



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

5 APRIL 2017 — TERM 1 WEEK 11

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you to everyone in our school community who has helped students with their schooling this term. Teachers are happily exhausted and ready for a well earned break. It is a joy to walk around our school and be greeted by happy engaged students who are not afraid to make mistakes and learn from those mistakes.

All Year 5 returned safe and sound from their stay at Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre, despite the weather event that unfolded on the Northern Rivers. This is a great facility with expert teachers that provide a week of physical activities including sailing, rock climbing, snorkelling, rope course and archery. But perhaps the best part is the friendships that develop as students live together for a week learning to be tolerant of each other, to support each other and find their personal limitations.

Thursday 6 April is school photo day. As always please give feedback on the quality of the product that you receive. Full school uniform with black shoes is required.

This term teachers are finalising Individual Learning Plans for students. This planning sets smart learning goals for students. Parents and students are involved in the development of these goals. Teachers will be phoning parents to discuss their child's goals. Parents of students who have special adjustments made to support their learning will be informed that their child will be included on the National Collection of Disability Data database. This information is used to inform government on funding for schools. If you wish to discuss any issues around ILPs and Disability Data information collection please call me.

This Thursday parents will receive a Social Report. This report reflects your child's and your child's teachers perceptions of how they are progressing socially and in their attitude towards school.

The disco will be held this Thursday evening 5:30 to 6:45pm for K-2 students and 7:00pm to 8:30pm for Years 3-6. The theme is 'History'.

This Friday's Easter hat parade is a great way to end the term with grade parades of lovingly made hats and a visit from the Easter Bunny. The parade begins at midday.

Easter raffle ticket sales are under way and will be drawn after the Easter Hat Parade on Friday at 12:30.

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. 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.

The conversion of the old hall to the library is getting closer as tradespeople access our site to inform their costings for tender submissions. The timeline for work to be under way is mid next term.

The school will be reviewing our discipline policy next 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 more formal parental involvement next term 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 school encourages all students to march on ANZAC DAY, 25 April, in the Sawtell main street. Students assemble at 10:30am to the east of the RSL club. The school ANZAC ceremony is on Wednesday 26 April, at 9:00am, first day back for students.

BAND NEWS

It has been an excellent first term for our school band. Mr 'K' inspires over 90 students each week. There are still some clarinets, flutes, trombones, cellos, trumpets and saxophones left to hire. Please see Miss Nicholson if interested.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - March

K/1S Hugo Chapman, KM Che Wenban, KBF Marlie Scott, 1G Evie Metcalf, 1/2CR Oscar Winchester, 1/2AW Ruby Werner, 2HF Kaitlyn White-Gregor, 3/4A Ethan Kenny, 3/4K Arlia Portus-Keen, 3A Claudia Simpson, 4/5P Sophie Hutchinson, 5N [to be awarded] 6B Lacey Hopkinson, 6W Tully Collins, LaSt Angus Gregory 1/2AW, Grace Ingram 1/2CR, Citizenship Award Jayden McDermid K/1S.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 6 April	School Photos 2017
Thurs 6 April	Social Reports
Thurs 6 April	School Disco - 'History' Theme
Fri 7 April	Easter Hat Parade
Mon 24 April	Teachers Return to School Term 2
Tues 25 April	ANZAC Day March - 10:30 Main Street
Wed 26 April	Students Return to School Term 2
Wed 26 April	School ANZAC Ceremony 9:00am

ASSEMBLY:

This week's assembly will be presented by 5N at 8.55am.

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs tomorrow Thursday 6 April. Please follow payment instructions as detailed. **NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT PAY ONLINE USING THE SAWTELL SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

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

I am continuing to receive prizes from local businesses supporting our cross country-athon. Every \$10 sponsorship earns a ticket in the draw. New sponsorship can still be collected, including over the school holidays, until 4 May the day before the prize draw which is Friday 5 May. All green sponsorship forms and money need to be returned by Thursday 4 May.

Cross Countryathon 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.

P&C NEWS

School Disco - Theme is 'History'

Thursday 6 April

5.30pm - 6.45pm (K-2)

7.00pm - 8.30pm (3-6)

Entry is \$5 per child and includes a packet of chips and a popper. P&C members will also be running a sausage sizzle to keep all fed and refreshed.

"We should consider every day lost on which we have not danced at least once."

Easter Raffle time

The annual Easter hat parade is on this Friday 7 April and the P&C will be running the Easter raffle which will follow the midday parade. Tickets are only 50c!!

Tickets will be on sale 8.30-9.00am that morning in the amphitheatre, through P&C members to capture those parents who are unable to attend the parade. Look for the rabbit ears and fluffy tails hopping around. Tickets will be sold from 11.00am as the P&C help setup at the school for the parade and raffles. Donations of Easter prizes still welcome and can be left at the school office. Did I mention tickets are only 50c!!

The P&C wishes all students, families and staff a safe and enjoyable holiday.

COMMUNITY NEWS**Small Steps Classes**

Now available in the new hall on Mondays 9:15 - 10:15. Toddlers and pre-schoolers \$10. Contact Sami 0420 323 507 Facebook - Small Steps - Sawtell.

Coffs Harbour Junior Rugby Union Club

Friday night competition. Round 1 commences 28 April. Call Kelly Hyndman 0406 528 282 - coffsjuniors@gmail.com

Free Aboriginal Bike Safety Workshop

Bray St Bike Safety Park April 10 9am-12noon. 5-12 years. Free minor bike repairs, checks, 3 r cycling skills workshop. Book now on 6622 5775 or 0418 150 217.


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