

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

1 FEBRUARY 2017 — TERM 1 WEEK 2

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to 2017.

Great to see the students return safe and happy after a break. They are all full of stories and energy.

Students remained in 2016 classes this week while we confirmed student numbers and ensured we had class dynamics right. Tomorrow, Thursday, students will be placed into their classes. Teachers have spent many hours ensuring students are placed in classes that will best benefit their learning and friendships. Currently we have increased to 356 students but we remain with 14 classes for 2017.

There have been some safety issues with the road area near the playground. There is a drop off area there that allows a car to stop for 2 minutes for pick up. Parents are not to leave the area but need to quickly assist children into the car and leave. If parents park on the roadside please exit the car and pick your child up from inside the gate especially if you are parked on the opposite side of the road to the school. This week we had a 'near miss' for a student on 13th Avenue.

We have also had some social media issues this week. Experts tell us that parents should be monitoring all social media that their child is involved in. Many experts say that young children should not be using social media and many of the programs themselves have age limits that exclude primary aged children.

We will be having our school swimming carnival on Thursday 16 February for students from Year 2 (who turns 8 this year) to Year 6. There will be competitive events as well as shorter races for the less confident swimmers. Students are encouraged to come in their Sporting House colours.



Tomorrow, Kindergarten begins school with 13 years ahead of them. Kindergarten begins with half days this week and full days from Monday. The rest of the school eagerly looks forward to helping kindergarten students and their families' transition to life in our school community.

We also welcome new students and their families. We have had students enrol from Egypt, Czech Republic and the USA and other exotic places like Bellingham.

Yesterday it was pointed out to me by a student that to FAIL means your First Attempt in Learning.

We all look forward to an exciting year full of failures.

Please get the Sawtell Public Skoolbag app. Regular updates are distributed through this app.

FAREWELL YEAR SIX 2016



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 2 Feb	Kindergarten till 12:00
Fri 3 Feb	Kindergarten till 12:00
Fri 3 Feb	Badge Ceremony
Tues 7 Feb	Mid North Coast Cricket Paul Kelly Cup [Swans]
Thurs 16 Feb	School Swimming Carnival
Mon 20 Feb	Mid North Coast Tennis Grafton
Tues 21 Feb	Parent/Teacher Evening
27-31 Mar	Year 5 Excursion Lake Ainsworth
Thurs 6 April	School Photos 2017

UNIFORM SHOP

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

LOST PROPERTY

A REMINDER to please check for lost property in the old hall outside the canteen.

Remember to please label all belongings.

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL**NOW HAS 'SKOOLBAG'**

Skoolbag is a School Mobile App providing an easy way to communicate with parents and carers. View school news, newsletters, events calendar and school information. To install the app, just search for 'Skoolbag Sawtell Public School' in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. For Windows 8.1 or 10 users search for Skoolbag in the Windows Store and install the app and then find your school.

P&C NEWS

Please note the first P&C meeting is next Monday 6 February at 7pm in the staff room. New parents/guardians are more than welcome to come along to listen or provide some thoughts.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sawtell Soccer Clubs registration days will be on Saturday 4th, 11th & 18th 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

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