

# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

**13 DECEMBER 2017 — TERM 4 WEEK 10**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Teachers have been busy organising classes for next year as best they can. Student enrolments at the beginning of next year will determine the formation of classes. Teachers discuss each child at length and which class and cohort will best benefit them for their learning.

We have had a number of celebrations over the last week with our school concert, presentation morning, opening of the library, book fair and Year 6 farewell. There has been much to celebrate and staff, parents and student have worked very hard to bring the year to a successful close. The whole school is looking forward to the Picnic Day tomorrow when teachers and students can further celebrate the past year together.

The library was opened with the cutting of the ribbon by Jon Ingram (from DOE Assests and the person from the department who organised the works), Jason McCarthy (one of our parents who was the architect for the project) and Ms Turnbull (the librarian who had the original idea and set up the new library to be a functioning learning space).

I wish Mrs McMahon and Ms Turnbull all the best in their retirement. They have been career educators who have influenced the learning of 1000's of students. They will be missed as part of our amazing staff team.

I would like to thank our tireless teaching staff, office staff and support staff who work together to ensure our students have the best learning possible.

I wish our current Year 6 all the best in high school. You are who we best measure our school successes by. We are proud of you and know that you will enjoy high school (you are very ready).

I congratulate Mr Hepi on his appointment. He is a very good human and a champion for public education. I know he is looking forward to leading the school.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of my time here. Every word counted, every action appreciated.

I spoke on Presentation Day about the importance of the messages in our school prayer and how the messages fit everyone. I couldn't put what I wanted to say into any better words than the words we say each week. I am very optimistic about our future as the current generation of children take over leadership of the planet.

I look forward to some very big person tapping me on the shoulder in the future and introducing themselves to me as a past student from Sawtell Public School and telling me their story.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH - December

K/1S Emily Watson, KM Bobbi Rattray, KBF Brax Maidens, 1/2CR Ruby Kenny, 1/2AW Portia Arif, 2HF Jett Hendrix, 3/4A Navy Nuon, 3/4K Ruby Barrow, 3A Jaime Searle, 5N Pollyanna Elliott, 4/5P Arla Aspden, 6B Ella Wilkie, 6W Jordyn Bancroft, LaST Mayla Blaikie, Halle Barklmore, Citizenship Award Bianca Payne 6B.

## YEAR 6 FAREWELL 2017



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Dates 2018  
Mon 29 Jan Teachers & Staff Return to School  
Tues 30 Jan **Students First Day for 2018**

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniform shop will be open from 8:30 Wednesday 31 January 2018.



**P&C NEWS**

**Sawtell Public School Carnival Book Fair** - thank you to everyone who supported our first Book Fair at SPS. It was very successful, with over \$4500 in books sold, almost double the Book Fair outcomes of other schools in the area, and raised \$914 in cash commission which will go directly towards air-conditioning for the new library. Thank you to the families and teachers who purchased books for donation to the library and the very generous personal donation of 100 books purchased from the Book Fair for the library by Julie Turnbull, our retiring Teacher-Librarian. Fundraising aside, the opportunity to engage our children with new books and reading opportunities was the most positive result.

**Canteen** - is now closed for 2017. Thank you to Amelia and her team of volunteers for their hard work this year - the new menu and specials boards were fantastic offering fresh healthy variety every week. New volunteers in 2018 are very welcome to join!

**Merry Christmas & Safe Holidays!** The P&C thank you for your support throughout the year and wish all school families, teachers, staff and community a safe and happy school holiday break and a very Merry Christmas!



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