



# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

***"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"***

**1 MARCH 2017 — TERM 1 WEEK 6**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

As parents we often worry about our children's health and how safe they are. On top of our usual worries, imagine sending your child to school every day knowing that they could have a life threatening reaction to a common food. This is the reality for many of our parents. We have 5 students in our school who will have an anaphylactic reaction to nuts. We can all do something about this. Teachers are trained in identification of anaphylaxis and using epipens. All parents can help by not giving their children nuts or nut products as food for school. This includes peanut-butter, nutella, pistachio nuts, almonds, peanuts etc. I enjoy a peanut-butter, banana and honey sandwich as much as anybody but I save this indulgence for when I'm at home.

The school has a number of environmental programs and activities planned for 2017. Mr Brookman is working with Cascade Environmental Education Centre to introduce 'Waterwise' awareness and activities into the school. Students are also working on 'Go Mad' funding to improve composting within the school. One of our parents, Mrs Close, has been successful in obtaining funding for the '3 for the Sea' project within the school and wider community. Students will be developing behaviours and making posters to help better protect our oceans from plastic pollution.

It is important that families present proof of address to the school. Tomorrow, letters seeking this information will be sent home to families who need to respond.

The Coffs Harbour Show is on 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> May. Parents may want to encourage their children to participate in the general cooking, crafts and photography sections this year. The school will be presenting a display at the show.

The P&C will now have a section in the Skoolbag App. This has become a key information channel for our school community. The Skoolbag App and this weekly newsletter are the two main communication methods for our school community. Please download the 'Skoolbag' app on to your phone or computer.

On Monday, our captains and vice captains joined leaders and principals from other local Bongil Bongil schools to discuss future collaborative activities between the schools over the next three years. Student leaders are going back to their schools to get further ideas and bringing their top 10 ideas to the next meeting.

Today I had the pleasure of discussing our school with Mrs Jenny Murray, Director of Public Education. Mrs Murray is always impressed with our happy students, hardworking teachers and supportive families. There will continue to be more changes in education this year with a new financial and student information management system for the school, \$300,000.00 in building projects and teachers working on best practice in the teaching of spelling, writing and mathematics.

## **PROOF OF RESIDENCY**

If a change of address has occurred the school requires evidence of residential address in the form of electricity bill, water/land rates, property title or property tenancy lease agreement. If you have not provided a form of evidence of residential address please provide one of these to the office by 15 March.

## **LIFE EDUCATION VISIT**

Please continue to bring in Life Education van notes and money. The cost is \$10 and there will be programs running for classes KM, KGF, 1/2S, 1G, 1/2AW, 1/2CR, 2HF, 3A, 3/4A, 3/4K and students in year 4 in 4/5P. All money and notes are due in by Friday 10 March.

## **DONATIONS FOR KBF CLASSROOM**

If anyone is having a clean out and has any of the following items KBF would greatly appreciate them. Toy kitchen cooking utensils, food, shopping trolley, till etc. Pram, highchair, cot for dolls, dolls and doll clothes, jigsaw puzzles, dress up clothes, train tracks, toy cars, car roads or tracks. Thanks in advance Christy Beveridge.

## **HEALTH CARE PLANS**

A number of Health Care Plans are due [or overdue] for review with a GP. Some students [particularly kindergarten or new students] may need their first Health Care Plan. Please see Michael Cheers or Laurel Astle if you require more information.

## **PRESCRIBED MEDICATION**

Please see the office should your child require prescribed medication whilst at school. Compliance with departmental policy involves the completion of a written and signed declaration including instructions for administration. Department policy states that non-prescribed medication is not to be administered at school.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Thurs 2 Mar	Mid North Coast Swimming
Fri 3 Mar	'Go Mad' [4 Students to Coffs Harbour]
Mon 6 Mar	P&C Meeting 7:00pm Staffroom
Tues 7 Mar	Mid North Coast AFL
Wed 8 Mar	North Coast Swimming Kempsey
Thurs 9 Mar	North Coast Cricket
Thurs 9 Mar	Summer Sessions P&C BBQ
Tues 14 Mar	North Coast AFL
14-15&20 Mar	Life Education K - 4
15-17 Mar	Year 6 Big Walk /Camp
Mon 20 Mar	Knock Out Cricket Vs Repton
Wed 22 Mar	Milo Cricket Day - Stage 2
Fri 24 Mar	Mid North Coast Rugby League
Fri 24 Mar	Cross Country-athon
27-31 Mar	Year 5 Excursion Lake Ainsworth
Mon 3 April	Mid North Coast Basketball
Tues 4 April	'Australia Changing Overtime' Visit.Perform
Thurs 6 April	School Photos 2017
Thurs 6 April	School Disco
Fri 7 April	Easter Hat Parade
Mon 25 April	ANZAC Day March - 10:30 Main Street

**ASSEMBLY:**

This week's assembly will be presented by 3/4K at 8.55am.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop will be open Wednesdays from 8:30am.

- Size 8 and Size 12 shirts currently out of stock it will be two weeks before stock arrives.
- Along with the gabardine skort for the girls we have stock in a lighter 'A'line skort made of cotton and spandex. No buttons for the littlies to battle with just a pull up elastic waist. Same price \$15.00 Sizes 4-6.

**SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL****NOW HAS 'SKOOLBAG'**

To install the app, just search for 'Skoolbag Sawtell Public School' in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Install the app and then find your school.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

School banking is every Wednesday. If you wish for your child to participate in school banking and do not have a Commonwealth Bank book, please organise a school bank account by visiting the Commonwealth Bank or by registering online at:

<https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html?ei=bc3>

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2017**

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