

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

12 October 2016 — TERM 4 WEEK 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term Four is upon us. Teachers have planned the term which, as always, is a dynamic time. Early this term teachers will be presenting formal testing to students to help inform reporting to parents and to help students identify areas in which they need to improve. There are many formal activities this term including Kindergarten Orientation, Grandparents Day, the Choir singing at the Opera House, Year 6 and Year 4 excursions, Presentation Day and the school concert. PLEASE READ THE UPCOMING EVENTS to help you plan for school occasions.

The Minifete was a great success last term, with a combined effort making over \$1500.

I have been completing many enrolment interviews for students entering Kindergarten in 2017. If you know of any students commencing school in 2017 please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible. There is a formal process for out of zone enrolments that includes a committee reviewing each application and making a decision on enrolment. The committee includes the president of the P&C. Kindergarten Orientation Day is next Friday 21st October.

Mrs Steyne will be presenting Italian lessons to Kindergarten and Year 2 students for the first five weeks of this term. This was a successful program last year and the students are excited about learning more about Italian language and culture. Bellissimo!

Most of today was spent with Department of Education officials and Mr Ruge from the P&C making final plans for building projects for 2017. The parent surveys reflected that 30 families wanted the library moved to the old hall but many did not want to move the canteen. 15 families preferred to leave the library and canteen as they are. Final decisions have not yet been made however DOE officials are at the point of doing the maths to see what is possible. We will have further discussion at the P&C on Monday evening. Please come along if you want a more detailed update on the building projects.

We are beginning to plan classes for next year. Can you please inform the school if your children are leaving. If you have any requests regarding class placement for 2017 please contact me for a conversation before the end of November. Sometimes parents have information that we are unaware of that can impact on student learning and relationships.

We are celebrating Grandparents Day on Monday 24 October. We will be having a special assembly at 12:00 followed by grandparents being invited to bring a picnic lunch to have with their grandchildren.



Grandparents Day will have more meaning for me this year as during the holidays I joined Mrs Pollack and Mrs Knight in becoming a grandparent. Of course my baby granddaughter is perfect. For many of you waiting for your children to grow up and follow their life paths it is such a joy to see them reach life milestones like having children. It is also great to know that they too are now having interrupted sleep and having to endlessly change nappies. Such is life!

KIDS MATTER SURVEYS

Sawtell Public School is a 'Kids Matter School' which means that children's wellbeing and their sense of belonging in the school is extremely important to us. Over the next few weeks all students and staff will complete surveys which will provide information to us on how we are progressing in the program and more importantly where we need to focus next in the future.

There is also a Parent Survey that we are hoping parents can complete as your thoughts and opinions are greatly valued. It can be completed online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey. I have attached an information letter to today's newsletter should require further information. Thank you in anticipation Dean Burkitt.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 17 Oct	P&C - 7pm
	School assessments begin
19-21 Oct	Year 4 Cascade Excursion
Fri 21 Oct	Kindergarten 2017 Orientation
Mon 24 Oct	Grandparents Day
Tues 1 Nov	Opera House Concert
Wed 9 Nov	Big Bike Ride
14-18 Nov	Year 6 Sydney Excursion
Thur 17 Nov	Year 3 Camp (school hall)
Tues 22 Nov	Captains' speeches (boys)
Wed 23 Nov	Captains' speeches (girls)
Wed 7 Dec	School Concert
Fri 9 Dec	Presentation Day
Mon 12 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
Thurs 15 Dec	Picnic Day

ASSEMBLY:

This week's assembly will be presented by 3/4K on **Friday 14** at 8.55am.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday at 8:30am. The lost property has **eleven jumpers** with no names on them, please check lost property if you are missing any.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH – September

KS Liam Moore KM Alex Stuart KGB Angus Gregory
 1/2H Eryn Sandry 1CR Charlotte Van Dartel
 1W Elsie Harrington 2/3AF Flynn Hall 2AN Lilly Ingram
 3/4K Creed Smart 3A Lilli Larken
 4/5P Audrey Van Schellebeck 5/6B Maddison Moffitt
 5/6W Lewis McCartney
 LaST Saige Dungay Robel Okubasenbet Grebrezga
 Library Saige Dungay
 Citizenship Award Peyton Winchester 5M

P&C NEWS

Welcome back to Term 4. The P&C will be having a general meeting next **Monday 17 October at 7pm** in the staffroom - anyone is welcome to attend.



Please note the canteen menu can be viewed on the school website on the 'Parents & Citizens' page.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bird-watching Events

There are a number of bird-watching events coming up this term:

- 1) The Aussie Backyard Bird Count (17th - 23rd October)
 - To get involved all you need is 20 minutes, your favourite outdoor space, and some keen eyesight. Simply record the birds you see on our Aussie Bird Count app or through the website at <http://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>. You need to register at this website as well. You can complete as many counts as you like over the week - so get your friends and family together, head into the great outdoors and start counting!
 The school will be registering a team and counting at school each day.
- 2) National Twitchathon - Birdathon (29th/30th October) - There has been a number of changes this Year. Junior teams may enter any of the races with exciting prizes for the winning teams and best fundraisers, both in the under 16 and under 10 categories. Junior teams must always be accompanied and supervised by an adult, who should be treated as a non-competitor where possible as per the race rules. Entry forms and race details are available from Mr Cheers, Mr Moore or the school office. Return by Friday 21st October.
- 3) Students can still be building their skills by completing their Sawtell Public School BIRDO sheets which are available from Mr Moore or Mr Cheers.

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