



# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have entered the Coffs Harbour Garden competition and will have our veggie patch judged on 14 September.

We purchased a new water tank this week as part of a Greens School grant from Coffs Harbour City Council. The tank has been placed behind Miss Wilson's room and will gravity feed to the school veggie patch and shade house. Joanne Mack, one of our parents, was successful in attaining the grant earlier this year. The remainder of the grant will support our propagation program providing plants for current and future school gardens.

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.

Thank you for leaving the chairs at the side of the new hall free for staff so that they can be close to the students to supervise them during assemblies.

There will be a Live Life Well @ School forum at our school from 6:30 - 8:00pm on Wednesday 9 September. There will be guest speakers, discussion and information on how we can all help students to have active healthy lifestyles. I encourage parents to attend.

There are a couple of road safety issues that have been brought to my attention. Please do not drop students off in Coronation Avenue in the **No Stopping** area. This is dangerous and illegal. We have a drop off zone in 13<sup>th</sup> Ave near the playground gate.

If parents are transporting students it is of prime importance that you follow the road rules. It is a big responsibility to transport children. All parents must show their licence to the organising teacher before transporting students.

With 50 kindergarten students enrolled for 2016 the school should have around 320 students for next year keeping our 13 classes. I am unable to take any out of zone enrolments.

The canteen is in need of helpers. Just an hour or two can make a big difference to the workload for our tireless canteen staff.

With the UV rapidly increasing could parents please ensure all students have a school hat. They are \$15 at the office. Students without school hats must play under the basketball court cover.

Many parents are getting their brains and costumes ready for the **P&C Trivia Night on Saturday 12 September**. This is always a great night. This year the theme is 'Fairytale' and with Mr McGinty coming as an 'Ugly Sister' the night can only be described as un-missable.

## SPELLING BEE

Yesterday we held the finals of the Premier's Spelling Challenge for our school. All students displayed great courage under pressure and 'bounced back' from disappointment well. The final two students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 will now represent the school at the Regional Final. The winners were:

Stage 1: Penny Farmer, Byron Harris-Simpson

Stage 2: Ruby Richards, Jade Blair

Stage 3: Sharnte Cannon, Taylor Hall.

## CHOIR UPDATE

This Friday 21 August at 8:30 an update meeting will be held in the library for parents of the Opera House Choir students. The choir will be singing at the assembly this week to keep 'in form.'

## MINI FETE

3/4A and Mrs Arthur are seeking donations toward the White Elephant Stall. Pre-loved book, toys, puzzles and other items would be a great help. Thank you.

KM, KB & K/1S are asking for donations of goodies and fun items to place in the Mystery Boxes. Eg: toy cars, marbles, chocolates, hair decorations etc. We also need packets of plain biscuits, icing sugar and decorations such as jelly beans. Thank you.

## CANTEEN NEWS

**Banana Overload.** Whole banana cakes for sale from the canteen next Monday and Tuesday for \$5 each [not iced]. Please pre order at the canteen or phone Cherie 0403 406 740. [Children will bring them home].

## SPORTS REPORT

On Friday 14 August Sawtell PS students participated in the Zone Athletics Carnival. Results from track events were: Tom Neal 1<sup>st</sup> 800m, Kayne Wells also 1<sup>st</sup> 800m, Freya Laidlaw 4<sup>th</sup> in the 800m. Field events: Will Lloyd 3<sup>rd</sup> long jump, Dylan Garner 2<sup>nd</sup> high jump, Ellena Cheers-Flavell 3<sup>rd</sup> shot put. These students will now represent Mid North Coast at Lismore. Good luck!

By Ellena and Freya

**PSSA Cricket results played today:** Sawtell vs Macksville. Sawtell PS - 4 for 158 - Macksville PS - all out for 53. Well done Sawtell.

**BAND NEWS**

Instruments need to be brought to school 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]

**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. We have an abundance of unnamed/labelled uniforms in lost property which can be sourced from the uniform shop if you require spare or extra uniforms at no cost. All unclaimed items will be donated to the opportunity shop at the end of this term.

**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. 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**

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
Mon 14 Sept	Garden Competition Judging
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:  
Opera House Choir and Tournament of the Minds.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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