



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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15 NOVEMBER 2017 — TERM 4 WEEK 6

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Exciting news for Sawtell Public School - Mr Michael Hepi has been appointed, pending appeal, as the new principal, starting in 2018. Many of the school community know him already as a Bongil Bongil principal, having worked with him during the Musicale and at sports carnivals. He is principal of Bonville Public School but is currently relieving principal at Toormina Public School. Mr Cheers will be meeting with Mr Hepi to ensure a smooth transition as he takes over leadership of our wonderful school.

Mr Cheers has been informed by staffing that the Department of Education will be placing one teacher in a position at Sawtell Public School in 2018 and we can now advertise another position. The panel met last Thursday to write the advertisement. We look close to forming 14 classes in 2018 as we have had in 2017. A small variance in numbers could see a reduction to 13 classes. As usual the numbers are close and we will not know full staffing numbers until student numbers settle in the first week of 2018.

After stunning success at the Opera House last week: our musical fame continues to grow. Last night all fifty-six Year 6 students broke into song when a pianist at the QVB in Sydney started playing a song they all knew.

Another choir, with many new students, began rehearsing yesterday for Presentation Day, the Summer Sessions and the Gadabout's Christmas party.

Library borrowing will finish this week to allow for the end of year stocktake. Please return all books by the end of next week.

As we look towards next year would families please inform the school if they are leaving next year or if they know of any students coming next year who are not yet enrolled.

We will be having a visit from a free dental van from 20 November. Forms have been sent home and should be returned to the school. **Forms are due back at school this Friday 17 November.** Please see the school office for extra forms.

Upcoming events include our Presentation Assembly to be held on Friday 8 December in the hall from 9:00am - 11:00am. All students attend this event in full school uniform. Families with students receiving awards on the day will be informed prior to the day. This year the Parent Helper Morning Tea will be hosted by staff following the Presentation Assembly.

On Thursday 14 December the school's Picnic Day will begin at the Sawtell Reserve starting at 7:00am usually with a game of cricket.

The students and staff walk across to the Sawtell Pool shortly after, ready for a few hours of fun. Students who catch buses will be supervised by teachers walking to the pool and back to school in the afternoon. Families will pick up students going home from the pool at 1:00pm. There will be updates regarding these events closer to the time.

Due to an illness of one of the organisers this Friday's chess competition has been postponed to next year.

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.

This is free for volunteers on the <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/> website.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING-CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS

Intensive swimming for Years 1 and 2 students began this week with huge success. Children were wonderful at listening and waiting patiently.

If your child is in Year 1 and would like to order lunch from the canteen, Amelia has asked that 'Lucky Lunch Packs' only be ordered please, as their lunches need to be ready at 12pm. Also please label lunch bags clearly with Year 1. Thank you for your cooperation.

SOUND OF MUSIC

Sawtell Public School is very proud of two of our talented students, Lillian Cruwys and Amelie Ruge who have starring roles in the latest production currently showing now at the Jetty Theatre.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete the questionnaire that was previously sent home, your feedback will help inform the 2018-2020 school plan and the 2017 annual school report. The form is available via Skoolbag app.

CAN YOU SEW/ OR CUT OUT/ DRAFT A PATTERN?

We purchased lots of black material to make simple elastic top pants for our costumes but require a talented person to draft the pattern [we have a sample], cut out and sew these pants. Please see Mrs Pollack or Miss Nicholson if you can help.

MEDICATION REGISTER

Please let the office or Mrs Laurel Astle know if there has been any change to your child's long term medication whether taken at school or at home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 13-17 Nov Year 6 Sydney Excursion
- Intensive Swimming Years 1 and 2
- 20-24 Nov Dental Van
- 21-23 Nov Year 4 Cascade Camp
- 23-24 Nov Year 3 Overnight Camp
- Mon 27 Nov Captain and Prefects Speeches
- P&C Meeting Staffroom 7pm
- Tues 28 Nov Surf Safety Year 6
- Wed 29 Dec Scripture Concert 1:35pm
- Fri 1 Dec Choir to Sing at Gadabout's Lunch
- 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 Year 6 O'Day Toormina High School
- School Concert Night 6:00pm + P&C Sports Raffle Draw
- Fri 8 Dec Presentation Assembly 9:00am - 11:00am
- Parent Thank You Morning Tea
- Book Fair - Library Official Opening
- Mon 11 Dec Year 6 Farewell 6:00pm
- Wed 13 Dec Reports Home
- Thurs 14 Dec Picnic Day 7:00am - 1:00pm
- Summer Sessions - Xmas Performance
- Fri 15 Dec Last Day of Term for Students
- Talent Quest from 11:15am

P&C NEWS

P&C Sports Raffle

The P&C Sports Raffle will be drawn at the School Concert Night on Tuesday 5 December. Return all ticket books to the front office prior to this date.

Sawtell Summer Sessions

Many thanks to the parents and teachers that helped out at the P&C Summer Sessions BBQ last week, particularly Ms Wauchope, Ms Nicholson and Mr Cheers. We acknowledge and appreciate the fine support from Butchers Boutique in First Avenue who provided the snags at a 'special Sawtell school' rate.

Canteen News

A reminder that the 'Lucky Lunch Pack' piece of fruit will be received by students upon ordering to avoid the need to return. Volunteers are always welcome to assist in the canteen, whether it is 1 day a year, 1 hour a week, or 4 days a week!

YEAR 6 POWERHOUSE MUSEUM



ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be 3/4A at 8:55am.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop will now be operating from the multipurpose room [old staffroom], Wednesdays from 8:30am.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas fun in the Botanic Garden. Saturday 16 December 6:30-9:00pm. \$5 per family. Games and prizes for children. Café open. Celebrate Christmas with grandparents and children in the Botanic Garden.



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