    | P&C Meeting 7:00pm [in staffroom] |
| Tues 21 July   | Basketball - PSSA                 |
| Fri 24 July    | Touch Football - PSSA             |
| Sun 2 August   | Rotary Cycle Day                  |
| Wed 5 August   | Toormina District Athletics       |
| Thurs 6 August | Coffs Cup                         |
| Tues 18 August | Spelling Bee                      |
| Wed 2 Sept     | Maths Master                      |
| Fri 4 Sept     | Mini Fete                         |
| Wed 16 Sept    | Grandparents Day                  |

ASSEMBLY

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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