

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

26 APRIL 2017 — TERM 2 WEEK 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back. I can only hope that everyone in other occupations, on their return to work, is greeted with the cheerful hellos and smiles like I received this morning from students. We hear that our school has a reputation for inclusiveness and a welcoming culture. I felt that this morning as I was greeted by numerous happy faces.

The ANZAC DAY march in Sawtell was well attended by our school and other local schools. Thank you to the teachers and parents who were able to attend and support students. This is a special time when our community comes together for the common purpose of respect and giving thanks. Our students were most respectful and our choir lead the singing beautifully. Thank you also to Mrs Pollack and the band members who played the National Anthem.

This morning's school ANZAC service was also a time when students showed respect and awareness. Mr Burrage and Mr Bailey attended as special guests, with Mr Bailey playing the bugle with such expertise. They were both very impressed with our students.

We have the opportunity to have a fund raising day with a difference on 5 June. John Morrison is attempting to run 42 marathons in 42 days to raise money for Bravehearts and is running some of them on school grounds. This will be an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to run a lap or two with John and donate to the charity.

The school literacy team is researching the best practices in teaching spelling. Spelling was recognised as an area needing improvement for students. The outcome will be a new approach to spelling based on the latest research and experience of staff. Parents will be part of the process and have workshops on how best to support spelling at home.

No news on the start date for the building works as yet.

The school will be reviewing our discipline policy this term. Please start conversations with other parents, teachers and me about our current system of caution cards, levels and Level 'O'Days and their effectiveness in encouraging appropriate behaviours for students. There will be formal parental involvement as we have workshops on the policy.

The school will be holding two super concerts again this year to support the choir performing at the Opera House. There will be a day performance for students on 23 June and a night performance for adults only, on Saturday 24 June. If parents have a talent, or even more entertaining if you don't, get a group together and contact Mrs Pollack.

The term ahead is packed full of a variety of quality educational opportunities for our students including Naplan, '3 for the Sea' project, Waterwise event, live drama performances, eisteddfod, NAIDOC and Super concerts. It is also a term of many changes with the building projects and changes to our school administration system. Hang on and enjoy.

CROSS COUNTRY-ATHON

For Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 students turning 7 years old this year will be held this Friday 28 April 10am at the school flat. All parents are welcome [fingers crossed for a fine day!]

P&C SPORTS RAFFLE

Tickets are available from P&C members, Mr Cheers and at the school office. Tickets are \$10 each and limited to 1500 tickets. Choice of 3 PRIZES: Cricket bat signed by the captains of the ICC World 2016, 20/20 teams, \$800 Madness surfboard and small spring suit and 2016 NSW NRL State of Origin jersey, personally signed by Paul Gallon, team captain of NSW Blues.

CROSS COUNTRY-ATHON

Remember every \$10 sponsorship earns a ticket in the draw. Prizes include bodyboards, sports equipment, vouchers from local business and \$200 voucher from Sports A-Mart. New sponsorship can still be collected until 17 May the day before the prize draw which is now Thursday 18 May. All green sponsorship forms and money need to be returned by Thursday 17 May, even if you had no sponsors.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 28 April	North Coast Rugby League
Fri 28 April	K-1 Cross Country
Wed 3 May	'3 for the Sea' 9:00 am
Wed 3 May	Basketball Program Begins
Thurs 4 May	District Cross Country
Mon 8 May	Mid North Coast Touch Football
Mon 8 May	P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom
9-10-11 May	NAPLAN
10-12 May	Year 6 Camp North Beach
Fri 12 May	Waterwise
13-14 May	Coffs Harbour Show
Sun 14 May	Mother's Day
Thurs 18 May	Cross Country-athon Draw 9:00 am

ASSEMBLY:

No assembly will be presented this week.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

A large number of items have been handed into lost property, especially jumpers. Please ensure all items of clothing are marked clearly with names.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS TOORMINA PS

Toormina PS offers an opportunity class for Year 4 and 5 students. Important dates are as follows:

Wednesday 26 April 2017: Online applications open

Friday 12 May 2017: Online applications close

Wednesday 26 July 2017: Opportunity Placement Test.

Parents will be able to access the online application at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

CROSS COUNTRY-ATHON SPONSORS 2017

Sports Amart \$100 voucher x2,
Sawtell Hotel \$50 Dinner voucher x2,
Sawtell Lucky Seven \$90 vouchers,
OzJewell Sawtell \$70 necklace,
Tree of life Gifts, bath salts, soap,
Beaches@Sawtell \$75 Books,
Hearthfire Bakery \$20 Voucher x3,
Flowers on First \$30 Voucher x2,
Taste Restaurant \$50 Voucher,
Birch Carroll and Coyle 2x Cinema tickets,
Wholly Cow Café \$20 Vouchers x2,
Miss Minnie's Boutique Gifts,
Sawtell Post Office \$30 iTunes voucher,
Blooms Chemist Sawtell Gift pack x6,
Seven Seas Sawtell Gifts, bangles,
Parent \$10 Voucher from canteen,
Mr Cheers Lunch with Mr Cheers for 4 students.

HOW DO YOU USE BONVILLE AND PINE CREEK?

Coffs Harbour City Council needs your help to do a 5 minute survey to understand how you use the Bonville and Pine Creek estuary and find out any existing and potential issues. The results will help in the preparation of the Bonville and Pine Creeks Estuary Coastal Management Program that will guide the management of the estuary and provide for growth and development without putting at risk the natural, cultural, recreational and heritage features of the coast.

Our school has had an ongoing interest in the Little Terns which nest on Bongil Beach that is part of the study area so please take 5 minutes to do the survey.

The survey runs to 12 May, please go to

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BonvillePineCMP>

For enquiries please contact Sally Whitelaw on phone 6648 4673 or coffs.council@chcc.nsw.gov.au

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