



# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

**28 July 2017 — TERM 3 WEEK 2**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NAIDOC celebrations were held last Friday. We started with an assembly run by our ATSI leaders and then all students rotated through activities for the day. As always the damper making around the campfires was the highlight. This year having Aboriginal elders to yarn-up around the campfires helped make the day even better. A big thank you to Aunty Deb and Mr Gibbs for coming along. As Aunty Deb says, as Australians we have to acknowledge our past and move forward shoulder to shoulder.

The Athletics carnival, on Monday, was held in perfect weather. Parents enjoyed watching all of our students compete with sportspersonship and friendliness. The school's new house flags were flying proudly, especially during the march past. For the first time in living memory we had a four way tie for the march past. It was too difficult to pick a winner when every student and teacher was having such fun just enjoying being together and being a bit tribal. Thank you to Mr Burkitt and staff for a great carnival.

Today the school had a visit from a class of students from China. They spent time in every classroom sharing their culture and schooling as our students shared with them. 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 Avenue.

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 King is on leave at the moment and is replaced by Mr Forbes. I will be taking leave from today until Tuesday 8 August. Mr Burkitt will be taking the majority of time as relieving Principal, assisted by Mrs Pollack, Mrs McMahon and Miss Beveridge.

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten in 2018. Please encourage anyone, in Sawtell, that you know, who has students of school age to contact the school for details and to make a meeting time to process enrolment with Mr Cheers.

The P&C meeting Monday night was well attended. Our P&C are a positive and dedicated group who support our school in many ways. Please contact Mr Cheers if you are able to help raise \$1,000 for the P&C by being a marshal for 2 hours at the Cycle Challenge on Sunday 6 August from 8:00 -10:00am.

Student Super Concert is on Friday 4 August at 9am and adults night out is on 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 comes from. If you have a special talent or talent-like skill please see Miss Nicholson. All proceeds support the choir excursion to the Opera House. Tickets (\$10) are available from Miss Nicholson - get in quick.

Tickets for the November 7 Opera House Concert go on sale tomorrow from the Opera House website.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please be reminded that Sawtell School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account this term. Accordingly, we will require all outstanding band fees (for the complete year of 2017) and general contributions paid by 15 August.

**All outstanding OPERA HOUSE EXCURSION  
PAYMENTS NEED TO BE SETTLED BY 8 AUGUST.  
Failure to do so may jeopardise student attendance.**

## COFFS CUP HALF DAY HOLIDAY

Reminder that the school will be closed from midday on Thursday 3rd August due to the designated Coffs Cup half day holiday. Parents are to make arrangements for students to be collected at 11:50am. Buses will be running in the morning but not at midday or at the usual afternoon times.

## ASSEMBLY:

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

## BUILDING NEWS

The library refurbishment and basketball roof extension are continuing. Some pre-cabling will occur in the staffroom building this week. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the term with 3A classroom becoming a refurbished staffroom. Please respect all fencing barricades and signs. The teachers' carpark is now part of the work site.

## P&C NEWS

**Canteen** – We are delighted to welcome our new Canteen Manager Amelia to SPS! Amelia started with us last Tuesday and is already settling well into the role. Thanks to Laura for helping accelerate Amelia's onboarding and all your great work to date. **Volunteers are required – canteen days are all but Wednesday.**

**COFFS CYCLE CHALLENGE** We still need volunteers to help keep the cyclists on track for the Coffs Cycle Challenge! Our target is 20 volunteers and SPS receives a donation of \$1000 –volunteers are required to stand on a designated corner on the 10km family ride circuit along Hogbin Drive/Aviation Drive between the education campus (CHEC) and the racecourse and simply direct riders to go the correct route. The Challenge is on Sunday 6 August and volunteers are required between 8am and 10am on the day. Please contact Tim Ruge (0424 743 033) or Mr Cheers (asap) for more details. We need your help to achieve our goal!

Do you know your P&C members?

Who knew we have two Vice Presidents on the P&C this year? Please meet James Gill, co-Vice President.

**Name:** James Gill

**P&C role:** Co-Vice President

**Children at SPS:** Alia in Kindy

**Time served on P&C:**

This year is my first.

**What do you like about SPS?**

I love the friendly community at the school.

**Why are you involved with the P&C?**

We have just moved to Sawtell from Melbourne this year and I wanted to get involved and get to know people.

**Something about you that few people know (and that you are happy to share!):** I am trained as an archaeologist and have worked on excavations in Egypt!



## UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday at 8:30am.

## P&C SPORTS RAFFLE

Tickets available from P&C members, Mr. Cheers and school office. Tickets \$10 each - limited to 1500 tickets. Choice of 3 SUPER prizes: Cricket bat signed by captains of 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Wed 26 July	Chinese Student Visit 9am-11am
31 July-4 Aug	Education Week
Tues 1 Aug	ICAS English
Wed 2 Aug	Choir/Dance/Band performing at Plaza 9:30am – 11:00am
Thurs 3 Aug	Coffs Cup – School closes at 12noon
Fri 4 Aug	Super Concert – Students - 9am
Sat 5 Aug	Super Concert – Adults Only 6:30pm
Sun 6 Aug	P&C Cycle Challenge
Sun 6-11Aug	Creative Arts Camp Lennox Head
Fri 11 Aug	Opera House Choir to sing at Principals' Conference

### **Best Dressed Teachers at Sports Carnival**



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