



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to our Tournament of Minds Team. They represented our school in this high level thinking competition. Although not winning, their collaboration, cleverness and sense of fun were great to see.

Over the next four weeks Mrs Steyne will be presenting Italian lessons to K-2 classes one day per week. Mrs Steyne is fluent in Italian and has a great series of lessons planned around language and culture.

Our annual Maths Master competition is on next Wednesday 2 September. This is like a spelling bee but maths related. Parents are welcome to attend. Kindergarten will be the first group at 9:15am.

It was great to read an article this week from the NSW Minister for Education, Mr Piccoli, singing the praises of NSW Public Schools and teachers. The NSW public education system is a leading, world educational organisation and the leading state in academic results within Australia.

Our school Naplan results were mixed, as usual and will give teachers data to analyse to help focus our directions for 2016. Parents received their child's results last week. Please contact your child's teacher if you want to discuss your child's results. Keep in mind that Naplan is only one tool of measurement of student and school success.

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 13th 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.

The canteen is in need of helpers. Just an hour or two can make a big difference to the workload for our tiring canteen staff. It is a great place from which to see our students in action.

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.

Next week is SAS Staff Recognition Week where we celebrate and acknowledge the essential work that our support staff members do for students, parents and teachers, whether in the office, in classrooms or on the mower. This will be a good time to say a personal thank you. My thank you will be by swapping jobs with

Mrs Hurry, our office manager, for the day next Thursday 3 September. If you have any special problems that need a principal's attention please save them up for that day.

Mrs Pollack is currently on leave for the rest of this term, while travelling to Europe. Mr Moore will be relieving Assistant Principal during her absence.

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 and a major fundraiser for the P&C. This year the theme is 'Fairytale'. I have some real concerns about the joy that some folk are getting by just talking about their costumes. ... Mrs McGinty... or was it your husband's costume that you are jealous about. If you can't get a team together we can make up teams on the night. Don't miss it!

HEAD LICE

Head lice are becoming prevalent again. If your child is showing signs or symptoms, please speak to your local pharmacist to seek the correct chemical treatment required or by applying conditioner to dry hair and combing. This method is the preferred way to detect and treat head lice because it is effective and does not contribute to insecticide resistance in head lice and also presents a low risk of skin irritation. Once your child is free of lice and nits, remember to regularly check with a fine toothed comb and conditioner. Early detection and treatment will prevent re-infestation of other family members and classmates.

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.

P&C NEWS

Get your Trivia tables together! Saturday September 12 Tickets \$10 per person. Theme Fairytale! Tickets available at the front office.

The canteen needs tea towels- new or used. Please drop any into the canteen.

We are also still seeking volunteers to help at the canteen. You can do a 'breakfast' or 'lunch' shift. Any assistance would be appreciated - please contact Emma on 0417 286 505.

The P&C has supported Save Sawtell Cinema with \$500 for

our name on a seat in the 'big' cinema. A fundraising 'movie day' will be held at the school next term to help contribute to this donation.

BAND NEWS

Instruments need to be brought to school this Friday.

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

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 'Fairytale's'
Mon 14 Sept	Garden Competition Judging
Mon 14 Sept	Fruit & Veggie Day
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: 2AF & Student of the month.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Coffs Harbour Running Festival.

Run Coffs - 3km - 5km - 10km - 21.1km.

Sunday 6 September 2015.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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