

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

14 December 2016 — TERM 4 WEEK 10

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As I reflect on the past year two things fill my mind. Firstly how hard our teaching and support staff work and how much they care about students. Secondly I think about individual students and the faces they have when they know that they have achieved something. This can be academic or sporting achievement or the knowledge that they have made someone's day better by entertaining them or helping them with a problem.

Thank you to everyone who has helped build the wonderful relationships we have across our school community. This takes effort and understanding. It is no wonder that our children shine.

The school has celebrated the year in style with a Presentation Assembly that highlighted student achievement and a concert that was enjoyed by all, both audience and performers.

Reminder that Picnic Day tomorrow is a mufti day but all students need to have effective sun protection as well as a rashshirt for swimming, (no singlets or strap tops and no caps). See you at 7:00am at Sawtell Reserve, near the swimming pool. **Friday is normal school uniform.**

I suggest we all take the next few weeks to clear our minds and charge our internal batteries as we head into a couple of years of change. There will be a change of staff, including a new principal in 2018, change in the way we financially manage the school, a new School Plan which will last for 3 years from 2018, and a change in the physical appearance of the school with building projects including the library moving to the old hall.

For some, change and the unknown are exhilarating for others it creates worry. Be assured that the school will keep the whole school community well informed of the changes afoot and ask for input at every opportunity.

These are exciting times - a time for collaboration, innovation and leadership building. Sawtell PS will always remain a school where students are the focus.

Have a joyous Christmas with friends and family.



COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

A small group of students from each class have been working alongside Emma Aspden to create a community art project for the Art Urunga exhibition. The sculpture will reflect a theme of environmental awareness and sustainability. Sawtell Public School students have learnt about the negative effects of plastic bags on our marine environment. The artwork will be displayed at the 'Sculpture in the Park' exhibition at Urunga on Sunday 15th January 2017, at Riverside Park (opposite the Ocean View Hotel).

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - December

KS Monica Mills, KM Liam Martin, KGB Tayla Lukey,
1/2H Abby Timms, 1CR Milla Bennett, 1W Kobi Webster,
2/3AF Tehya Vine, 2AN Koby Werner, 3/4K Ella Coote,
3A Arla Aspden, 4/5P Pollyanna Elliott, 5M Charlotte Lewis,
5/6B Cori Garner, 5/6W Maddison Hay,
LaST Morgan Kenny, Coco O'Donnell, Library Aiden Vine.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 15 Dec Picnic Day (7am - 1pm)
 Fri 16 Dec Talent Quest
 2017
 Fri 27 Jan Teachers Return to School
 Mon 30 Jan Students Return to School
 Thurs 6 April School Photos 2017

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will re-open Wednesday 1 February 2017 at 8:30am.

LOST PROPERTY

A REMINDER to please check for lost property in the old hall outside the canteen. The pile is still there and especially after the swimming weeks. There are lots of towels, rash vests and school jumpers - please check now. Remember to please label all belongings.

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NOW HAS 'SKOOLBAG'

Skoolbag is a School Mobile App providing an easy way to communicate with parents and carers. View school news, newsletters, events calendar and school information. To install the app, just search for 'Skoolbag Sawtell Public School' in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. For Windows 8.1 or 10 users search for Skoolbag in the Windows Store and install the app and then find your school.

BONGIL BONGIL SCHOOLS WALK FOR THE HEART FOUNDATION

Our local Bongil Bongil Community of Schools is organising a walk from Park Beach to Moonee on Saturday 21 January. The walk will start at 8am and there is a free bus back to Park Beach. The cost for adults to participate is \$20 and everyone is encouraged to wear red.

**P&C NEWS**

Thanks for all your support at our fundraising events and special thanks to the volunteers and the P&C team.

These events help us raise funds to support a fantastic school. About \$4000 was given to the school to provide the kids and teachers with classroom equipment, an air conditioner and as contribution to creating the school masterplan. Contributions have also been made to assist our sporting representatives, support the choir Sydney trip and for art supplies for the wonderful banners and decorations at the bush dance.



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