



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

29 JULY 2015 — TERM 3 WEEK 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I have been hearing wonderful feedback from teachers and parents about the formal meetings being held to discuss students' progress. Although these meetings are important they are best supported by continuous contact between parents, teachers and students about student learning.

The dates for the Spelling Bee, Maths Master, Public Speaking and Mini-fete have been set and are on the term calendar. Parents are welcome to these events.

On Monday our dance groups, string ensemble and choir performed at the Plaza as part of Education Week celebrations. Our students presented quality performances that were appreciated by the shopping crowd.

This morning the school hosted a class of Chinese students. They visited every class and shared information about what it is like in a school of 25000.... Yes 25000! The students stay at the school during the week, commencing at 7:00am and finishing at 5:00pm each day, before retiring to do 3 hours homework each night. Parents might want to use these figures when our students are reluctant to do 30 mins homework. Different cultures different ways.

A survey will be going home today regarding our end of year presentation night. The two options are the traditional night time event or a change to day time. There are many valid arguments for both.

Over the next two weeks I will be having professional interviews with all teaching staff. I am looking forward to meeting every one of our amazing teachers and working with them on developing future plans.

Thank you to all of the parents and staff who have volunteered to give up their Sunday morning as marshals for the Rotary Cycle Day. Their efforts will earn the P&C \$1000.

This is education week and to end the week our Friday morning assembly will be followed by open classrooms until 10:55am. Families are welcome to visit their child's classroom to see our clever students and dedicated teachers in action.

WHOOPING COUGH

Please be aware outbreaks of whooping cough have been confirmed on the Coffs Coast and presently we have a suspected case within our school community. Upon confirmation, notification will be provided to parents.

DONATIONS

Of fancy dress costumes, children and adult sizes, would be greatly appreciated. Eg: princess/Cinderella, fairy wings, coloured tights, hats, sunglasses, wigs or anything that could be used for fancy dress.

THANK YOU AND HELP

Thank you to Jack Smith [Eva & Arlo's Mum] and her helpers for putting the labels on all our reading boxes. We need some more generous people to contact labels onto the boxes. Thank you in anticipation of your help. Please see Laurel Astle.

P&C NEWS

The canteen needs your help - we desperately need some volunteer assistance in the Canteen - just an hour or two of your time, especially on a Thursday and Friday. It doesn't have to be a weekly commitment and no experience necessary. If you can help, please fill in your details in the roster held at the canteen. Nominate either a morning or afternoon shift ... or both.

Many thanks to those who offered to volunteer for the **Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge** - we now have the required numbers to receive a \$1,000 donation for the P&C which will go towards the school.

Next P&C meeting is at an earlier time: In the library, Monday 17 August at 3:30pm.

LOST PROPERTY

There is currently a large amount of lost property left at school - lots of jumpers without any identification, various towels, blankets, umbrellas and clothes. A reminder to please put names on all articles of school clothing. All unclaimed items will be donated to the opportunity shop at the end of this term.

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.

CANTEEN HOURS - CUP DAY

Canteen will only be open for recess on cup day.

NO lunch orders will be available on this Thursday.

BAND NEWS

Instruments need to be brought to school this Friday.

GARDEN NEWS

Senior classes will be planting out their veggie patches this week.

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. The working with children check is free for volunteers online at:

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 31 July	Open Classroom - Parents 9:30-11:00
Fri 31 July	PSSA Soccer vs Narranga
Sun 2 August	Rotary Cycle Day
Wed 5 August	Toormina District Athletics
Thurs 6 August	Coffs Cup - school closed from 12:00
Fri 14 August	Mid North Coast - Athletics
Tues 18 August	Spelling Bee - School
Sat/Sun 23-24	Tournament of Minds
Wed 2 Sept	Maths Master
Fri 4 Sept	Mini Fete
Wed 16 Sept	Grandparents Day
Fri 18 Sept	Level 'O' Day

ASSEMBLY

This week's Assembly 8:55am Friday.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Cartooning Workshop - Saturday 1 August
Jules Faber, an award winning book illustrator [Book of the Year 2014] will be conducting a Cartooning Workshop this Saturday 1 August 10:30am - 12:30pm at the Bunker Cartoon Gallery. The Workshop is open to students 10 years and over and will cost \$15 per person. For booking or more information contact The Bunker Cartoon Gallery, John Champion Way [off City Hill Drive] Coffs Harbour. Phone 6651 7343.



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