

# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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

**23 AUGUST 2017 — TERM 3 WEEK 6**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The school community continues to be 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.

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.

Ms Turnbull, Mrs Steyne, Mrs Hurry and Mrs Pollack will be on leave for a few weeks. Mrs Clancy, Mrs Burgess, Mrs Sozou and Mr Forbes respectively, will be replacing these staff members.

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.

Most students have hats now. 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 \$20 from the school office. I am speaking individually to students without hats.

The school will be having Naplan - online next year. Our Year 3 and Year 5 students are testing the computers and programs that we have to ensure our school is ready for the online version in 2018.

The Maths Master competition is on Tuesday 29. This is an opportunity for students from Years 1-6 to indulge in the joy of pure mental mathematics. Year 1 starts at 9:15am.

Please be aware of the date changes for the school Public Speaking to Monday 11 September and Grandparents day to Tuesday 12 September.

This Sunday we have four teams competing in the Tournament of minds (TOM) at Port Macquarie. They will be competing against other schools in a number of categories all of which need high levels of creativity, innovation, collaboration and communication. This is a chance for our students to apply their 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in a fun way.

We have begun to learn bush dances at school. The Bushdance, is on the evening of Friday 8. It is an opportunity for families to have a fun night out together. There will be the usual people dressed country style, decorations, hay bales, camp fires and lots of dancing.

I was reading the Toormina HS newsletter this week and congratulations are in order for Meg La Macchia as School Captain for 2018. Also congratulations to Jasmine Newcombe and Blake McGinty who are part of the leadership team. It is always heartening to see such wonderful ex-students taking opportunities to use their skills and lead in our community.

### GRANDPARENTS DAY SLIDESHOW

Mr Forbes is putting together a slideshow for Grandparents Day. Students are encouraged to bring in one photo of themselves with grandparents. The students will receive the photo back immediately, after it has been scanned. Alternatively, photos can be emailed to [josh.forbes2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:josh.forbes2@det.nsw.edu.au)

### KIDSMATTER SURVEY

We would like to encourage parents and carers to complete the Kidsmatter survey by Friday 8 September. Below is the link to the website:

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

### POP PAYMENTS

POP payments or online payments made through our school website link 'make a payment' will be stopped for a short period while the school transitions to our new financial system. It will be unavailable from **28 August till 5 September**. Thank you in advance for your cooperation during this time.

### THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Two of our very talented students - Amelie and Lillian are appearing in the musical "The Sound of Music" at the Jetty Memorial Theatre on the following dates  
**4, 5, 25 & 26 November - 2pm sessions.** Bookings at the box office 6648 4930 or at [www.jettytheatre.com](http://www.jettytheatre.com)

### GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE

This October, Miss Anderson is participating in the Great Cycle Challenge to help fight kids' cancer. Please donate through the following link:

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

### BOOK WEEK PARADE

The book week parade is on Wednesday 6 August at the morning assembly. Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character and bring their favourite book to show.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun 27 Aug	Tournament of Minds - Port Macquarie
Tues 29 Aug	Maths Master Competition
Thurs 31 Aug	League Tag
Fri 1 Sept	North Coast Athletics
	Toormina HS Colour Run Year 6
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

### BUILDING NEWS

The library refurbishment and basketball roof extension are continuing. The library floor is being carpeted and polished this week. Next week some classrooms will be painted. Concreting and the handball wall have been completed near the basketball court. 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. Please respect all fencing barricades and signs. The teachers' car park is now part of the work site.

### ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be 6B at 8:55am.

### UNIFORM SHOP

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

\*Football socks on special \$3 each until stock runs out!\*

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Sawtell Nippers Registrations 2017-18**

Nippers is a fun, activity-based program that teaches kids to learn valuable surf skills, knowledge and awareness in a safe beach environment.

Become a Sawtell Nipper by registering online: [www.sawtellsufclub.com.au](http://www.sawtellsufclub.com.au). For all other enquiries contact: Joanne McKeon Registrar, Junior Activities Sub-Committee. Mobile: 0414 506 450 or email: [info@sawtellsurfclub.com.au](mailto:info@sawtellsurfclub.com.au)



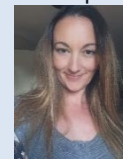
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### P&C NEWS

#### CANTEEN

Take a walk past the Canteen of late and you may catch the aroma of exciting new cooking coming from the kitchen. Let's meet the person responsible for tempting our kids' tastebuds...



Name: *Amelia Cocks*

Role: *Canteen Manager, SPS*

Since when: *I am still new, just joined at the start of Term 3 but already feel like part of the school community.*

A bit about you: *My background is in early childhood education. I was also the Director of Treehouse preschool for the past 18 months. When I first relocated to Coffs with my family from North Queensland 4 years ago I began my own business called The Family Table, running cooking classes for adults and children.*

Interests outside of work? *Aside from my love of cooking I enjoy spending time in nature, camping, going to the beach. I have 3 children and we are always out exploring.*  
What encouraged you to join SPS? *Joining Sawtell PS has allowed me the opportunity to combine both of my passions, education and food! I like the small community feel of SPS and already know many of the families from having looked after their children during their preschool years.*

What are your food philosophies for the SPS Canteen? *I love seeing children try new foods and I am an advocate for healthy eating & cooking from scratch. I also love using fresh local produce as much as possible. What are the new food options on offer and what can we look forward to? The new government guidelines are moving away from traditional canteen foods such as party pies which reflects my philosophy around food for children. You can look forward to seeing fresh, vibrant colourful food that is both healthy and interesting for children. Keep an eye on Skoolbag too for our super specials (meatballs are going crazy this week!) and we are introducing more gluten free options too! St*

Comments or requests for volunteers? *We would love some new volunteers particularly on Fridays!*

Anything else you wish to share? *I will be running half day cooking classes for children during the next school holidays. Keep an eye on my Facebook page at The Family Table Coffs.*

#### 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.

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