

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

12 AUGUST 2015 — TERM 3 WEEK 5

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I attended the North Coast Principals' Conference last Thursday and Friday. It was great to hear about the most recent thinking around education. Our school is not perfect but it does tick a lot of boxes around quality education for students. Through hard work, teachers provide many opportunities allowing all students to engage in school and follow their passions. We need to all encourage students to focus on the positive. We are living in the most peaceful time ever since recorded history and the IQ of children is increasing across the world. Science needs to become more of a focus in schools across NSW. I would welcome any of our parents involved in science to speak with me about how we can add to science learning within the school. Many students enjoy science and learning about their universe. It was great to share scientific thinking on assembly this week, especially when insightful scientific comment comes from kindergarten students like, 'there is no gravity up.'

Students from a number of schools are here today with the state coordinator for the Opera House Choir Performance. Our students will get a feel for what it will be like in October. Our students are indeed lucky to have such talented people supporting them. Hearing 40 voices sing as one is good for the spirit.

Thank you to parents for your support last Thursday in ensuring all students made it home at midday safe and sound.

We understand that parents love to see their children performing on assembly but during assemblies could parents please leave the chairs at the side of the new hall free for staff so that they can be close to the students.

Some students can be easily distracted from their work so we are trying to reduce the number of disruptions to classroom learning. To help with this and to reduce the number of general calls on the school sound system can parents please call to the office collect a green slip and then collect their child themselves from the classroom. It is not always possible to make medical appointments out of school time but please try to do so.

Everyone is a bit sluggish on cold winter mornings but it is important that students get to school on time ready for the day. So as to comply with school policy, parents should accompany students arriving late to the office and complete/sign a late arrival slip. During winter in Germany many students go to school before dawn and arrive home after sunset just to have a normal school day.

This morning I accompanied our ESL staff and refugee students to the headland and beach. The whales jumped

on queue and the cockatoos were feeding just above the students heads. We are lucky to have these resilient students in our school as are they lucky to be with us.



Sawtell Beach and headland walk

SPORTS REPORT

On the 10 August the boy's cricket team went to play Woolgoolga PS in the PSSA knockout and we played well and came out with the win.

The District Athletics Carnival was held on the 5 August. Sawtell PS had a large number of students that participated at the carnival most of the students made it to Mid North Coast. Freya Laidlaw was named Senior Girls' Champion and Will Lloyd was named Senior Boys' Champion. All of our relay teams made it to the Mid North Coast. Mid North Coast Carnival will be held this Friday.

P&C NEWS

Parents keep this date free: Saturday night 12 September for a Trivia Night at the school (a 'without-kids' event). More information to come.

Next P&C meeting is next Monday 17 August at 3:00pm. [Not 3:30pm as previously advertised]

BAND NEWS

Instruments need to be brought to school this Friday.

GARDEN NEWS

All classes have planted their veggie patch. Hopefully we can get rain soon.

MANDATORY WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

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 14 August	Mid North Coast - Athletics
Mon 17 August	P&C Meeting 3:00pm Library
Tues 18 August	Spelling Bee - School
Wed 19 August	Happy Hat Day
Sat/Sun 22-23	Tournament of Minds
Wed 26 August	Surf Safety - Stage 2
Fri 28 August	NC Athletics
Wed 2 Sept	Maths Master
Fri 4 Sept	Mini Fete
Sun 6 Sept	Fathers' Day
Tues 8 Sept	Regional Spelling Bee
Fri 11 Sept	Pirate Day
Sat 12 Sept	P&C Trivia Night
Tues 15 Sept	Jetty Theatre - 'I Am Jack'
Wed 16 Sept	Grandparents' Day
Thurs 17 Sept	Public Speaking Final
Fri 18 Sept	Level 'O' Day - Last Day of Term

ASSEMBLY

This week's Assembly 8:55am Friday. Junior Band

COMMUNITY NEWS

Pamela Fayle (02) 6654 7700
Tim Egan 0418515617
www.coffsharbourorchestra.org.au

This concert sponsored by:

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Coffs Harbour City Orchestra
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BDC Super Strings
BDC Primary Band
St Augustine's School Band

A massed orchestra featuring around 100 musicians will perform

The Can Can
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Toy Symphony

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111 North Boambee Rd Coffs Harbour

TICKETS AT THE DOOR:

\$10 and school age students FREE
(proceeds shared by the schools & Coffs Orchestra)

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