PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

After short break it is great to be back, especially when Miss Beveridge has the newsletter completed for me. I left Year 6 on their way to the zoo with tired parents and teachers after walking 30,000 steps yesterday as we visited the Power House Museum, Sydney Aquarium and Wax Museum followed by a stroll across Sydney Harbour Bridge at sunset.

This week is yet another busy week at Sawtell Public School! Please keep checking your children’s backpacks for notes as the next few weeks will continue to be very busy with intensive swimming, concert practice and end of year activities!

This Thursday 12 November our choir will be singing at the Sawtell Summer Session. They need to meet Mrs Pollack at 6:15pm and do not need to wear uniform. All other students are invited to join in the street parade and need to meet outside the RSL club at 6.30pm. Thank you once again to Mrs Emma Aspden for coordinating and working with our children to create all the marvellous Little Tern birds to be carried in the parade and the art pieces on display at the Art Gallery. Mr Ken Brookman is to be thanked too for his organisation and work on this project within our school. On Thursday the 12 and 19 November teachers will be walking their classes down to the Art Gallery to view the Little Terns Exhibition.

A big thank you to Miss Wilson for organising the Yr 3 camp last week, which went ahead in the school hall and with activities at school the next day due to the unfavourable weather for camping. Miss Wilson, Mr Moore and Mrs Arthur were very pleased with the behaviour of the children. We would also like to specially thank these three teachers for giving up their time to ensure the ‘camp out’ was such a success that could be enjoyed by our Year 3.

Today we held our Remembrance Day ceremony, a very significant day for all Australians when we observe a minute’s silence to remember all those that have fought for the freedom of our country. Staff would like to thank Mrs Liesl Nugent for her generous donation of poppy brooches for them to wear at our ceremony.

A reminder that there will be special encore performance by the choir that sang at the Sydney Opera House, on Thursday 19 November, commencing at 6pm, in the new hall.

WHOOPING COUGH INFORMATION

Please be aware that there have now been 3 confirmed cases of Whooping Cough in our school. Notes and information have been sent home outlining symptoms and what to do if your child has Whooping Cough.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING WEEK 7 & 8

Just a reminder that Intensive Swimming for Yr 1-2 (plus selective few from Yrs 3-6) starts next Monday 16 November and finishes Friday 27 November.

Yr 2-6 - will leave at 9am to walk to the pool. Children need to come to school in their swimming costume, school shoes and hats must be worn. Please make sure they pack their school uniform including underwear and a plastic bag for wet swimmers and towel.

Yr 1 - come to school like normal and go to class after morning assembly. At 9:50 the boys will get changed in 1H room and the girls will change in 1GC room. Hats and school shoes need to be worn. We will walk to the pool at 10:00am for our lesson at 10:30. No money is needed as children will not be allowed to go to the canteen there. We will have recess when we return.

Rash shirts and hats are compulsory - please make sure you have these. Swimming caps and googles are optional.

Money should have been paid last week - if you still need to pay the $30 please do so before this Friday. If you need assistance please contact the school.

WELCOME BACK LITTLE TERNS STREET PARADE

Is on this Thursday at Sawtell Summer Sessions from 5pm. Bird costumes, recycled plastic birds on sticks, kids’ performances, and public invited to make Little Tern beaks and feather head-dress and join in the parade! All parade participants will meet outside the RSL club at 6.30pm.

P&C NEWS

Help at the canteen: - Cherie urgently needs extra hands in the canteen for critical morning hours - from 8:30 or 9 to 10 would be fantastic. Please contact Tanya on 0437 522 070 or just turn up at the canteen. Please note the Canteen will be closed the last week of school - Monday 14, Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 December.

The P&C will be running a Christmas raffle on School Concert Night - Tuesday 8 Dec. Any people or businesses able to make a contribution to the raffle would be greatly appreciated.

Well done to the students at last week’s Movie Day - they raised $300 towards the Sawtell Cinema Seat - fantastic.

Next P&C meeting: Monday 30 November 7pm in Staffroom - special brain storming session for 2016! Got any suggestions or ideas for fundraising for next year? Please come along.
UPCOMING EVENTS
Thurs 12 Nov  Little Tern - Summer Session
16-27 Nov  Yr 1-2 Intensive Swimming
23-27 Nov  Kindergarten Intensive Swimming
Tues 17 Nov  2016 Captain/Prefect Speeches
Thurs 19 Nov  Airport Visit 3/4M & 5/6B
Thurs 3 Dec  Yr 6 High School Orientation Day
Fri 4 Dec  Presentation Day
Fri 4 Dec  Parents Thank You Morning Tea
Tues 8 Dec  School Concert Night
Mon 14 Dec  Year 6 Farewell
Tues 15 Dec  Picnic Day (7am - 1pm)
We 16 Dec  Last Day of Term

ASSEMBLY
This week’s Assembly 8:55am Friday:  3/4M

BOOKCLUB
Bookclub orders due by this Friday 20 November.

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesday mornings from 8:30 am. Should you be unable to attend the Uniform Shop during these hours, order forms are available at the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Preschool & toddler “Move to Learn” classes are on in the old hall on Mondays 9:15 - 10am. Classes include gymnastics, gross motor exercises, learning readiness & plenty of fun! $10 casual class. Sami Small Steps 0420 323 507.