Weather Warning for Mid North Coast

There are current predictions that a severe weather warning may be heading towards the Mid North Coast and Northern Rivers areas tomorrow. In preparation for this I urge you to consider the safety of our students and others when travelling to and from school. If you require information or assistance during floods, phone the SES on 132 500. For life-threatening emergencies phone 000 immediately.

ANZAC Day

Last week our school joined with the rest of Australia in ceremonies marking the 100th anniversary of ANZAC Day. On Friday our school leaders ran an ANZAC Assembly where the children spoke of the ANZAC story and how we use the day to remember all of our service men and women and the sacrifices they made across so many wars and conflicts. Brenton Knight from the Coffs Harbour Senior College played the Last Post. The excellent behaviour of the children in the audience ensured it was a very dignified and respectful assembly.

On Saturday over 50 children turned up to march in school uniform at the Sawtell RSL ANZAC Day march. The children were an absolute credit to our school, being on their best behaviour and showing the Diggers and wider community that here at Toormina PS, we care. I would like to thank the families of our marchers, for helping so many children participate, on a Saturday.

School Gates

As a result of a recent Workplace Health and Safety audit it has been decided that the school gates located at Alleena Drive will be locked from 9.15 am to 2.30 pm every school day. This will be done to ensure the safety for all children and employees of Toormina PS and Toormina HS.

Annual Cross Country Carnival

On Friday this week we will be holding our annual cross country carnival. This carnival is held to help select children who will represent our school at the district PSSA carnival, which will take place on Friday 22nd May. This event is open to children who are aged 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13 years. It is also open to children who will turn 8 this year. We are encouraging everyone to take part in this event, regardless of their running ability. To add some incentives we will be allocating participation points to each child, to go toward the house competition and there will be some lucky draw prizes from within each house. We are hoping the weather will be kind, but in the event of it being less than pleasant we will endeavour to provide as much notice of any postponement as early as possible. Please check for updates on the P&C facebook page.

OC Placement

Parents of students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 must submit their application between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015. Late applications will not be accepted.

The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

There are no paper applications. Parents without internet access can go to a public library to complete their online application. You are welcome to come into the office to pick up an Application Information form for more information.

All students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 will be required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

3/4 Indigo

3/4 Indigo celebrated ANZAC day on Friday at the school ceremony and then after discussions about soldier rations and living conditions, we decided to make our own biscuits. We all took turns measuring and mixing, rolling and baking, before we tasted our own version of the ANZAC biscuit. We were all very glad we didn’t have to eat them under the same conditions as the soldiers did. Lest we forget.

(photos above)
Assembly News

This week’s assembly was quite brief due to fantastic ANZAC assembly held last Friday. During the assembly the teachers were able to reward those students who have come back from holidays and settled back in to school well. Next week’s assembly we will recognise the fantastic athletic efforts of our cross country competitors with the ribbons being handed out. This week’s main awards went to:

- Environmental Award: 1L
- Class of the Week: 6E
- Captains Award: Erin Crawley

P&C News

MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS

It’s hard to believe it’s term 2 already and at school, it’s ALL about our wonderful mums, step-mums & grandmas! Firstly Wednesday 6th May, it’s our annual ‘Mothers Day Stall’, full of pretty and exciting surprises for ladies of all ages and tastes. This year items will be priced at $5, $2 & $1 and we will have some smaller & cheaper gifts available too. So raid those piggy banks kids and get ready to shop with us on Wednesday at 9.30am (after morning assembly).

“MOTHERS DAY B.L.T. BREAKFAST/RAFFLE”

Our Committee is very excited this year to again be hosting a breaky for our mums/carers, on Friday 8th May (DETAILS INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER)

Please return your orders/money by next Wednesday (for catering purposes) & we look forward to seeing you at school for a special breakfast with your child/ren.

P&C “2015 MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS”

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Our annual fundraising Mothers Day stall will be held on Wednesday 6th May from 9.30am. This year we have many new & gorgeous gifts, most priced at $5, that are perfect for mums/grandma’s of all ages. NB: We will also have some smaller & less expensive items (priced at $1 & $2). So please send money to school with your children on Wednesday 6th.

MOTHERS DAY B.L.T BREAKFAST & RAFFLE

Our Committee is again looking forward to treating our MUMS! So ladies we ask you to please join us on Friday 8th May from 7.45am for a delicious B.L.T. breakfast roll (bacon, lettuce & tomato), tea/coffee & juice for just $6. Please for catering purposes, we ask you to return the pre-order form below (NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 6th MAY with your payment) to our front office.

Please note: This offer extends to all mums, step-mums, aunties & grandma’s who would like to come along and share a special breakfast with their child/ren.

Every breakfast order also goes in our raffle draw for a gorgeous “MUM’S Pamper Pack” (Valued at $150) kindly donated by Terry White chemists (Park Beach Plaza)

Pre-Order form – P&C 2015 Mothers Day B.L.T Breaky”

Student/Family Name: .................................................................
Class/s:..............................................
Number of B.L.T rolls ($6 each) ......................
Total Cost:................................. (money enclosed)
Time: (Please circle what time you would like service) 7.45 – 8.00am, 8.00 – 8.30am, 8.30 – 9.00am

(Orange/Apple juice will served on the day and mayonnaise, tomato & B.B.Q sauce also be available to accompany your fresh B.L.T roll.) We look forward to seeing you at school for this Special day.
VISITING PERFORMANCE

Dinosaur Science Show
An exciting show with lashings of humour, loads of audience participation and huge scale models (up to 2 metres high) designed to "wow" even the most cynical students and unearth their inner paleontologist.

Wednesday 27th May
Cost: $5.50 per student
Special Family Discount for Families with more than 2 children.
Please complete the permission note from last week's newsletter and return to CLASS TEACHERS by Friday 22nd May

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos
Unfortunately MSP Photography have had delays due to printing and laminating issues. Individual and Class photos will be sent home as soon as possible but at this stage it won't be until later this term. MSP Photography apologises for the delay.

Stewart House envelopes will be sent home today with the newsletter. Simply place a $2 coin inside envelope, complete details on the back and return to the school asap.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sawtell Uniting Church at 24 Elizabeth St Sawtell, will be hosting The Watoto Children's Choir on Saturday 23rd May 2015. Commencing at 3pm.

We would like to invite you to this free concert so you and your family and friends can experience a new sound coming out of Africa - the amazing Watoto Children's Choir. The children will be presenting their latest concert, "Oh What Love". Everyone is welcome! Bring your mum, bring your kids, and enjoy some time with the Watoto family. **THIS IS A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**

There will be opportunity to support the ministry of Watoto and the choir should you desire to do so, either through a donation, or by purchasing merchandise supplied by Watoto before or after the concert. We look forward to you joining us.

Capacity in the building is limited to 200, so to ensure a seat bookings are necessary and can be made by contacting Maureen 0418662706.