

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

15 MARCH 2017 — TERM 1 WEEK 8

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you to all parents, staff and students who calmly dealt with the exceptional rainfall today. Our school is on a hill and as such we were exposed to some spontaneous waterfalls and creeks today. The Department of Education is aware of our drainage problems and hopefully one day when government budgets better prioritise education and school assets we can have paths that do not become fun, flowing creeks like they were today.

Thankfully the scientists at the Bureau of Meteorology gave us warning of the current big wet event and we were able to postpone the Year 6 Campout until 3-5 April.

There have been a number of parents dropping students off in the staff car park. Students exiting cars in a car park can be dangerous. The 2 minute student drop off zone is to the west of the school near the playground equipment.

All staff have mandatory requirements in regards to professional development each year. Professional learning includes child protection procedures, anaphylaxis training, CPR training, code of conduct and corruption prevention. School staff have taken the option to swap professional development on the last day of 2 days of the year for professional development at other times during the year. Staff have stayed back extra hours on 7 March and 21 March is the next session.

The P&C now have a section in the Skoolbag app. This has become a key information channel for our school community. The Skoolbag app and the weekly newsletter are the two main communication methods for our school community. Please download the 'Skoolbag' app on to your phone.

Tickets are now on sale for the P&C sports raffle. Tickets are available from P&C members, myself and at the school office. The prizes are valuable and we are hoping to reach beyond the school community for sales.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs will be taken on Thursday 6 April. Please follow payment instructions as detailed. **NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT PAY ONLINE USING THE SAWTELL SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

PRESCRIBED MEDICATION

Please let the office know if there have been any changes to your child's regular medication, whether administered at home or school.

CROSS COUNTRY-ATHON

Students have received information about the Cross Country-athon and sponsorship forms. There are great prizes for the students who raise the most money and for the lucky draws. Every \$10 sponsorship earns a ticket in the draw. Prizes include bodyboards, sports equipment, vouchers from local businesses and a \$200 voucher from Sports A-Mart.

The big race is on Friday 24 March. It will run all day with the first race 8/9yr olds at 9:30am and the 5-7yrs aged students running after lunch.

**HARMONY
DAY²¹
MARCH**



HARMONY DAY

Next Tuesday 21 March is Harmony Day. We are encouraging our students to come to school dressed in either orange clothing which is recognised internationally as the colour for Harmony Day or in costume/clothing from another culture. The message of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs' - something we whole heartedly embrace at Sawtell Public School.



EASTER HAT PARADE

On Friday 7 April [last day of Term1] we will be holding an Easter Hat Parade from 12 noon in the amphitheatre. Students create their hats at home and bring them along on the day. The P&C follow the parade with their traditional Easter raffle draw.

HEALTH CARE PLANS - Reminder

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.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY

If a change of address has occurred the school requires evidence of residential address in the form of electricity bill, water/land rates, property title or property tenancy lease agreement. If you have not provided evidence of residential address please do so as soon as possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

14-15&20 Mar	Life Education K - 4
Mon 20 Mar	Knock Out Cricket Vs Repton
Tues 21 Mar	Harmony Day
Wed 22 Mar	Milo Cricket Day - Stage 2
Wed 22 Mar	Rugby League Gala Day
Thurs 23	District Basket Ball
Fri 24 Mar	Mid North Coast Rugby League
Fri 24 Mar	Cross Country-athon
Mon 27 Mar	Mid North Coast Basketball
27-31 Mar	Year 5 Excursion Lake Ainsworth
Wed 29 Mar	North Coast AFL
Thurs 30 Mar	District Touch Football
Thurs 30 Mar	Scripture Concert 12-12:45pm
3-5 April	Year 6 Big Walk/Camp
Mon 3 April	P&C Meeting in Staffroom 7:00pm
Tues 4 April	'Australia Changing Overtime' Visit.Perform
Wed 5 April	Level 'O' Day
Thurs 6 April	School Photos 2017
Thurs 6 April	School Disco
Fri 7 April	Easter Hat Parade
Mon 24 April	Teachers Return to School Term 2
Tues 25 April	ANZAC Day March - 10:30 Main Street
Wed 26 April	Students Return to School Term 2
Wed 26 April	School ANZAC Ceremony 9:00am

ASSEMBLY:

This week's assembly will be presented by 3/4A at 8.55am.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

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>

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL '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****Super Sports Raffle! Amazing Prizes!**

1. Cricket bat signed by the captains of the ICC World T20 Cup, professionally framed with certificate of authenticity
2. \$800 Madness surfboard and small spring suit
3. 2016 NSW NRL State of Origin jersey, personally signed by Paul Gallen, team captain of the NSW blues, professionally framed.

Tickets are on sale at the school office. Prizes drawn when all tickets sold - limited to 1500 tickets so don't delay and pop into the office for your chance to win such fantastic prizes.

P&C BBQ at Summer Sessions

Many thanks to all volunteers that assisted at the inaugural Summer Sessions BBQ that ensured the masses were well fed and hydrated. All money raised is invested back into the school community for the benefit of your children. Our 'rustic' cardboard sign will no doubt be revamped for the next instalment of Summer Sessions later in the year.

Easter Raffle time

Donations of Easter-related items are appreciated for raffle prizes for the annual Easter Hat Parade held on 7 April. Books, toys, craft, chocolate etc can be left at the front office.

P&C Volunteer Register

Volunteers are always welcome at events whether displaying your BBQ hot plate skills, cutting some dance moves at the disco, or baking culinary delights at the canteen. Register your interest via email to sawtellpandc@gmail.com Parents are always welcome at P&C meetings (next meeting Monday 3 April 7pm in staff room)

Thinking of buying or selling real estate?

For all your real estate needs, contact your local professional today on **0431 011 913**
Howard Nicholson – Sales Agent

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