**SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"  
7 OCTOBER 2015 – TERM 4 WEEK 1

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Welcome to Term 4. It is great to see most of our students healthy again after a series of viruses last term. Highlights for the term include student assessments, reports, Cascade Camp (Yr4), Sydney Excursion (Yr6), the choir singing at the Opera House, Little Tern Community event as well as our regular end of year events. Please place the calendar on the back of this sheet on the fridge to help with planning.

The Little Terns Project is a community event that will help all of us to appreciate and help protect our local colony of Little Terns at the mouth of Bonville Creek. The students will be working with an artist from our community. (More information below)

Students can now see Mr Moore or Mr Cheers at lunchtimes in Mr Moore’s room, to collect and hand in BIRDO sheets. These sheets are skills development sheets that help anyone to improve their bird identification skills. Parents welcome to use them as well.

Many of our students are having lead auditions for the Bongil Bongil Musicale in June 2016. After school auditions students will then have to have auditions at Toormina High School. THS auditions commence next week and successful students from school auditions will get a timetable and further information.

With the UV very high could parents please ensure all students have a school hat. They are $15 at the office. Students without school hats must play under the basketball court cover but a hat is essential for other outdoor activities at school.

With the voting from families very close, on whether to have a daytime or night time Presentation Event, a final decision will be made at the P&C meeting on Monday night, after discussion.

As we look towards 2016 it is essential for our planning to know if families are leaving our school. Please inform the office or Mr Cheers if your family is leaving or if you know of anyone wanting to enrol in 2016. The school is currently closed to out of zone enrolments.

It will be great to kick off the term with the P&C Trivia Night on Saturday 17 October. I know some parents have been wearing their ‘Fairytale’ outfits all holidays.

**LITTLE TERNS PROJECT**

This term students from K-6 will participate in a community art-environmental project to help conserve and celebrate the endangered Little Tern birds. Students will need to start collecting empty 2L plastic milk cartons (please rinse out with water). The event will culminate in an exhibition at school and in the wider community as well as a parade at the Summer Sessions in November. Contact Emma Aspden for more information.

**SCHOOL PLAN 2016-17**

I will be holding planning sessions for parents on Monday 12 from 2:30-3:30pm. This is an open “pop in’ session where parents can share planning ideas with me. I will also be available from 6:00pm in the staffroom on the same day.

**BAND NEWS**

Please bring instruments this Friday.

**P&C NEWS**

Trivia night at the school is on Saturday October 17, 7pm start in the new hall. Theme Fairytales! Get your Trivia tables together - Tickets $10 per person. Tickets available at the front office. Purchased tickets remain valid for the new date. Please contact Emma on 0417 286 505 if you need a refund. The Trivia Night includes a number of games with prizes. If anyone or any business wishes to donate a suitable prize, it would be greatly appreciated - please drop it in at the office or contact M. Cheers.

The next P&C meeting / trivia committee meeting will be held next Monday, 12 October 7:00pm in school staff room. If you are available to help please come along.

We are also still seeking volunteers to help at the canteen. You can do a ‘breakfast’ or ‘lunch’ shift. Any assistance would be appreciated - please contact Tanya on 0437 522 070.

A committee is being formed to help develop a plan for the school grounds and buildings. If you are interested in being part of the committee please contact Tim Ruge (P&C Secretary) on 0424 743 033.

**YEAR SIX CAMP FUNDRAISING**

We just want to thank everyone who sponsored us on our 60km walk from Sawtell to Red Rock. We raised approximately $800 for our Year 6 camp and couldn’t be prouder. The walk started at 4:30am and finished at 6:30pm. We saw the sun rise and set and the blood moon climb over the ocean. The walk was a long, hard and had some challenges but we survived. Walking at high tide was the worst, as we had to walk in the soft sand, which was hard on our legs. Our coast is beautiful and there were beautiful hidden coves that would be so great to explore if you had time and there were very long beaches with lots and lots of sand. We also thank our mums who came along and supported us on this journey. Thanks James Hill & Will Lloyd.
SPORT REPORT
Good luck to our Boys Touch Team who play in Ballina tomorrow as they seek the title of North Coast champs.

BIG BIKE RIDE
Friday 9 October. Years 4, 5, 6 will be taking off on the Big Bike Ride to Coffs Harbour Jetty foreshores for BBQ (parents very welcome to join us for ride or BBQ). Please bring lots of water to drink. Must Haves: correctly fitted helmet, tensioned oiled chain, working brakes, tyres in good order and pumped and all bikes MUST have bell/horn. (This may be temporary). All bikes should be checked to ensure they are in good working order. Bike safety checks 8:40am.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Fri 9 Oct Big Bike Ride
Thurs 22 Oct Year 3 Camp
14-16 Oct Year 4 Cascade Camp
Mon 19 Oct Bird Count
Wed 4 Nov Sawtell Cinema Day
9-13 Nov Year 6 Sydney Excursion
Thurs 12 Nov Little Tern - Summer Session
Thurs 3 Dec Presentation Ceremony
Tues 8 Dec School Concert Night
Mon 14 Dec Year 6 Farewell
Tues 15 Dec Picnic Day

ASSEMBLY
This week’s Assembly 8:55am Friday: No assembly due to Big Bike Ride.

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