



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

14 JUNE 2017 — TERM 2 WEEK 8

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our dance groups performed to a very high standard at the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod last week. Some of the comments made by the judges were, "well thought out routine" and "great energy from everyone". The five groups achieved two Seconds, two Thirds and a Highly Commended.

Our choir will be competing in the Eisteddfod this Friday. The 60 strong group sang for us on assembly this morning. They have worked extremely hard and are a joy to listen to.

If you were unable to attend the last garden working bee, you will have another opportunity this Friday afternoon, 16 June from 3:00 to 5:00pm. I am unable to make the planned Sunday 18 June working bee.

I will be attending a Principals' Conference in Yamba on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 June. Mr Burkitt, Mrs Pollack, Miss Beveridge and Mrs McMahon will be sharing the big chair.

Lost property is now near the rear door of the office. The uniform shop will operate in the hallway outside my office on Wednesday mornings.

Currently teachers are busily writing Semester One reports. Reports go home at the end of the term. Teachers then organise a meeting with parents to discuss their child's progress.

Kinder Enrolments

We are now taking enrolments for kindergarten in 2018. Please contact the school for details and to make a meeting time to process enrolment with Mr Cheers. The school is currently closed to out of zone enrolments, except for siblings of students currently enrolled. Parents wishing to apply for out of zone enrolment, including siblings, need to complete the appropriate application forms.

NAIDOC Week

Toormina Primary School will be hosting NAIDOC week activities in the last week of term. On Monday 26 June our Year 6 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island (ATSI) Leaders and Captains and Prefects will accompany Mr Cheers to the opening ceremony. Activities have been organised for separate groups during the remainder of the week. Our ATSI students will be choosing a friend to take to the celebration days. Celebrations are on Tuesday 27 June (Years 1 & 2), Wednesday 28 June (Years 3 & 4) and Friday 30 June (Years 5 & 6). All students involved will receive a note. Our school will have a whole school NAIDOC celebration in Week One Term 3.

P&C NEWS

Next Monday 19 June is the **P&C Meeting** at 7pm in the staffroom. Come along and join, find out what is happening in the school and provide your own feedback into school plans. Everyone is welcome.

The P&C are holding a **Movie Night** on Wednesday 28 June and are also hosting a chilli -goods stall and BBQ at the **Sawtell Chilli Festival** on Saturday 1 July. Please leave all donations of chilli goods at the front office, along with clean empty jars with lids. Thank you to those who have already brought in donations of chilli relishes and jars. If you are able to volunteer with the BBQ, set-up or sales, please register by emailing sawtellpandc@gmail.com

P&C Sports Raffle

Get in the draw of the P&C Sports Raffle to win your chance of three fantastic sports 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 the Blues team captain Paul Gallen. Tickets are \$10 and limited to 1500 tickets which are available from P&C members, Mr Cheers and at the front office.

All funds raised from Raffle Tickets, Movie Night and Chilli Festival go directly back into supporting new school resources for your children to access and enjoy, so please support these events.

BUILDING NEWS

This week the builders are demolishing walls within the old hall and building a new wall at the rear of the canteen. This means that the canteen will be closed Thursday 15 and Friday 16 June. They are also expected to begin major works on the eastern end of the basketball court. The project is expected to be completed within 10 weeks. Please respect all fencing barricades and signs. The teachers' car park is now part of the work site.

ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be presented by 6W & KM.

WHALE EVENT

On 9 June this year there was a juvenile humpback whale beached on Sawtell beach. It had seemed like it was injured and lost. It was beached for about 2 days before its condition worsened over time and it sadly went to a better place. The whale had help from Dolphin Marine Magic rescue team but sadly that wasn't enough. They helped the whale using their time through the night and day. Sawtell School went on a trip down to see the whale. The whale had help from an extraordinary team of volunteers all the way from Coffs Harbour.

Written by Ben and Zach



Sawtell PS students visit the whale



Rescue Attempt

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 16 June	Choir Eisteddfod & Chess Competition
Fri 16 June	Working Bee 3-5pm
Mon 19 June	P & C Meeting
Tues 20 June	Staff Development 3-6pm - Spelling
Wed 21 June	Soccer Gala Day (Boys & Girls)
26 – 30 June	NAIDOC Celebrations, Toormina PS
Wed 28 June	P&C Movie Night
Thurs 29 June	Level 'O' day
Thurs 19 June	Reports home
Fri 30 June	Last Day of Term
Sat 1 July	Chilli Festival
Tues 18 July	First Day for Students, Term 3

REQUEST TO FINALISE ALL OUTSTANDING STUDENT PAYMENTS (BAND FEES, GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND OPERA HOUSE EXCURSION).

Sawtell School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account next term.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

We will not be able to accept payments between 25 August and 4 September as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one.

We seek your co-operation in order to achieve a smooth transition by ensuring all outstanding band fees (for the complete year of 2017) and general contributions are paid by 15 August.

Opera House Excursion

Please ensure all outstanding Opera House excursion payments are settled by the end of this term (30 June) as requested.

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