

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

3 MAY 2017 — TERM 2 WEEK 2

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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 - more information also accompanies this newsletter.

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.

Accompanying today's newsletter is a statement of account for each family detailing outstanding payments.

All students were presented with a talk by Tim Silverwood on Tuesday morning. 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. These students brainstormed ideas on what we can do at school and in our community to reduce the amount of plastics entering the ocean.

We have the opportunity to have a fund raising day with a difference on 5 June. John Morrison is attempting to run 42 marathons in 42 days to raise money for Bravehearts and is running some of them on school grounds. This will be an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to run a lap or two with John and donate to the charity.

No news on the start date for the building works as yet.

The school will be reviewing our discipline policy this term. Please start conversations with other parents, teachers and me about our current system of caution cards, levels and Level 'O'Days and their effectiveness in encouraging appropriate behaviours for students. There will be formal parental involvement as we have workshops on the policy.

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.

Next Tuesday evening teachers are having 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.

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. She had her first swim in the Pacific Ocean yesterday. Tori is being accommodated by teachers and our parent community as she experiences life in paradise.

The school is preparing to move towards new financial (SAP) and administration (SALM) systems. There are number of actions required as we move to the 'Go Live Day' on 4 September. Within the next 2 weeks, it is essential that parents ensure all anaphylaxis and asthma plans from their GPs are up to date. 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. Parents involved with Year 6 excursion to Sydney and Opera House Choir will need to keep informed about payment dates. There will be period in Term 3 where the school will be unable to receipt payments from parents or students - please see accompanying pink information sheet.

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.

CROSS COUNTRY-ATHON

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 17 May the day before the prize draw which is now Thursday 18 May. All green sponsorship forms and money need to be returned by Thursday 17 May, even if you had no sponsors.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 4 May	District Cross Country
Mon 8 May	Mid North Coast Touch Football
Mon 8 May	P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom
9-10-11 May	NAPLAN
10-12 May	Year 6 Camp North Beach
Fri 12 May	Waterwise
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
Mon 5 June	Whole School Group Photo Day

ASSEMBLY:

This week's assembly will be presented by 2HF at 8.55am.

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub due in by Wednesday 10 May. Thank you.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open Wednesdays from 8:30am. If you require to order uniforms, can you please use the current uniform order form available from the school office. As prices have changed the new order form is required for purchases.

GRANDPARENTS - FULLTIME CARERS

Do you have a grandchild in your care? Do you have 24hr responsibility for your grandchildren? Here at Boambee East Community Centre, we understand the anguish and trauma that Grandparents experience during this time. Help us connect you with vital support services by participating in a survey designed to acknowledge what YOU need right now. Your voice is important! For further details and to have your say (confidentially): Phone Julie on 0435 786 714 or Email me on

jwardkyogle@yahoo.com.au (Please note: I am only available via email from 1/05/17 - 17/05/17)

Kind regards, Julie Ward

CROSS COUNTRY-ATHON SPONSORS 2017

Sports Amart \$100 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.

P&C NEWS

The SPS P&C works collaboratively with the school as a valuable partner in many ways including managing the Canteen, the Uniform Shop and various events to help raise funds for the school. All funds raised by the P&C must be used to benefit the school and the attendees at the P&C monthly meetings can have input on prioritising the resource wish-list.

As a result of P&C activities during the last very busy week of Term 1, \$1,439.04 was raised at the disco from door entry and the BBQ, with a fantastic attendance of 238 kids! The Easter Raffle generated \$1,136 which is a lot of tickets sold and again demonstrates the popularity of this event. Thank you to everyone who supported these events!

The P&C are selling tickets for the **Sports Raffle**, and tickets can also be purchased from Mr Cheers or the front office. This raffle will be drawn once all tickets are sold so make sure you don't wait too long to get yours! Tickets are \$10 each and first winner drawn gets their choice of 3 fabulous prizes.

The next P&C meeting is **Monday 8 May at 7pm** in the Staffroom. Look out for more information coming on the 2017 P&C committee members so you know who is doing what if you're interested in helping. Attending the P&C meetings doesn't come with a commitment, view it as your chance to get more information about how the decisions are being made at the school and an opportunity to give your own feedback.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS TOORMINA PS

Toormina PS offers an opportunity class for Year 4 and 5 students. Important dates are as follows:

Wednesday 26 April 2017: Online applications open

Friday 12 May 2017: Online applications close

Wednesday 26 July 2017: Opportunity Placement Test.

Parents will be able to access the online application at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



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