

# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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

**29 NOVEMBER 2017 — TERM 4 WEEK 8**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ms Turnbull, Mrs MacMahon and I enjoyed the formal farewell from staff and our families last Saturday evening. I presented Mrs MacMahon and Ms Turnbull with their retirement medals. The students made a classic video as a farewell gift for us. This video will be shown on assembly this Friday. We also look forward to the school community farewell this Friday evening at Boambee Reserve.

This week, Colleen from the Sawtell Art Gallery presented awards to a large number of students who completed art works to celebrate the birthday of the fig trees in our main street. Always important for our students to be involved in their community as well as expressing themselves creatively.

Time is running out to buy tickets in the P&C raffle. More info in P&C section of this newsletter.

The dental clinic visit last week was a chance for many students to have a dental checkup. Regular dental checkups are essential for good dental health.

Ensure you keep a close eye on the calendar (over) so you don't miss any of our end of year celebrations. Big ticket items include the concert on the evening of Tuesday 5 December 6pm and Presentation Assembly 9:00am 8 December, which will be followed at 11:00 am by a parent thankyou morning tea, an opening of the library and a Book Fair all in one. The library will be opened by Mr Ingram (the person who made the funding happen), Mr McCarthy (the architect) and Ms Turnbull (the librarian and the person who had the original idea).

One new classroom teacher position will be determined at interview on Friday 15 December. The second position will be determined through appointment by the Department of Education before the end of the year.

Teachers spent yesterday afternoon placing students in classes for next year. It was great to hear the professional talk about the best placement for students in relation to their friendships and learning needs. I have enrolled another 8 students recently which means we are looking more like 14 classes next year, the same as this year but numbers fluctuate daily and final class organisation will not be known until the end of Week 2, 2018.

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.

### YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Monday 11 December 2017 Sawtell RSL Club, from 6pm \$20.00 per head. Payment needs to be made by Wednesday 6 December.

Last Monday was my last P&C meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current and past P&C members who have given up their time to support students. For all those who, after a hard day's work, turn up and work some more for the students, I cannot thank you enough. The current P&C are a supportive, collaborative and hard-working team who are much respected within our school community.

Many students have had exceptional experiences over the last few weeks with swimming schemes and Year 3, 4 and 6 having their excursions. Teachers and support staff work very hard to organise these experiences and the support from parents helps these experiences to be safer and more rewarding for students. On overnight excursions, staff give up time away from their families with no extra pay to support our students. I enjoyed visiting Cascade last week where I showed the students the bushland where my house was as a child as well as the 'Cascade laundromat', which looked very much like a creek. The experiences that students have on excursions is summed up in the diary entry of Hendrix, Year 4, while at Cascade.

Day 1. So far today has been wonderful and calm. No wet weather. Day 2. Too much rain, terrible, S.O.S. Help plz. God have mercy!

Congratulations to the Captains and Prefects team for 2018. Congratulations to all students who courageously put themselves forward for selection. 2018 is in great hands.

### CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS 2018

	Boys	Girls
<b>Captain</b>	Jack Hone	Cassie Hay
<b>Vice-Captain</b>	Fin Helliwell	Lilly Baynes
<b>Prefect</b>	Zac Creenaune	Asha Lloyd
<b>Prefect</b>	Kundi Kemp	Kiara Wishnowsky

### GADABOUTS LUNCH

Please note change of date.

On Thursday, 7 December the Choir and Kindergarten students will be entertaining the Gadabouts (women's charity group) at their Christmas lunch celebration.

### INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Intensive swimming finished on Friday with great success. We would like to thank Kim and the instructors at Sawtell Pool and the teachers and support staff that helped make for a seamless experience.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Thurs 30 Nov	Last day for Scripture/Ethics
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	Year 6 O' Day Toormina High School School Concert Night 6:00pm + P&C Sports Raffle Draw
Thurs 7 Dec	Choir to Sing at Gadabout's Lunch
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
Tues 12 Dec	Years 3-6 Students to Wizard of Oz William Bayldon Public School Individual Literacy Program Presentation and Party at 11:30 in the hall
Wed 13 Dec	Reports Home
Thurs 14 Dec	Picnic Day 7:00am - 1:00pm Community Summer Sessions - Main Street 5:30pm
Fri 15 Dec	Last Day of Term for Students Talent Quest from 11:15am

**ASSEMBLY**

This week's assembly will be presented by 'Farewell Video' at 8:55am.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Uniform Shop** - All new starters in 2018 are encouraged to visit the Uniform Shop as soon as possible to avoid missing out on size availability for the start of the school year. Second hand uniforms also in demand. Please see Adele in the new Uniform Shop next to the new Staffroom on Wednesdays.

**SLUSHY MACHINE**

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

**AUDITIONS**

Date: Saturday 8 December  
 Venue: "O" Block Lecture Theatre, Coffs Harbour Education Campus, Hogbin Drive  
 For: Child & Teen Auditions Ages 10-17  
 Time: 09:30 Registration, 10:00 Start  
 More information at:  
<http://www.coffsharbourmusicalcomedycompany.com/auditions.html>



**P&C NEWS**

**P&C Sports Raffle**

Will be drawn at the School Concert Night on Tuesday 5 December. Please return all ticket books & raffle money to the front office by Friday this week.

**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 double-sided note coming home today about the picnic and details of our wonderful retiring kindergarten teacher and relieving Assistant Principal, Deb McMahon!!

**NEW Library Official Opening** - immediately following the Presentation Day event (9-11am) on Friday 8 December, all parents are invited to join for the official opening of the new SPS library. Books from the Book Fair may be purchased for donation to the library - all books donated will have the details of the donating family inside as a tribute to your generosity.

**Parent Helper/Volunteer Morning Tea** - will coincide with the new library opening (at the library). Please join following the Presentation Day event on 8 December. Your help and contributions this year have been very much appreciated.

**SPS Carnival Book Fair** - as part of the celebration and official opening of the new Library, 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 (from 8.30am) and after school (until 3.15pm) or you can access the convenience of online ordering as well. Loads of great books arriving this week and your children can fill out a 'wish list' to help you choose - great Christmas gift or holiday reading ideas or purchase a book for the brand-new library?

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