

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

11 OCTOBER 2017 — TERM 4 WEEK 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is great to have most staff and students back healthy, full of energy and flu free.

Kindergarten will be having an orientation day next Friday 20 October at 9:00am. Parents have a meeting with community and school members while students get together for the first time.

Ms Turnbull, Mrs Hurry and Mrs Pollack have returned from travelling the world. Mrs King will be on leave for two weeks. She is replaced by Mr Forbes.

Our Public Speaking Stage winners will be competing in the Bongil Bongil Public Speaking on Tuesday 24 October.

The choir is excited about their performance at the Opera House on Tuesday 7 November.

This term Year 4 spend two nights at the Cascade Field Study Centre and Year 6 venture off to Sydney for a week.

Two very important dates are Tuesday 6 December (School Concert 6pm) and Friday 8 December (Presentation morning 9:00am). Keep an eye on our school calendar in the newsletter for other important events. The best way is through our Skoolbag App.

Please be aware that the Summer Session and the fig trees birthday celebrations has been postponed until Thursday 9 November.

Current numbers of kindergarten for 2018 are about 40. This will mean 2 kinder classes. Enrolment numbers change daily and we are close to having 14 classes again in 2018.

Mrs Murray, Director Public Schools has asked for a meeting of the panel to produce the advertisement for the new principal. The panel consists of a parent representative organised by the P&C, a teacher representative, a member of our Aboriginal community, a principal from another school and Mrs Murray as Director. The meeting will be this Friday at Sawtell PS. The school community will know who the new principal is about mid Term 4. This will allow time for a smooth transition.

Just as all parents who spend time with students at school have to have a working with children check, all staff are to have WWCC numbers by 17 November this year or they will not be allowed at work or get paid. If parents are thinking of supporting excursions they will need to have a WWCC number. While staff have to pay this is free for volunteers on the

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/> website.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER

K/1S Zoe Lloyd, KM Archer Jones, KBF Isabell Kelly, 1G Goldie Peirce, 1/2CR Milla Bennett, 1/2AW Jensen Collins, 2HF Amelie Ruge, 3/4A Emily Westman, 3/4K Ella Shea, 3A Chloe Lebrocq, 4/5P Flynn Hall, 5N Kundi Kemp, 6B Aleisya McLeod, 6W Summah Lukey, LaST Jordan De Almeida, Morgan Kenny, Citizenship Award Joel Harmey.

ABSENCE NOTES

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. If you have an outstanding day absence, could a note explaining reason for absence be sent to the school as soon as possible.

BULIDING NEWS- Wahoo!

The library refurbishment, basketball roof extension and the staffroom refurbishment have all been completed. There are just a few finishing touches to go and some organisational action needed from staff. 4/5P and 5N classrooms are having the ceilings painted this Thursday/Fri and next Thurs/Fri. These classes will have lessons in the new library on the days their classrooms are being painted. There is still some work to be done on raising the walkway roof outside the library and on the gardens.

NEW LIBRARY



Students reading and stretching out in the new library!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 18 Oct	Water Wise Show Kinder to Year 2 2:00pm
Fri 20 Oct	Kinder 2018 Orientation Day 8:55
Tues 24 Oct	Bongil Bongil Public Speaking
6-8 Nov	Opera House Choir to Sydney
Thurs 9 Nov	Summer Sessions - Fig Tree Birthday 4:30pm
13-17 Nov	Year 6 Sydney Excursion
21-23 Nov	Year 4 Cascade Camp
Wed 29 Dec	Scripture Concert 1:35pm
Fri 1 Dec	P&C Retirement 'Do' for Mr Cheers, Mrs McMahon & Ms Turnbull - Boambee Bay Reserve 5-7pm
Mon 4 Dec	Dress Rehearsal for School Concert
Tues 5 Dec	School Concert Night 6:00pm
Fri 8 Dec	Presentation Assembly 9:00am - 11:00am
Mon 11 Dec	Year 6 Farewell 6:00pm
Wed 13 Dec	Reports Home
Thurs 14 Dec	Picnic Day 7:00am - 1:00pm
Fri 15 Dec	Last Day of Term for Students Talent Quest from 11:15am

ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be 2HF at 8:55am.

UNIFORM SHOP

During renovations the Uniform Shop will be operating from the office foyer, Wednesdays from 8:30am.

BOOK CLUB

All book club orders must be handed into the office by Friday 20 October. Thank you.

FURNITURE FOR SALE

Due to the school receiving new furniture we have a number of old chairs, bookshelves and sundry furniture superfluous to our needs. These goods are being placed in the cola of the hall and will be for sale this Friday 13, between 10:00am and 11:00am and from 2:00pm till 3:00pm. See Mr Cheers and make an offer.



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P&C NEWS

Special Presentation

Next Friday 20 October, the P&C will make a special presentation to the school during the morning assembly. This will already compliment a special day with the Kinder 2018 orientation and assembly item presented by this year's Kinder. We remain tight lipped as to the presentation and encourage all parents to attend to witness this occasion.

P&C SPORTS RAFFLE - can you help sell tickets?

Tickets are still available from P&C members, Mr Cheers and at the school office. We are seeking parents to collect a book (or three) from the office to sell within their community and workplaces. This will be drawn this year!! Tickets are \$10 each and limited to 1500 tickets. Choice of 3 prizes: Cricket bat signed by the captains of the ICC T20 2016 World Cup, \$800 Madness surfboard and small spring suit, and a 2016 NRL NSW State of Origin jersey, personally signed by Captain Paul Gallen.

YEAR 6 TASTER LESSONS AT THS

The Year 6 students have been invited to visit Toormina High School for taster lessons. Which is where you are treated like a high schooler for the afternoon with the choice of subjects such as drama, LOTE and food technology. We are all very excited to go to the high school!

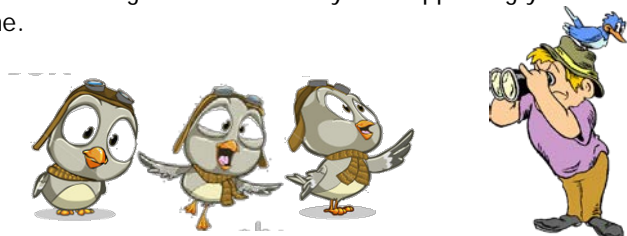
Ella, Aleisya and Lilly 6B

BIRDWATCHING/ TWITCHATHON/BIRDATHON

Birdwatching/ Twitchathon/Birdathon 28 and 29 October. From tomorrow students have the opportunity to collect birdwatching sheets. These BIRDO sheets are a skill building program that gradually develops bird identification skills in keen nature lovers. Sheets will be available from Mr Cheers in the library at lunchtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each year we have teams of students and families compete in the Twitchathon now called the Birdathon (birdwatching competition). I suggest family teams enter the Birdathon which is 3 one hour timeslots, as the Twitchathon is more for the crazier birdwatching types.

You will find the **Registration Forms, PRIZES and Rules** for each race category available for download at the website: <https://www.birdlifetwitchathon.org.au>
Direct your generous donation to the fundraising website: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/twitchathon-nsw-act-2017>

Ask them to donate by following the links, and to **type your team's name into the comments box** when they donate, so that we as organisers know they are supporting your team. The.



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