

# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"**

**19 JULY 2017 — TERM 3 WEEK 1**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 3, hang on tight.

During morning assemblies it has been great to share some of the sporting and cultural successes of our students as they involved themselves in the wider community during the holidays. A big thankyou to the parents who supported the Chilli Festival by helping at the Sawtell PS stall and to the students who entertained the crowd for almost an hour. It is good for everyone to see our students so involved in their community.

On Monday teachers had a professional development day where we discussed progress on the spelling program, Mr Burkitt gave us a report on how some Sydney schools are improving student results and we looked at improving teacher and student wellbeing.

Teachers also spent time on Monday organising the activities for students for the term. We begin with our NAIDOC celebrations this Friday and the athletics carnival on Monday. Parents are invited to Open Day on the 9 August from 9:00am. At Sawtell PS the Arts are flourishing and the activities for the term are so vast and varied that a separate Arts newsletter has been included with this newsletter. Please be aware of the half day Coffs Cup holiday on Thursday 3 August where the school is closed from 12:00 midday.

Next Wednesday the school will have a visit from a class of students from China. They will spend time in every classroom sharing their culture and schooling as our students will do with them.

The building projects are expected to be completed by the end of this term. More details below.

The student 2 minute drop-off zone, near the play equipment gate, has been extended by Coffs City Council. This will provide a safer and more practical space for dropping off and picking up students. Parents are reminded that it is dangerous and illegal for students to be dropped off in the 'no stopping' zone in Coronation Ave.

Over the next few weeks teachers and parents will be meeting to discuss each student's progress. Please contact your child's teacher if the note to organise a meeting time has 'gone astray'.

Mrs Pollack has been wearing her pearls and representing our school while motivating organisations to support the Opera House Choir excursion to Sydney. We thank Sawtell Rotary and the Bonville/Sawtell Lions Clubs which have both been very generous in their support of our choir students.

Michael Cheers

## SUPER CONCERT

The students' concert Friday 4 August and adults' night out, Saturday 5 August from 6:30pm. Many parents were disappointed they missed last year's adult event. It is obvious where the talent of our students come from.

## COFFS CUP HALF DAY HOLIDAY

Reminder that the school will be closed from Midday on Thursday 3 August due to the designated Coffs Cup Half Day Holiday. Parents are to make arrangements for student to be picked-up at 11:50am. Busses will be running in the morning but not at midday or at the usual afternoon times.

## KINDER ENROLMENTS

We are currently taking enrolments for kindergarten in 2018. Please contact the school for details and to make a meeting time to process enrolment with Mr Cheers.

## NAIDOC WEEK

We will be holding our school NAIDOC Day activities this Friday. Elders have been invited as special guests to our assembly and to yarn up with students around our damper fires. I extend an invitation to all parents of ATSI students to come and share in our activities as we celebrate the oldest culture in the world, from which we can all learn for the future. On NAIDOC Day students may wear any colours from the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander flags including black, red, yellow, blue, teal and white.

## SPORTS & EXTRA CURRICULAR PHOTOS

Sports and extra-curricular photos are now on display in the school office. Order form envelopes can be collected for any of these photos required.

## 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.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH - June

K/1S Halle Barklimore, KM Imarni Davies, KBF Finn Stulgies, 1G Will Chadd, 1/2CR Cooper Moffitt, 1/2AW Avalon Pulver, 2HF Billy Conlan, 3/4A Zachary Webster, 3/4K Byron Harris-Simpson, 3A Arlo Smith, 4/5P Penelope Farmer, 5N Koban Pavitt, 6B Rose Cunningham, 6W Rebecca Bird, LaST Liam Moore, Leala Glover.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 20 July	Touch Gala Day
Fri 21 July	School NAIDOC Day
Mon 24 July	Athletics Carnival
	P&C Meeting – Staffroom 7pm
Wed 26 July	Chinese Student Visit – 9:00-11:00
31 July - 4 Aug	<b>Education Week</b>
Tues 1 Aug	ICAS English
Wed 2 Aug	Choir/Dance/Band at Plaza 9:30-11:00
Thurs 3 Aug	<b>Coffs Cup – School Closes at 12:00</b>
Fri 4 Aug	Super Concert – Students
Sat 5 Aug	Super Concert – Adults only 6:30pm
Sun 6 Aug	P&C Cycle Challenge
Mon 7 Aug	District Athletics
Wed 9 Aug	Open Day – 9:30 - 10:00
Tues 15 Aug	School Spelling Bee
Wed 13 Sept	Grandparents Day
Tues 19 Sept	Big Bike Ride [Years 4-6]

### ASSEMBLY:

This week's assembly will be presented by 1/2AW at 8.55am.

### CANTEEN

Special available all this week –  
Bangers and sweet potato mash for \$3:50.

### UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open Wednesdays from 8:30am. During renovations the Uniform Shop will be operating from the office foyer.

### 2017 CEX MCDONALDS CYCLE CHALLENGE

We are assisting again with marshalling for the 10km family ride on 6 August. It only takes about two hours on the day. The organisers donate \$1000 to the school for our efforts.

We are looking for some new volunteers this year. We've had great support from others over last few years but a few of these are keen to ride this year. Please contact Michael Cheers or Tim Ruge 0424743033 if you wish to help, or just turn up at the information session in the school library next Tuesday 25 July at 8am.

### P&C NEWS

Thank you to all the people that helped at the chilli festival we had plenty of helpers, jams, relishes and sweet treats. We raised \$1000.00 towards school renovations. Any leftover containers are in the office for collection. Thanks

### Fund Raising

Term 2 Movie Night - Always popular, the movie night at the end of last term was jam-packed! Thank you to everyone who helped in the planning, execution and clean-up of a very successful event. Altogether we raised \$1,389.61 for the school which is an awesome result!

**Chilli Festival 2017** - A massive thank you to all volunteers on the day and the amazing cooks who donated the wonderful chilli products, cakes, sweets etc. to sell at the SPS P&C stall. We raised \$732.34 which goes straight back to funding school projects, like the current building works.

### Do you know your P&C members?

You could be forgiven for not knowing exactly who to approach about P&C related events and volunteer efforts for the school, so watch this space over the coming weeks to find out more about the P&C executive committee, kicking off today with our President....

Name: Peter Creenaune

P&C Role: President

Children at SPS: Zac Year 5 and Jake Year 3

Time Served on P&C: 3 years

What do you like about SPS?

What's not to like, what a fantastic school. The staff are great and the kids get a well-rounded education with plenty of life skills and sport as well as academic achievement.

Why are you involved with the P&C?

Both Mika and I believe in giving back to our community. Particularly when such a great education is basically free. We believe it is our duty to give back and to help out.

Something about you that few people know (and that you are happy to share!!!):

I was a professional entertainer for nearly 20 years. I can juggle a chainsaw, ride a unicycle, walk on stilts and eat fire. I can't dance though. I'm hopeless!!



Next P&C meeting is on Monday 24 July at 7pm in the staffroom. Feel free to come along or if you can't make it but want to contribute to the discussion or register your interest in future events, please email

[sawtellpandc@gmail.com](mailto:sawtellpandc@gmail.com)

### 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.

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