

# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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

**15 FEBRUARY 2017 — TERM 1 WEEK 4**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This evening KBF, KM and K1S will be having their parent teacher evenings. These meetings are a time for teachers to introduce themselves to all parents and to present class routines and events that will occur during the year. It is not a time for individual discussions about students. You are always welcome to make a mutually agreed time with the teacher to discuss your child. The rest of the classes will be having their meetings next Tuesday 21 February. There will be child minding available (for independent children) in the new hall on both evenings.

We will be having our school swimming carnival tomorrow Thursday 16 February for students from Year 2 to Year 6. All year 2 can now attend, even if they are 7 years old this year. There will be competitive events as well as shorter races for the less confident swimmers. Students are encouraged to come in sporting house colours.

The P&C AGM was the best attended in many years. All executive positions have been filled with a few new faces. I look forward to working with such a dedicated, hardworking group whose purpose is to support quality educational opportunities for students through their role in planning and fundraising. The P&C also manages the school canteen and uniform shop. New ideas and hands to help are always welcome at meetings and functions. Please come to the next P&C meeting and see how you can help. You will be made very welcome. Thanks again to those who have taken on formal roles with the P&C, your efforts are very much appreciated by the school staff and community.

Mrs Pollack and Miss Nicholson will be travelling to Sydney this Friday for training for the Opera House Choir event in November. I will be away from Mon-Thurs next week. Mr Burkitt, Mrs Pollack and Miss Beveridge, our Assistant Principals, will be sharing the 'big chair' in my absence.

The Coffs Harbour Show is on 13-14 May. Parents may want to encourage their children to participate in the general cooking, crafts and photography sections this year. The school will be presenting a display at the show.

We ask that parents please refrain from using the staff car park for student drop off. There is a 2 min drop off section near the playground. Similarly dropping off in Coronation Avenue is not encouraged and it is illegal to drop students off in the crossing zone.

I often speak about the importance of the performing arts to our wellbeing as humans. It is great to see so many

students taking the opportunity to learn an instrument and/or join the choir. There will be dance groups later in the year as well.

The P&C will now have a section in the Skoolbag App. This will become a key information channel and will be managed by a P&C communications officer and Mrs Hart. The Skoolbag App and the weekly newsletter are the two main communication methods for our school community.

### PARENT TEACHER EVENINGS

Parent Teacher Evenings - Timetables:

Wednesday 15 February		Tuesday 21 February			
KB	5:30	1G	5:30	4/5P	6:30
KM	5:30	1/2AW	5:30	5N	6:30
K/1S	5:30	1/2CR	5:30	6W	6:30
		2H	5:30	6B	6:30
		3A	6:00		
		3/4A	6:00		
		3/4K	6:00		

### SWANS VISIT MUFTI DAY

To coincide with the Swans visit on Monday 20 February, our school will be holding a "Mufti day" with a red and white theme to raise money for our Rwandan sponsor child, Anitha. Students are to wear red and white clothes and bring a gold coin donation.

### PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS

Please be advised that payments for school fees and excursions can be made online by accessing the school's website. Simply select 'Make a Payment' (located on the 'Home' tab - top right), complete all mandatory student detail fields (\*) and select the relevant tick box, for example 'Voluntary School Contribution' (school fees) or 'Excursion'. If making payment online please return signed permission slip detailing the receipt number.

### VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

If choosing to make a payment online, it would be appreciated if the account statement could be returned to the school office detailing the receipt number.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT AND MEDICAL DETAILS

Please ensure student emergency contact, medical and residential address details are current - please contact the school office to advise of any changes or to confirm information on file.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 15 Feb	Parent/Teacher Evening [KBF, KM & K/1S]
Thurs 16 Feb	School Swimming Carnival [8yrs & up]
Fri 17 Feb	Kindergarten NRMA Safety Talk 9:45
Mon 20 Feb	Mid North Coast Tennis Grafton
Mon 20 Feb	Swans Visit
Tues 21 Feb	Parent/Teacher Evening [Yrs 1 - 6]
Thurs 23 Feb	Scripture/Ethics Begins
27-31 Mar	Year 5 Excursion Lake Ainsworth
Thurs 2 Mar	Mid North Coast Swimming
Mon 6 Mar	P&C Meeting 7:00pm Staffroom
Thurs 9 Mar	Summer Sessions P&C BBQ
14-15&20 Mar	Life Education K - 4
15-17 Mar	Year 6 Big Walk /Camp
Wed 22 Mar	Milo Cricket Day
Fri 24 Mar	New England Orchestra Visit
Fri 24 Mar	Cross Country-athon
Mon 27 Mar	Bongil Bongil Leadership Day
Thurs 6 April	School Photos 2017
Thurs 6 April	School Disco

## ASSEMBLY:

This week's assembly will be presented by 6W at 8.55am.

## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open Wednesdays from 8:30am.

## PARENTING COURSE

Learning Objectives of the Training:

- Understand your child's emotional needs.
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions.
- Enhance the development of your child's self-esteem.
- Honour your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure.

Check out <http://circleofsecurity.net> for a short video explaining the concepts of the program.

Who should attend: Parents/carers of children 0-5

How to register: Ring Kimberlee at 0457 457 867 or email [coscoffs@gmail.com](mailto:coscoffs@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Sawtell Soccer Club registration days will be on Saturday 18 of February at Centro Toormina from 9am-12pm. Registrations need to be in ASAP so we can validate teams. For more info please email us on [sawtellscorpionsfc@gmail.com](mailto:sawtellscorpionsfc@gmail.com)

## SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NOW HAS 'SKOOLBAG'



To install the app, just search for 'Skoolbag Sawtell Public School' in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Install the app and then find your school.

## P&C NEWS

We welcomed new faces at the P&C AGM this week and have a full team operating in collaboration with the school to make 2017 another successful year. To all parents and carers, please feel free to join future meetings as they give you an opportunity to stay connected, have visibility and give input into the school plans. Next meeting is **Monday 6 March, 7pm** in the Staffroom.

To mark the last **Sawtell Summer Session** for this summer, the P&C will run a BBQ in First Avenue on **Thursday 9 March**. We need volunteers to help from 4.30 pm - if you can spare some time to support the event, please contact Emma on 0417 286 505. The more the merrier!

**Canteen volunteers needed!** The Canteen supports lots of our school families, providing good healthy food choices for the kids and we need assistance to keep it running smoothly every day (except Wednesdays!). Please see Laura at the Canteen if you can help.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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