



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

10 MAY 2017 — TERM 2 WEEK 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The announcement by the Prime Minister this week has had mixed responses. I am awaiting an analysis of the funding for our school and will inform the school community as soon as I have the information on figures for our school.

All students were presented with a talk by Tim Silverwood last week. Tim is passionate about spreading knowledge about the effects of plastics on our environment and the organisms that live there. Tim's talk was the first step in the planned spending of grant money procured by one of our parents Angela Close. After the talk Tim spoke to our '3 for the Sea' Team (2 students from each 3-6 class). These students brainstormed ideas on what we can do at school and in our community to reduce the amount of plastics entering the ocean. Combining this with our 'Nude-food' Wednesdays we are empowering students to take positive actions for the local environment in which they live and play.

The Sawtell Art Gallery has approached the school for students to be involved in the 70th birthday of our fig trees in the main street. Students will be working with artists and knitters to make coverings for the trees which will be displayed as part of the community celebrations in Spring.

From 24-26 May 5 staff members will be involved with Connection to Country training. This professional development focuses on Gumbaynggirr culture and significant local sites.

I received news that we can expect to have building works begin at school within 6 weeks.

Monday 5 June is a **whole school photo day**. Please keep this date free.

Year 6 camp has been postponed until spring. Weather, tides and school activities haven't aligned for us as yet. With 3 full days and two nights in the outdoors we need a positive weather forecast.

The school will be holding two super concerts again this year to support the choir performing at the Opera House. There will be a day performance for students on 23 June and a night performance for adults only, on Saturday 24 June. If parents have a talent, or even more entertaining if you don't, get a group together and contact Mrs Pollack.

On Tuesday evening teachers had extra professional development on spelling. We are seeking best practice from around the world to try to improve spelling for our students. Our new approach to spelling will be trialled during Semester Two this year. Research shows that

parental partnership in learning benefits student outcomes so expect to be invited to learn along with teachers once we have a focus on spelling direction. Yesterday evening, as well as another planned for the 6 June, will replace teacher professional development on 18 December.

The school will be entering a display in the Coffs Harbour Show. Mrs Steyne and Miss Wauchope will be setting up this Thursday morning.

We welcome to staff Miss Tori Smith who is a visiting teacher from the USA. Her focus is on learning how we teach in NSW schools and living within Australian culture. Tori is being accommodated by teachers and our parent community as she experiences life with us.

The school is preparing to move towards new financial (SAP) and administration (SALM) programs. There are a number of actions required as we move to the 'Go Live Day' on 4 September.

Parents involved with Year 6 excursion to Sydney and Opera House Choir will need to keep informed about payment dates.

We have entered student groups for dance and choir in the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod later this term.

The University of NSW ICAS tests begin soon. Parents can opt for their child to participate at a cost. Students get good feedback on how they are achieving in a number of curriculum areas.

NAPLAN began this week for Years 3 and 5. The school has targets around reading and spelling for this cohort of students. I know they are all trying their best and each student will be able to set some learning goals when they get their results.

I have placed the updated School Plan (2017 version) and Enrolment Policy 2017 on the school website.

COURT ORDERS / AVOs / HEALTH PLANS

In preparing for transition to a new student administration system we require all current court orders / AVOs, and updated (signed) health plans for students with medical conditions. These documents are required by **FRIDAY 19 MAY**. If you have not already done so, please contact the school to organise a meeting regarding these matters.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - April

K/1S Alex Stuart, KM Denver Flynn, KBF Liam Watson,
1G Willow Coote, 1/2CR Jonathan Sandry,
1/2AW Richard Widders-LeBrocq, 2HF Mikey Ryan,
3/4A Ava Glover, 3/4K Skye Murphy, 3A Kyan Stulgies,
4/5P Mariam Atta, 5N Kaitlin Kirby, 6B Indi Klaus,
6W Angus Dugard, LaST Imogen Casey, Jack Taylor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

9-10-11 May	NAPLAN
10-12 May	Year 6 Camp North Beach
Fri 12 May	School Choirs Performing at Assembly
13-14 May	Coffs Harbour Show
Sun 14 May	Mother's Day
Mon 15 May	North Coast Basketball
Thurs 18 May	District Soccer
Thurs 18 May	Cross Country-athon Draw 9:00 am
Fri 19 May	Mid North Coast Cross Country
24-26 May	Connection to Country Teacher Training
Mon 29 May	Mid North Coast Soccer
Tues 30 May	'The Witches' Jetty Theatre
Thurs 1 June	District Netball
Fri 2 June	Netball Knockout Gala Day
Mon 5 June	Whole School Group Photo Day

ASSEMBLY:

This week's assembly will be presented by 4/5P at 8.55am.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

CROSS COUNTRY-ATHON SPONSORS 2017

Sports Amart \$100 Sports gear, voucher x2,
Sawtell Hotel \$50 Dinner voucher x2,
Sawtell Lucky Seven \$90 vouchers,
OzJewell Sawtell \$70 necklace,
Tree of life Gifts, bath salts, soap,
Beaches@Sawtell \$75 Books,
Hearthfire Bakery \$20 voucher x3,
Flowers on First \$30 voucher x2,
Taste Restaurant \$50 voucher,
Birch Carroll and Coyle 2x Cinema tickets,
Wholly Cow Café \$20 vouchers x2,
Miss Minnie's Boutique Gifts,
Sawtell Post Office \$30 iTunes voucher,
Blooms Chemist Sawtell Gift pack x6,
Seven Seas Sawtell Gifts, bangles,
Parent \$10 voucher from canteen,
Mr Cheers Lunch with Mr Cheers for 4 students,
63 First Ave \$20 voucher x2.

CROSS COUNTRY-ATHON DRAW

Remember every \$10 sponsorship earns a ticket in the draw. Prizes include bodyboards, sports equipment, vouchers from local business and \$200 voucher from Sports A-Mart. New sponsorship can still be collected until 16 May two days before the prize draw which is now Thursday 18 May. All green sponsorship forms and money need to be returned by Tuesday 16 May, even if you had no sponsors.

ONLINE TRAINING

Autism spectrum disorder, ADHD, ODD. For information <https://elearning.suelarkey.com.au/>

INFORMATION EVENING - FOSTER CARER

Coffs Harbour-18 May Uniting Level 2 Rigby House 6:30pm.
Online- 24 May - register email burnsidefcmnc@uniting.org

P&C NEWS**CALLING FOR ALL THINGS 'CHILLI'**

The P&C have been successful in securing a BBQ and Chilli stand for the upcoming Sawtell Chilli Festival on Saturday the 1 July 2017. These events take a great deal of organisation and we are looking for volunteers to assist on the day. Any assistance from parents is welcomed. Please register your interest via email sawtellpandc@gmail.com

We are also calling on donations of all things 'chilli', including relishes and chutney's, chilli sweets, clean and empty glass jars and just good old chilli's. All items can be left at the front office.

P&C SPORTS RAFFLE

Tickets are available from P&C members, Mr Cheers and at the school office. Tickets are \$10 each and limited to 1500 tickets. Choice of 3 PRIZES: Cricket bat signed by the captains of the ICC World 2016, 20/20 teams, \$800 Madness surfboard and small spring suit and 2016 NSW NRL State of Origin jersey, personally signed by Paul Gallon, team captain of NSW Blues.

REQUEST TO FINALISE ALL OUTSTANDING STUDENT PAYMENTS (BAND FEES AND GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS)

Sawtell School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account next term.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

We will not be able to accept payments between 25 August and 4 September as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one.

We seek your co-operation in order to achieve a smooth transition by ensuring all outstanding band fees (for the complete year of 2017) and general contributions are paid by 15 August.



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