

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

22 FEBRUARY 2017 — TERM 1 WEEK 5

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our school year is well and truly underway and the children all seem very settled into their new classes. It was wonderful to see so many parents attending the Parent/Teacher meetings last night and last Wednesday. If you wish to discuss your child in more detail please make an appointment with his/her class teacher.

On Monday two players from the Sydney Swans as well as staff from the AFL and Swansfit visited our school. It was excellent to hear the healthy lifestyle message that both Nick Smith and Kurt Tippett spoke about. The importance of a healthy diet, drinking lots of water and getting plenty of sleep is not just for professional sports people but for all of us so that we can achieve our full potential. I received a message from the AFL development team after their visit. *"Both Kurt and Nick were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and respectfulness of your students and community"*.

The Swans visit also coincided with our red and white mufti day to raise money for our sponsor child Anitha. Through the generosity of our community we were able to raise \$264.00 which will help Anitha to further her education and improve her lifestyle. On behalf of the school and Anitha thank you for your generosity.

Students are currently participating in 'Waterwise' lessons. They are learning about the importance of sustaining our fresh water supplies and where our water actually comes from. With 77% of our earth covered in water and only a small percentage of that water being fresh and drinkable it will be extremely important that future generations understand this vital and valuable resource. The senior students will be undertaking a school water audit in the coming weeks.

Last week's school swimming carnival was very well attended and supported with record numbers of students participating in the various events. Our many school based swimming programs are clearly making a difference in the ability and confidence of our students in the pool. We would like to thank all of the parents who assisted with timekeeping and the great efforts of staff. A special thanks to Miss Wilson who coordinated the carnival. Children who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd will now represent our school at the District PSSA carnival on Tuesday. Congratulations to our swimming champions: Junior - Flynn Hall and Whitby Collins, 11 years - Jack Hone and Tully Collins and Senior - Braydan Paunovic and Ayshya Parkhill.

We also had some great success at Mid North Coast PSSA Tennis trials in Grafton on Monday. Braydan Paunovic won the event and Zac Creanaune placed second and Angus Dugard placed third, Charlotte Lewis and Max Riddle also played very well.

Last Friday Miss Nicholson and Mrs Pollack enjoyed a stimulating day at the Conservatorium of Music in Sydney, learning the songs for the Opera House concert in November. Congratulations to the 36 students who have been selected to attend. Choir parents please contact the school by Friday to let us know your travel and accommodation requirements.

HEALTH CARE PLANS

A number of Health Care Plans are due [or overdue] for review with a GP. Some students [particularly kindergarten or new students] may need their first Health Care Plan. Please see Michael Cheers or Laurel Astle if you require more information.

PRESCRIBED MEDICATION

Please see the office should your child require prescribed medication whilst at school. Compliance with departmental policy involves the completion of a written and signed declaration including instructions for administration. Department policy states that non-prescribed medication is not to be administered at school.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is every Wednesday. If you wish for your child to participate in school banking and do not have a Commonwealth Bank book, please organise a school bank account by visiting the Commonwealth Bank or by registering online at:

<https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html?ei=bc3>



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 23 Feb	Scripture/Ethics Begins
Thurs 2 Mar	Mid North Coast Swimming
Thurs 2 Mar	3 for the Sea
Mon 6 Mar	P&C Meeting 7:00pm Staffroom
Thurs 9 Mar	Summer Sessions P&C BBQ
Fri 10 Mar	Knock Out Cricket Vs Repton
14-15&20 Mar	Life Education K - 4
15-17 Mar	Year 6 Big Walk /Camp
Wed 22 Mar	Milo Cricket Day - Stage 2
Fri 24 Mar	New England Orchestra Visit
Fri 24 Mar	Cross Country-athon
27-31 Mar	Year 5 Excursion Lake Ainsworth
Mon 27 Mar	Bongil Bongil Leadership Day
Thurs 6 April	School Photos 2017
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ASSEMBLY:

This week's assembly will be presented by 3A and Big Band K-6 at 8.55am.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

- Size 8 and Size 12 shirts currently out of stock it will be two weeks before stock arrives.
- Along with the gabardine skort for the girls we have stock in a lighter 'A'line skort made of cotton and spandex. No buttons for the littlies to battle with just a pull up elastic waist. Same price \$15.00 Sizes 4-6.
- Finally a "thankyou" to a Mum today for her 'act of kindness'. A student needed a new shirt but was \$5.00 short and this very generous Mum paid. You know who you are and it was a beautiful thing you did.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Women's over 30s Sawtell Soccer Team - Calling all over 30s women who are interested in playing soccer for the local Sawtell Football Club. We play on a Thursday night and the season starts in April. It is heaps of fun - no prior experience is necessary. Registration closes this week. Please email Emily if you are interested in more details: emily@conlanexecutiveresearch.com.au. Thank-you!

Under 9's Basketball - One of our parents is trying to organise an under 9's basketball team. For more information please contact Dean Burkitt.

P&C NEWS

Feel like cooking up a storm at the last Sawtell Summer Session? Come and join the P&C BBQ down in First Avenue on **Thursday 9 March**. If you're handy with a pair of tongs, good at crowd control or an excellent all-rounder, we would love to have you! There will also be raffle tickets to sell - actually the prizes will sell themselves - stay tuned for more details! 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.

Can-Help? Can-Do? Can-You? Canteen volunteers needed! The kids love to see Mum, Dad, Gran or Grandpa getting involved at school during the day! The canteen relies on volunteers to be able to continue to provide a great service to support lots of our school families, every day (except Wednesday) healthy food choices at affordable prices. It is not a big time investment but every bit helps. Please see Laura at the canteen if you can assist.



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