

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

28 JUNE 2017 — TERM 2 WEEK 10

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been a very busy term with many sporting and performing arts successes but more importantly, opportunity for students to participate in these events. Staff have worked very hard to ensure our tradition of having wide ranging opportunities for students has continued.

The Principals' Conference in Yamba on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 June was attended by Principals from the mid-north coast region. As a group we discuss issues relating to public education and our role as Principals. The PPA is a public education voice, informing the decision making of the Minister for Education.

We are currently taking enrolments for kindergarten in 2018. The school is currently closed to out of zone enrolments, except for siblings. Parents wishing to apply for out of zone enrolment, need to complete the appropriate application forms.

Next semester the school is trialing a new approach to spelling. The new approach is based on syllables and giving students strategies to attack words when spelling and reading. Our literacy team has developed a unique approach combining the best ideas from a number of programs from around the world. The approach complies with the DOE syllabus. Workshops for parents will be held early next term.

Mr Burkitt will be representing our school in Sydney this Wednesday and Thursday. Bongil Bongil schools are looking at best practice in 'bumping up' student results in literacy and numeracy. These ideas will help influence our next school plan.

Currently I am reading my way through student reports. I am enjoying reading about the successes and talents of our students. Reports go home Friday and this is a great time to discuss successes and learning goals for next Semester. Teachers are organising

individual meetings with parents, to discuss their child's progress, during the first few weeks of next term.

The recent funding initiatives passed in parliament will have an impact on our children. Please keep yourself informed about funding for your school.

Thank you to the P&C for your support of the school during Semester One. Your collaboration and hard work are a key part of our success as a school community. I have had to turn many families away due to zoning restrictions but I have also welcomed many happy families who seek an inclusive public education for their children.

See you all at the Chilli Festival on Saturday, when some of our students are performing. If you can help at the P&C BBQ please contact the P&C.

Have an enjoyable holiday with your children.



OPERA HOUSE EXCURSION PAYMENT DUE

Please be advised that all outstanding Opera House excursion payments must be settled by close of business FRIDAY 30 JUNE.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT BAND FEES AND GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

To ensure a smooth transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and new bank account we request your support by seeking **payment of all band fees (for the complete year of 2017) and general contributions by 15 August.**

CANTEEN

The Canteen will be closed for the remainder of this term.

BUILDING REPORT

The builders have built a new wall at the rear of the canteen and begun renovating the interior of the old hall. They are also expected to begin major works on the eastern end of the basketball court this week. A new staffroom and maintenance of some classrooms is also scheduled. Major works will occur during the holidays. The project is expected to be completed within 10 weeks. Please respect all fencing, barricades and signs. The teachers' car park is now part of the work site.

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Toormina Public School will be hosting NAIDOC week activities this week. On Monday 26 June our Year 6 ATSI leaders and captains and prefects accompanied me to the opening ceremony. Activities have been organised for separate groups during the remainder of the week. Our ATSI students will be choosing a friend to take to the celebration days. Celebrations are on Tuesday 27 June (Years 1 & 2), Wednesday 28 June (Years 3 & 4) and Friday 30 June (Years 5 & 6). All students involved will receive a note. Our school will have a whole school NAIDOC celebration on Friday 21 July with our usual activities including campfires, damper making, art and storytelling.

TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS

Our *Tournament of the Minds* students are beginning to develop teams for the 2017 TOM challenges. They have begun to learn about co-operation and on-the-spot skills. Miss Wilson and Miss Anderson are currently deciding which teams they will be in for the day.

Who knows which group they'll be in

SPORTS REPORT

The girls' soccer team played against Korora Public School on Monday. We lost 3-0. The whole team played the game. We learnt how to co-operate as a team and we left a good legacy. We would like to thank Miss Rose, Mr Brookman and Sheri for all the support, we loved having you as our coach. We would like to congratulate Korora on their win and wish them luck in their next round.

Ella 6B and Ayshya 6W

UPCOMING EVENTS

27 – 30 June	NAIDOC Celebrations, Toormina PS
Wed 28 June	P&C Movie Night – 5:15pm Yrs K-2, 7:00pm Yrs 3-6
Thurs 29 June	Level 'O' day
Fri 30 June	Reports home
	Last Day of Term
Sat 1 July	Chilli Festival
Tues 18 July	First Day for Students, Term 3
Fri 21 July	School NAIDOC Day

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Movie Night – this Wednesday 28 June!

Kinder, Yr 1&2 – 5:15– 6:45pm; Yr 3-6 at 7:00–8:30pm.

Cost is \$5 per child and includes entry, chips and a drink. Sausage sandwiches also available for \$2 each. Students may dress in suitable warm pyjamas, slippers, dressing gown and bring a pillow, blanket, beanbag (and Ted!) as they want.

Sawtell Chilli Festival – this Saturday 1 July!

The P&C will have a BBQ stall selling sausage sandwiches, chilli goods and sports raffle tickets. Chilli-sweet items needed please, like the chilli-chocolate muffins which sold out in record time in previous years! Please leave all donations at the office no later than Friday afternoon. If you can help with time on the day to sell or turn sausages, please register your interest by emailing sawtellpandc@gmail.com

We will welcome all additional hands on Saturday as we know it's going to be busy!! Our school choir and dance group will also perform during the day.

All funds raised from the events listed above and the sports raffle go directly to supporting new school resources for your children, including a contribution towards the building work underway now – we appreciate all donations, volunteer time and everyone who helps make these initiatives successful.

Next P&C meeting, Monday 24 July, 7pm in the staffroom. We wish all of our school families and teachers a wonderful and safe term break.

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 SUPER 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 Gallen, team captain of NSW Blues.



The advertisement features a man in a suit and tie, Howard Nicholson, standing next to a large graphic of the word 'SOLD' in colorful letters. Below the graphic, the text reads: '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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