

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

17 MAY 2017 — TERM 2 WEEK 4

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Information about the impact of the Federal Government's education funding model has been made public. The link below will take you to a search page where you can access information about funding to all schools.

<https://www.education.gov.au/sites/education/files/sc/h/calc/index.html>

Interesting to note that our school will receive \$2637 per student in 2017 and a local similar sized private school will receive \$9170 per student. I believe that students in public schools should at least be funded, with tax payer dollars, equitably with students in other education systems. I cannot accept any argument that allows the students in my care to be treated with less importance than students elsewhere in our community. I suggest you email your federal member and let them know how we feel. Of further interest is the NSW Government's reaction calling for full Gonski funding. A letter accompanies this newsletter containing the NSW Minister for Education and Training's response outlining the shortfall for NSW in the funding announcement.

From 23 - 25 May 5 staff members will be involved with Connection to Country training. This professional development focuses on Gumbaynggirr culture and significant local sites.

June 5 is the whole school photo day. Please keep this date free.

Many of our students will be participating in the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod this term. They are working hard with Mrs Pollack and Miss Nicholson preparing to hit the stage at a peak.

Last week 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 a spelling direction.

We are having a working bee on Sunday 28 May from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Please bring gloves, wheel barrows, shovels and mattocks if you have them. We will be levelling and mulching the garden bank east of the new hall.



We entered a display in the Coffs Harbour Show. Mrs Steyne, Miss Wauchope and Mr Moss set up the display for the school. I have received positive feedback about the students work displayed.

Within the next 2 weeks, it is essential that parents ensure all anaphylaxis and asthma plans for students from their GPs are up to date as well as any legal documentation. A copy is to be given to Mr Cheers and a meeting organised to finalise the plans. Action plans will be uploaded to the new SALM system. 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.

Our Year 3 and 5 students survived NAPLAN testing last week. Results and feedback will be sent to parents and the school in August.

This Friday is 'Walk to School Day'. Parents are encouraged to walk to school with their children. I still remember rattling along Lyons Road (still dirt then) for 3 kilometres on my gearless bike on cold frosty mornings so I could get to school to play with my mates.



Active Kids are Healthy Kids

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Thurs 25 May	ICAS Digital Technology
Mon 29 May	Mid North Coast Soccer
Tues 30 May	'The Witches' Jetty Theatre
Wed 31 May	ICAS Science
Thurs 1 June	District Netball
Thurs 1 June	Visiting Performance 'Adamoriginal'
Thurs 1 June	GRIP Leadership
Fri 2 June	Netball Knockout Gala Day
Mon 5 June	Whole School Group Photo Day
Mon 5 June	North Coast Touch Football
Mon 5 June	Marathon Man Visit
Wed 7 June	Mid North Coast Rugby
Fri 9 June	Dance Eisteddfod
Fri 9 June	North Coast Cross Country
Fri 16 June	Choir Eisteddfod
Wed 28 June	P&C Movie Night

ASSEMBLY:

This week's assembly will be presented by 1G + K/1S 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

Today was the last day to hand in sponsorship money and be included in the prize draw. We will be having the prize draw tomorrow (Thursday) morning at 9:00am. Every \$10 sponsorship earned a ticket in the draw. Top 10 fundraisers also receive prizes.

INFORMATION EVENING - FOSTER CARER

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

P&C 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.

K-2 CROSS COUNTRY



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