

A photograph of a modern school building with a large, curved, light-colored roof structure. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn. The title 'SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL' is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the top, with 'NEWSLETTER' in a smaller font below it.

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

1 NOVEMBER 2017 — TERM 4 WEEK 4

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was exciting to be part of the first Maths Master World Cup for Years 3-6 (like a spelling bee for maths-heads). Our students competed against Boambee PS with the plan to take the competition to other schools next year. It is great to see the mental computation skills of students in our schools. The final score was Boambee PS 2 wins - Sawtell PS 2 wins. A list of winners is over.

We will be having a visit from a free dental van from 20th November. A form was sent home with the Newsletter last week and should be returned to the school.

Major events coming up include: The choir performance at the Opera House on Tuesday 7th November, Year 6 head to Sydney for a week on Monday 13th November and Year 4 spend two nights at the Cascade Field Study Centre on 22-23rd November. Two other very important dates are Tuesday 6th December (School Concert 6pm) and Friday 8th 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.

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 17th 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.

Social media is a challenging digital space for many students. There continues to be a number of issues coming to my attention as students bring conflict from social media to school. I have contacted the police where that level of action is required. There is further information on a specific issue below.

I have heard that quite a few students and their families were involved in creating artworks to celebrate the planting day of our main street fig trees at the Sawtell Art Gallery last Saturday. More activities are planned for the Summer Session on Thursday 9th November.

Those students with lunch orders who are going surfing on Fridays need to ensure that they indicate on their lunch orders that they are surfing for sport. They can then pick up their lunches earlier. Choice is only pie, pizza or a sausage roll.

As we look towards next year could 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.

My top lip is feeling unusual today after Mr Burkitt shaved off my moustache in a Movember reverse fundraiser. The school collected \$200 for men and boys health. Quite often

men and older boys are reluctant to seek medical help for their physical and emotional needs. The good news for me is that my 'friend' has already started growing back. Don't forget the charity walk for men's health on Sunday 11th November at Coffs Jetty.

SOCIAL MEDIA ISSUES

Another social media issue has arisen within our student population. If your child has a 'Musical.ly' I suggest they close their account. It seems that the account 'Maddy_M' is someone pretending to be a student in our school. This account has been closed by the student but remains active. I again strongly advise parents to not let their children engage in social media unless they are age appropriate and you are confident of them being responsible digital citizens.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - October

K/1S Maverick Lindsay, KM Hallie Saggus,
KBF Clayton Van Dartel, 1G Sophie Lawson, 1/2CR Koby Hudson,
1/2AW Ruby Howard, 2HF Romaysa Atta, 3/4A Tully Jarvis,
3/4K Mikey Why, 4/5P Ivy Baker, 5N Ruben Close,
6B Andrew Cunningham, 6W Maddison Moffitt,
LaST Alysha Bancroft, Kaitlyn White-Gregor,
Citizenship Award Laycie Hopkinson.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Kindergarten swimming begins next week and Intensive swimming is on in Weeks 6-7 for years 1 and 2. Permission notes have gone home - payments can be made at the school or online.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete the questionnaire attached to last week's newsletter. Your feedback will help inform the 2018-2020 school plan and the 2017 annual school report. I will send the form again via Skoolbag app.

GARDEN WORKING BEES - Thursdays from 11:15

If you have some spare time, spare muscles and greenish thumbs please come and help out with gardening projects. We will be working each Thursday until the end of term from 11:15 until home time. There are lots of jobs to do. Bring gloves and tools if you have them.

WHOOPIING COUGH ALERT

There have been a number of cases of whooping cough reported in our school and other schools within our community. Advice is if that a child has coughing for more than three evenings they should be taken to a doctor and tested for whooping cough.

Children with whooping cough should be excluded from school whilst symptoms persist. Parents of unvaccinated students are advised that their children may be excluded from school if any further cases are reported.

BIRDWATCHING

Congratulations to The Sawtell Babblers who saw 87 species in the Twitathon last weekend. I am sure they have placed well in the children's section. You can still direct your generous donation to the fundraising website: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/twitchathon-nsw-act-2017>

The Backyard Bird Count was a great success with over 2 million birds counted in Australia. In the library on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes, BIRDO sheets are still available for students wanting to improve their birding skills.

MATHS MASTER WORLD CUP WINNERS

Year 3 - Cooper Moore (Boambee PS)

Year 4 - Guy Hickson (Sawtell PS)

Year 5 - Zac Creenaune (Sawtell PS)

Year 6 - Kane Perrie (Boambee PS)

P&C NEWS

Sawtell Summer Session

Kicks off next **Thursday 9 November** and Sawtell PS P&C will be there, barbequing and celebrating the 70th birthday of the fig trees. We need **volunteers!** Please register availability via email on sawtellpandc@gmail.com or speaking to one of the P&C members or front office. Bring your BBQ-skills or help with selling raffle tickets for the P&C Sports Raffle. Volunteers needed between 5-7pm please. For the kids who would like to decorate the fig trees, please meet at the Sawtell Art Gallery, ready to be creative, at 4.30pm!

Find out more at the **P&C meeting, Monday 6 November** at 7pm in the new Staffroom. Everyone is very welcome.

P&C Sports Raffle

You know the details now - if your family has not got their ticket(s) yet, please see the front office, Mr Cheers or a P&C member. Better still, if you can sell a book of tickets at work or your sports club that would be brilliant! Please see the office if possible.

FOOTBALL BOOTS

If anyone has any second hand, old, or unwanted football boots. I am collecting them to be cleaned and sent to Tjuntjuntjara remote Aboriginal community in the Great Victoria Desert WA. The boots would be greatly appreciated as these kids don't have the same opportunities to access sports equipment as we have. All donations of football boots are welcome to be collected at Sawtell Primary School or Toormina HS. Thank you for supporting this cause.

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ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be Band at 8:55am. Mufti may be worn by band members

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop will be now be operating from the



The advertisement features a man in a suit, Howard Nicholson, standing next to a large graphic of the word 'SOLD' in colorful letters. Below the graphic, there is a red banner with white text asking if the reader is thinking of buying or selling real estate. Further down, it provides contact information for Howard Nicholson, a sales agent, including a phone number and a website. At the bottom, it identifies Michael Cheers as the principal and provides the school's website.

Thinking of buying or selling real estate?

For all your real estate needs contact your local professional today on **0431 011 913**
Howard Nicholson – Sales Agent

Principal: Michael Cheers
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