

# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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

**8 FEBRUARY 2017 — TERM 1 WEEK 3**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to 2017.

It was great to see kindergarten join us on morning assemblies this week. The 50 students and their families have quickly become part of our school community enjoying the challenges, humour and connectedness that we all cherish.

We have 356 students and 14 classes for 2017. I have attached a staff list for 2017 so parents can make themselves familiar with our dedicated school team. Over 30 people work in various capacities to ensure our students have an excellent education.

We will be having our school swimming carnival on Thursday 16 February for students from Year 2 (who turn 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 Sporting House colours.

The P&C had their first meeting on Monday evening. It was great to welcome new faces and to see the hard working team from last year. With major building projects this year the P&C is very focused on providing extra financial support to these projects as well as their usual varied commitments. They are having the AGM on Monday 13 February. I would encourage parents to come along and give ideas and some time to P&C activities. Your child will benefit from your efforts.

There has been some recent discussion on parents having to fill in exemption forms when taking students on holidays during term. This is no longer the required practice. If parents are removing students from school for holidays or other events they are to send in a note to the class teacher. The request for leave will then be recorded in class rolls by the classroom teacher.

I often speak about the importance of the performing arts to our wellbeing as humans. Through the efforts of Mrs Pollack, Mr K and choir students we will get to listen to them sing during the year. Other people will get to listen to them as well when they combine with 700 students from across NSW at the Opera House in November. Congratulations to all on making the Opera House choral festival for a third year. I'll be there.

### PARENT TEACHER EVENINGS

Below is a timetable for 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.

#### **Parent Teacher Evenings - Timetables**

##### **Wednesday 15 February**

KB 5:30

KM 5:30

K/1S 5:30

##### **Tuesday 21 February**

1G 5:30 4/5P 6:30

1/2A 5:30 5N 6:30

1/2CR 5:30 6W 6:30

2H 5:30 6B 6:30

3A 6:00

3/4A 6:00

3/4K 6:00

### 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'.

When your child is invited to attend school excursions involving payment, communication will be sent home with students advising of text to be entered in the description field if making payment online and requesting a signed return slip detailing the receipt number.

### VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Accompanying today's newsletter is an account statement detailing school contributions set at \$65 per student (\$45 school contribution for classroom requisites and \$20 to supplement the cost associated with online program access). The school relies on this revenue to provide your children with educational resources required as part of their learning programs eg exercise books, rulers, scissors, glue, pencils, paints, paper and access to Mathletics online.

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.

## SPORTS REPORT

Congratulations to Toby Bailey, Alex Cheers-Flavell, Brooke Pyke, Lana Townsend and Asha Lloyd on their selection in the Mid North Coast PSSA cricket teams.

Our girls and boys AFL teams played in the Paul Kelly Cup on Tuesday. Both teams made the semifinal. Both teams displayed great sportspersonship, had fun and learnt many valuable team skills. They also earned a visit by Swans players to the school on Monday 20 February.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 13 Feb	P&C AGM Staffroom 7:00pm
Thurs 16 Feb	School Swimming Carnival [8yrs & up]
Wed 15 Feb	Parent/Teacher Evening [KBF, KM & K/1S]
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]
27-31 Mar	Year 5 Excursion Lake Ainsworth
Thurs 2 Mar	Mid North Coast Swimming
14-15&20 Mar	Life Education K - 4
15-17 Mar	Year 6 Big Walk /Camp
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 6B at 8.55am.

## 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'



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

If you are interested in the P&C plans for the school this year or you have some ideas, please come along to the next P&C meeting at the school staffroom this coming Monday evening - 7pm, 13 February. The evening will include an AGM, so there are positions up for grabs if you are interested. If you can't make it, you can talk to Emma Aspden on 0417 286 505 or Tim Ruge on 0424 743 033. The P&C generally meet once a month. Many thanks to the new faces that came along to the meeting this week.

We'll be having a kids disco at the end of the term on Thursday 6 April - please keep the date free. More details to come.

## 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](mailto:sawtellscorpionsfc@gmail.com)

## Uniting

Bringing up great kids is a free program where fathers of children aged between 0-12 years can get together and learn more about building life-long bonds with their kids.

**Where:** Uniting Burnside 7 McLean St Coffs Harbour

**When:** Thursday 30 March 2017. **Time:** 6pm-9pm.

For more information contact Graeme 02 6659 2825



A Learn to Surf 5-week course starts next week. Surfboards, wetsuits and rashirts are provided. Lessons are conducted at Diggers Beach. Ages 7 - 17 years. Small student to instructor ratio. 24 years' experience. Cost is \$99. Please call Helene at East Coast Surf School on 6651 5515.

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