

# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"**

**19 October 2016 — TERM 4 WEEK 2**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Yesterday three of our senior classes took part in lessons conducted by Ability Links. The idea behind this program is to break down barriers between people with disabilities and for our students to take part in activities that challenge their abilities. All students from Year 1 through to Year 6 will have opportunities to participate in the program and activities over the next few weeks. We have had three classes participate and there are positive affects evident within our senior students.

At times our problems and issues seem insurmountable but when we take the time to reflect and put things into perspective our lives and opportunities are wonderful. How lucky are we to have what we have! Focus on the positive.

Thirty very excited Year 4 students headed off to Cascade Field study centre this morning with Mr Brookman, Mrs Bell-Chambers and some very eager parents. They will return on Friday afternoon.

Teachers and students continue to be very busy with assessments. The choir will be performing in week four at the Opera House. This will be a wonderful experience for all of them and a great reward for all their effort. Italian lessons for Kindergarten and Year 2 commence tomorrow with Mrs Steyne. Bellissimo!

We are looking forward to Grandparents' day on Monday. Grandparents play such an important role within our society and importantly within our school. Whilst many grandparents are those who spoil and love us during birthdays, Christmas and assembly items there are also those who go well beyond taking on the role of parent and carer. Grandparents can be very special people in our lives and we hope that on Monday we can see lots of grandparents enjoying our assembly, visiting classrooms and having a picnic lunch in the playground.

Kindergarten Orientation Day is this Friday 21 October.

I have been continuing to complete 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.

Bongil Bongil Community of Public Schools Speaking competition is on Tuesday next week. We would like to wish Billie Denman, Alex Cheers Flavell, [stage three], Kiara Wishnowsky, Ella Chowdhury, [stage two], Emily Westman and Jessica Peters, [stage one] the very best of luck.

## GRANDPARENTS DAY

Dear Grandparents,  
You are invited to Grandparents' Day

**When:** Monday 24 October 2016

**Where:** Sawtell Public School

**Time:** 12:00pm

*There will be an assembly held in the new hall, followed by classroom visits and a picnic lunch. Please bring fold up chairs, picnic rug and food.*



## CAN YOU SEW?

We need girls' tutus and boys' pants with an elastic waist [in various sizes] made for the end of year concert. Please see Mrs Pollack if you can assist.



## BAND FEES FOR 2016

The school band will be performing at the school assembly Friday 25 November. If your child receives music tuition Term 4 could you please ensure all fees have been paid.

## 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](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey) I have attached an information letter to today's newsletter should you require further information. Thank you in anticipation Dean Burkitt.

UPCOMING EVENTS

19-21 Oct	Year 4 Cascade Excursion
Fri 21 Oct	Kindergarten 2017 Orientation
Mon 24 Oct	Grandparents Day 12:00pm
Tues 25 Oct	Bongil Bongil Public Speaking
Fri 28 Oct	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kindergarten 2017 Orient. 11:30 - 12:30
Tues 1 Nov	Opera House Concert
Mon 5 Nov	P&C Meeting - 7:00pm in the Staffroom
Wed 9 Nov	Big Bike Ride
Fri 11 Nov	Remembrance Day
14-18 Nov	Year 6 Sydney Excursion
Thurs 17 Nov	Year 3 Camp [school hall]
Sat 19 Nov	Bingo Night - [Adults only]
21 Oct-2 Dec	Intensive Swimming Kindergarten
Tues 22 Nov	Captains' speeches [boys]
Wed 23 Nov	Captains' speeches [girls]
Fri 25 Nov	School Band Assembly
Tues 6 Dec	2017 Year 7 High School Orientation
Wed 7 Dec	School Concert
Fri 9 Dec	Presentation Day
Mon 12 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
Thurs 15 Dec	Picnic Day
Fri 16 Dec	Talent Quest

ASSEMBLY:

This week's assembly will be presented by Kindergarten at 8.55am.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday at 8:30am.

P&C NEWS

Keep the following dates free this term more details to come):

- School Disco - Thursday evening on 1 December



- Bingo night (adults night) - Saturday evening 19 November.



We need a helper this Friday at the Kindy orientation day to help with selling uniforms - please contact Adele if you can help (M 0434 291 120).

Laura still needs helpers at the canteen. Grab a friend and turn up in the morning at 8:30/9:00 or around 11:00 if you can't make it earlier.

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

COMMUNITY NEWSBird-watching Events

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

- 1) The Aussie Backyard Bird Count (17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October)  
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.
- 2) National Twitchathon - Birdathon (29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> October) Entry forms and race details are available from Mr Cheers, Mr Moore or the school office. Return by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

Toormina Community Preschool 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Toormina Community Preschool is celebrating 40 years, with a great family fun day, November 5 11am - 3pm at the Sport & Recreation Club, Toormina. Jumping castle, face painting, activities and prizes. \$5 for adults, kids free. Bring gold coins to play. All money raised goes towards our new classroom.

Halloween Disco - Dress-up

Thursday 27 October 2016

Girl Guide Hall, Minorie Drive, Toormina.

5-8 year olds 4:30-6:00pm

9-14 year olds 6:30-8:00pm

Cost \$5 includes chips & drinks.

Sausage Sizzle \$2.50 6:00-6:30pm



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