

A photograph of a school building with a large, modern, green-tinted canopy structure in the foreground. The canopy is supported by several white pillars and has a grid-like top. The school building is visible in the background, surrounded by greenery and trees. The sky is bright and clear.

# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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

**22 NOVEMBER 2017 — TERM 4 WEEK 7**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Many of our Year 6 students and their parents had a big sleep-in on Saturday morning to recover from a fantastic week in Sydney. Not only did students learn about history, science, art and culture but they now have a better understanding of who they are. I have had conversations with parents on how the excursion has changed their child and they are now more independent... just in time for the teenage years. A big thank you to Mr Burkitt, staff and parents for your help with this valuable experience for our students. My belief is that we measure our school by how successful our Year 6 students are in life. The current cohort are an exceptional bunch well on their way to success.

Mr Hepi, your new Principal, has been in the school working with staff on planning for 2018. It is great to work professionally with him as we transition the leadership of the school and focus on the best ways of learning for students in the future.

Library borrowing has finished to allow for the end of year stocktake. Please return all books.

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.

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 combined with a Book Fair and opening of our new Library.

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.

### GADABOUTS LUNCH

On Friday, 1 December the Choir and Kindergarten students will be entertaining the Gadabouts (women's charity group) at their Christmas lunch celebration.

The students will walk down to the Sawtell RSL Club at 11:45am, perform in the Princess Room then either go to sport (tennis/swimming) or have lunch in the park. They will return by about 1:30pm.

### 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.

### 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.

### HEADLICE

As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence. Two options, conditioner - buy a cheap brand as you will be needing a lot of it, and preferably one that is white to make spotting the lice easier or the chemical treatment containing synthetic or natural insecticides that kill head lice (talk to your local pharmacist to identify the treatments containing insecticides). Used with a fine toothed metal lice comb (available from your local chemist or online) and white paper towel.

- regularly check your children's hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

### GARDEN WORKING BEES - Thursdays from 11:15

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. Contact Mr Cheers for jobs to be done.

### 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.

### BOOKCLUB

Final Bookclub orders for the year to be in by this Friday 24 November. Please hand in to the office. Thank you.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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 Nov	Scripture Concert 1:35pm
Thurs 30 Nov	Last day for Scripture/Ethics
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 - 11:00am in the Library. Book Fair and Library Official Opening
Mon 11 Dec	Year 6 Farewell 6:00pm - Sawtell RSL
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**

Will be drawn at the School Concert Night on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Please return all ticket books to the front office prior to this date.

**Family Picnic event for Retiring Principal & Teachers**

The next few newsletters will be accompanied by separate feature profiles of our retiring Principal, Mr Cheers, and teachers, Mrs McMahon & Ms Turnbull, ahead of the P&C sponsored picnic event at Boambee Reserve, Friday, 1 December 5-7pm - BYO food, drink, rugs & seating.

Look out for the separate note coming home today about the picnic and details of our fabulous retiring teacher-librarian, Ms Turnbull!

**SPS Carnival Book Fair** - as part of the celebration and official opening of the new Library on 8 December, following the Presentation Day events, SPS with P&C support will host a Carnival Book Fair with books on display and selling from Monday 4 December - Friday 8 December. Eftpos facilities available for sales before and after school or you can access the convenience of online ordering as well. Loads of great books arriving next week, great Christmas gift or holiday reading ideas and why not donate a book to the brand-new library? More details on separate flyer as well as request for volunteers to help unpack and display books or sales.

**Slushy Machine**

The Canteen has a slushy machine looking for a new home. Please see Amelia if you are interested.

**P&C Meeting Notice**

Next Monday 27 November, 7pm in the Staffroom.

**ASSEMBLY**

This week's assembly will be presented by Kindy Band and Yr 1/2 Band at 8:55am.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

The uniform shop will be operating until 13 December. Any new kindy parents are urged to buy their uniforms now for 2018. Stocks run out fast.

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