

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

16 AUGUST 2017 — TERM 3 WEEK 5

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The school community is currently being affected by a number of viruses. Students, teachers and parents are all becoming ill with a flu or vomiting. Please keep students at home until they are well.

Students from Woolgoolga, Kororo and Sawtell gathered at Sawtell PS today for an Opera House Choir rehearsal with the coordinating conductor Jacqui Shaw. NBN News will feature the choirs today in their 6pm presentation.

Eight of our students spent last week at Lennox Head at the North Coast Creative Arts Camp. I received a personal email saying how wonderful the Sawtell students were. They will be showing some of their work at assembly this week.

I was surprised again this morning to see students being dropped off in the no stopping zone in Coronation St. Parents are reminded that it is dangerous and illegal for students to be dropped off in the 'no stopping' zone. Please consider the safety of all students. Please use the drop off zone in 16th Ave.

Ms Turnbull, Mrs Steyne and Mrs Hurry will be on leave for a few weeks. Mrs Clancy, Mrs Burgess and Mrs Sozou will be taking on their roles.

Miss Anderson and Mr Cross will be participating in a charity bike ride (details below). Having such positive role models shows the importance of supportive communities for our students.

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.

Congratulations to Mrs McMahon who won the Year 6 Sydney excursion lucky number draw this morning. Year 6 now have \$1000 extra dollars for their excursion.

The police will be visiting our school tomorrow to speak to Year 5 and 6 students about cyber safety. We all need to help students to be safe and responsible digital citizens while remembering all devices have an off button.

I have been speaking with students who are not wearing hats. The UV is rising quickly and school sun safety policy requires a broad brimmed hat to be worn to school, no caps. Please see me if you need support in purchasing a hat. They are \$15 from the school office. I am speaking individually to students without hats.

Naplan results are being sent home today. These results give an opportunity for students and teachers to identify and focus on areas of learning. While generally our results are not as good as we would like for Year 3 and 5, the

students from Sawtell PS in Year 7 are showing outstanding growth.

The school will be having Naplan - online next year. Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will test the computers and programs that we have to ensure our school is ready for the online version in 2018. A note for parents with more information about the online testing will accompany this newsletter.

When teachers make accommodations for student learning, the information is sent to a national data base. Teachers will be contacting parents if children are placed on this list. Below is a link for more information.

<https://docs.education.gov.au/node/35393>

Congratulations to all the courageous students who participated in the Spelling Bee. The winners and second placed students (below) will now represent our school at the next level in Nambucca. Students now are preparing for the Maths Master and public speaking competitions.

SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Stage 1 Winner: Goldie Pierce, **R/Up:** Mabel Baker, **Equal 3rd:** Jessica Jones, Jessica Peters.

Stage 2 Winner: Marley Jordon, **R/Up:** Sophie Hutchinson, **3rd:** James Arnold.

Stage 3 Winner: Maya Farmer, **R/Up:** Angus Dugard, **3rd:** Poppy Brown.



KIDSMATTER SURVEY

This term our school will be asking students, staff and parents to take part in an online wellbeing survey linked to the KidsMatter Australian Primary Schools Mental Health Initiative. This survey was completed by our school community in 2016 and provided data that assisted us when setting goals for our students in the areas of personal development and wellbeing.

There is an information sheet attached to the newsletter. We would like to encourage parents and carers to complete the survey by Friday 8 September. Below is the link to the website:

<http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey>

BUILDING NEWS

The library refurbishment and basketball roof extension are continuing. The library is being painted this week. This week there will be some shelving put in storerooms and concreting near the basketball court. Next week some classrooms will be painted. Classes will have to leave their rooms for the week when painting occurs and have their learning in the library. All work 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' car park is now part of the work site.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 17 Aug	Cyber safety Police Talk Years 5-6
21-23 Aug	NAPLAN online practice
Sun 27 Aug	Tournament of Minds - Port Macquarie
Tues 29 Aug	Maths Master Competition
Fri 1 Sept	North Coast Athletics
Wed 6 Sept	Book Week Parade
Fri 8 Sept	P&C Bushdance
Mon 11 Sept	Public Speaking Competition
Tues 12 Sept	Grandparents Day
	Regional Spelling Bees
13, 14, 15 Sept	Year 6 Big Walk
Tues 19 Sept	Big Bike Ride [Years 4-6]
Thurs 21 Sept	Level 'O' Day

ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be 6B at 8:45am.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Several of our very talented students are appearing the musical "The Sound of Music" at the Jetty Memorial Theatre from the 3-26 November. Bookings at the box office 6648 4930 or at www.jettytheatre.com. For more information visit:

www.coffsharbourmusicalcomedycompnay.com

P&C SPORTS RAFFLE

Have you got your ticket yet?

Tickets are still available from P&C members Mr. Cheers and at the school office. Tickets are \$10 each and limited to 1500 tickets. 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.

GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE

This October, Miss Anderson is participating in the Great Cycle Challenge to help fight kids' cancer. She will be riding a massive 300km's Miss Anderson is riding and raising funds to support the Children's Medical Research Institute to continue their work into the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and finding a cure for childhood cancer. Your donations can be as small as \$1... it all helps and adds up in the end. Together, we can help save little lives. Kids should be living life, not fighting for it.

Please donate through the following link:

<https://greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Donate/Rider/186561>

IMPORTANT NOTICE

A reminder to the school community that Sawtell Public School will transition to a new finance system. Subsequently, the office **will be unable to take any payments during the week of 28 August to 5 September**. Your support is appreciated.

P&C NEWS

Canteen - Volunteers required please! Canteen needs anyone who can assist for a few hours, Mon-Tues, Thurs-Fri - any spare time you have and can offer is appreciated. Please see Amelia in the Canteen if you would like to help.

Do you know your P&C members?

The Secretary for the P&C is responsible for carrying out the administrative tasks related to the decisions of the meetings as resolved. Introducing Tim Ruge who ably performs this role (and more) for Sawtell Public School...

Name: Tim Ruge

P&C Role: Secretary

Time Served on P&C: 3 years

Children at SPS: Amelie - 2HF

What do you like about SPS? I love the down-to-earth community feel, and I love the idea of an assembly every morning.

Why are you involved with the P&C? To be a bit more connected with the school and the goings-on.

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

I love starting the day body-surfing with the old guys at Sawtell Beach!



CANTEEN NEWS

We have some more vegetarian and GF options now available Please see Amelia at the canteen.

Lots of new recess specials available - sushi, chicken tacos, meatball and lettuce cups on varied days.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Horses R Us

Two hour after school activities programme. Opened Monday to Thursday 3:30 to 5:30. Come and join us for some horsey fun. For 5 to 12 year olds. Education, dealing with a horse. Lead rides, saddled and bare back lessons. For more info please contact us on 0438 377 858

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Thinking of buying or selling real estate?

For all your real estate needs, contact your local professional today on **0431 011 913**
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