

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

26 October 2016 — TERM 4 WEEK 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We promised a busy term with lots of great opportunities and events happening in and out of the school for students and the community. Well it's only week three and we have delivered quite a few already.

Yesterday I had a great discussion with Kindergarten classes on 'neuroplasticity' and the importance of having a 'growth mindset'. I'm fairly sure that they understood that human intelligence is not fixed and predetermined. More so with hard work, effort, support and high expectations we can all achieve great things and improve our intelligence.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

On Monday our school typified the sense of belonging, openness and community spirit we are so proud of when we welcomed an estimated 200 or more grandparents to our annual Grandparents Day. We barely had enough seats during the assembly and classrooms were jammed packed with proud nanas, pops, granddads and grandmas not to mention the nonos and umpas.

I visited classrooms and saw the wonderful blend of generations enjoying each other's company. Children sharing their achievements with people they love and respect and grandparents brimming with pride over their grandchildren's achievements. The picnic in the playground capped off an inspirational day.

Thank you to all those who travelled from near and far to make this year's day so special. For those who were unable to make it, the good news is there will be another Grandparents' Day in 2017. Thank you to Mr Moore, the staff and the students for all their efforts in the organisation.



BONGIL BONGIL COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION.

The Public Speaking competition was held yesterday at Toormina Public School. All six of our students represented our school and themselves extremely well. Jessica Peters and Emily Westman were equal second in the Stage One competition. Kiara Wishnowsky and Ella Chowdhury were first and second respectively in Stage Two and Alex Cheers-Flavell and Billie Denman were awarded participation and Highly Commended awards. Being able to stand up and speak in front of large audiences is one of the things many people fear most which makes the efforts of all our student public speakers even more impressive.

CASCADE

Year Four have survived the wilds of Cascade Field Study Centre. They battled the mosquitos, leeches and stories of Mr Brookman and all returned relatively unscathed on Friday afternoon. The reports from all those involved were very positive and the students behaviour exemplary leaving behind a great legacy for future Year four Sawtell students. A very special thank you to Mr Brookman, Mrs Bellchambers and the parents who gave up time away from their families to make this excursion possible.

NSW PSSA ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Kayne Wells competed in the 800 metre event last week at the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships. He finished 31st in NSW in his age group which is a great feat. Congratulations Kayne. This is a great reward for all your efforts and hard work.

TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

Year six students enrolling in 2017 at Toormina High School attended taster lessons in science, music and food technology. This is a great opportunity provided by the High School to allow our students a chance to be high school students for an afternoon.

OPERA HOUSE CHOIR

Best wishes to the Opera House Choir who head off to Sydney early Monday morning. The students will be joined by 600 other students from around the state, a full orchestra and will then perform in front of an audience of thousands. Mr Cheers has the honour of being invited to speak at the performance. The opportunity for our students, staff and parents will be extremely memorable.

KIDSMATTER

I am a little disappointed in the lack of responses to the Kidsmatter Parental Survey. Thank you to the 12 families who have completed the survey. However I would like more responses from a greater number of parents. If you could complete the survey by following the link below we would greatly appreciate your input.

www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey

NAMES ON LUNCH CONTAINERS

Large numbers of lunch containers are making their way to lost property please please put names on all lunch containers drink bottles and jumpers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 28 Oct	2 nd Kindergarten 2017 Orient. 11:30 - 12:30
Tues 1 Nov	Opera House Concert
Mon 5 Nov	P&C Meeting - 7:00pm in the Staffroom
Wed 9 Nov	Big Bike Ride
Fri 11 Nov	Remembrance Day
14-18 Nov	Year 6 Sydney Excursion
Thurs 17 Nov	Year 3 Camp [school hall]
Sat 19 Nov	Bingo Night - [Adults only]
21 Oct-2 Dec	Intensive Swimming Kindergarten
Tues 22 Nov	Captains' speeches [boys]
Wed 23 Nov	Captains' speeches [girls]
Fri 25 Nov	School Band Assembly
Thurs 1 Dec	Disco
Tues 6 Dec	2017 Year 7 High School Orientation
Wed 7 Dec	School Concert
Fri 9 Dec	Presentation Day
Mon 12 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
Thurs 15 Dec	Picnic Day
Fri 16 Dec	Talent Quest

ASSEMBLY:

This week's assembly will be presented by 4/5P at 8.55am.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday at 8:30am.

COMMUNITY NEWS

'Small Steps' Movement Classes

Classes are the fantastic combination of 'Move to Learn' gymnastics, 'Brain Gym' and 'Gymbaroo' dance exercises. The relationship between movement and our brains directly supports how we learn. Classes held in the old school hall. Mondays \$10 per class.

9:15am Pre-schoolers - Learning readiness

10:00am Toddlers - Exploration

Sami Small 0420 323 507 / Facebook small steps - Sawtell

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