

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

8 NOVEMBER 2017 — TERM 4 WEEK 5

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last night our Opera House choir were joined by 700 students from across NSW to perform at the Sydney Opera House. Accompanied by their amazing teachers Mrs Pollack and Ms Nicholson, they were watched proudly by Mr Cheers and Mr Burkitt as well as by some of their very excited family members. The students of Sawtell Public School embraced an experience of a lifetime. No doubt we shall hear about their adventures when they return to school on Thursday.

Mr Cheers has been informed by staffing that the Department of Education will be placing one teacher in a position at Sawtell PS in 2018 and we can now advertise another position. The panel will meet this Thursday to write the advertisement. The successful applicant for the Principal position should be announced within 2 weeks. Mr Cheers will be communicating with the newly appointed Principal to ensure a smooth transition as they take over leadership of this wonderful place of learning. 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.

Kindergarten are enjoying the Kinder Swimming program this week. They are enthusiastically braving the cooler conditions.

Year 6 head to Sydney for a week on Monday 13 November and will be holding their annual car wash this Thursday afternoon. It will cost \$5 to have your car washed or perhaps you would prefer to donate \$5 to NOT have your car washed! All donations will be gratefully received. Year 4 are looking forward to spending two nights at the Cascade Field Study Centre on 22-23rd November. There have been a number of students involved in birdwatching activities over the past few weeks. Cascade will provide a new environment for avid birdwatchers. In the library on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes, BIRDO sheets are still available for students wanting to improve their birding skills. Year 3 overnight camp is on the night of 23/24 November, more details will be coming home soon.

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. Please see the school office for extra forms.

Upcoming events include our Presentation Assembly 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's 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.

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.

A reminder for those students with lunch orders who are going surfing on Fridays, they 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.

Don't forget the charity walk for men's health on Sunday 12 November at Coffs Jetty.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Intensive Swimming for Year 1 & 2 begins next Monday 13 November until Friday 24 November. Please finalise payments by Friday 10 November.

SOUND OF MUSIC

Sawtell Public School is very proud of two of our talented students, Lilli 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.

SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE CHOIR 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS

6-8 Nov	Opera House Choir to Sydney
Thurs 9 Nov	Year 6 Car Wash
	Summer Sessions - Fig Tree Birthday 4:30pm
	Choir & Dance Performance + P&C BBQ
Sat 11 Nov	Remembrance Day
Sun 12 Nov	Coffs Beach Walk for Men's Health 10:30
13-17 Nov	Year 6 Sydney Excursion
	Intensive Swimming Years 1 and 2
Fri 17 Nov	Chess Tournament
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	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

Will be drawn at the School Concert Night on **Tuesday 5 December**. Many tickets still available to increase your chances of winning a fantastic prize. Parents with raffle books, please return to the school office prior to this day.

Sawtell Summer Sessions

P&C members will run a BBQ this Thursday 9 November at the Sawtell Summer Sessions in First Avenue from 5pm. Any volunteers would be appreciated in any capacity. See you there!

Canteen News

Piece of fruit will be received by students upon ordering of a Lucky Lunch Pack to avoid the need to return. The canteen continues to dazzle the students of Sawtell and the P&C have assisted in the purchase of new equipment. As such there is a 'slushie' machine up for sale - see the canteen and "make an offer".

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.

Meg L Machia

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. Mr Cheers has been informed by a grandparent that we should be asking grandparents to help as well. If families know of any grandparents who love gardening and would like to help - they will be most welcome!

ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be 4/5P at 8:55am.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

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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