

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

2 AUGUST 2017 — TERM 3 WEEK 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Education Week

Welcome to Education Week 2017. An opportunity for schools to showcase all the great learning that is happening within our schools. Our school will be holding an open classroom morning next Wednesday 9 August and parents are invited to an opening ceremony after which parents are welcome to visit their child's classroom. Our award winning choir and dance groups are performing today at Park Beach Plaza which will allow our students and staff the opportunity to perform in front of the wider Coffs Harbour community. The choir will also be performing at the North Coast Principals' conference later next week.

The theme for education week this year is - "I learn, we learn". Learning is not just for students, it's for all of us. By demonstrating a growth mindset, a willingness to learn new concepts and ways of doing things we become great role models for our children on their quest to become life-long learners. Our staff at Sawtell Public are continually engaging in Professional Development and exploring new research and innovative ideas to improve the way we teach. This ensures that the students within our care achieve great learning outcomes and that high expectations in every facet of learning are our shared goal.

Mayoral visit

Last Friday we were very fortunate to have Madam Mayor, Denise Knight attend our assembly to present the school with our water wise school refresher update. Whilst there are many schools in the local area, only a few have undertaken the refresher aspect of this program. Students in all classes last semester explored new learning in regard to protecting this precious resource. Thank you to 4/5P, Mrs Pollack and Mr Brookman who entertained the audience with their wonderful assembly item.

Super concerts

This Friday morning the first of our super concerts will be presented to raise money for the Opera House choir excursion later in the year. All students will attend and parents are very welcome. A gold coin donation would be gratefully accepted on Friday morning. On Saturday night, the second concert will be held for parents and community members. **Tickets for adults' night now available from Miss Nicholson for \$10 each. Don't miss out!** These concerts will showcase some of the wonderful talent that our community has to offer. Unfortunately the staff will also perform, not necessarily to show case talent, however it should be good for a laugh or even cry. Mr Cheers will be back next week.

COFFS CUP HALF DAY HOLIDAY

Reminder that the school will be closed from Midday on Thursday 3 August. Buses will be running in the morning but not at midday or at the usual afternoon times.

All families should have returned the note indicating how each student is getting home on Thursday when the school will close at 12:00 noon for the Coffs Harbour Cup. If you have not done so can you ensure that this information is provided to the school so that we can ensure the safety of all students going home. **Children may be collected from the amphitheatre from 11:50am.**



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.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - July

K/1S Jackson Moffitt, KM Archar Dungay, KBF Alia Gill, 1G Jessie Jones, 1/2CR Jimmy Irvine, 1/2AW Myla Blaikie, 2HF Bailey Rothenbury, 3/4A Ella Coote, 3/K Stephanie Alerre, 3A Bodhi Garner, 4/5P Zac Creanaune, 5N Zamara Parkhill, 6B Charlie Gerber, 6W Indyahna Soworka, LaST Jude Aspden, Morgan Kenny, **Citizenship Award June Millie Hone, Citizenship Award July Zachary Webster.**

SPORTS REPORT

Wonderful participation and weather was had at this year's athletics carnival. Congratulations to all the students who have made it to the next level. District athletics which will held on Monday 7 August. Our basketball teams are looking forward to competing at Nambucca PS this Friday accompanied by Mrs Arthur. Good luck to all those competing.

NAPLAN ON-LINE

Yesterday Mrs Pollack and Miss Wilson travelled to Grafton to a course about NAPLAN on-line which will begin in 2018. Year 3/5 students will sit tests tailored more to the ability in writing, reading, language conventions and numeracy. On 21-23 August the current Year 3/5 students will sit a mock test to see if our technology can cope. Better to crash now than in May 2018.

UPCOMING EVENTS

31 July - 4 Aug	Education Week
Thurs 3 Aug	Coffs Cup – School Closes at 12:00
Fri 4 Aug	Super Concert – Students 9:00am PSSA Basketball - Nambucca
Sat 5 Aug	Super Concert – Adults only 6:30pm
Sun 6 Aug	P&C Cycle Challenge 8:00am
6 – 11 Aug	Creative Arts Camp Lennox Head
Mon 7 Aug	District Athletics
Wed 9 Aug	Open Day Assembly Open Day Classrooms 9:30 – 11:00
Fri 11 Aug	Opera House Choir to Sing at Principals' Conference Mid North Coast Athletics
Tues 15 Aug	School Spelling Bee
Wed 16 Aug	All Day Choir Cluster Rehearsal
Thurs 17 Aug	Cyber safety Police Talk Years 5-6
Wed 13 Sept	Grandparents Day
Tues 19 Sept	Big Bike Ride [Years 4-6]

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.

ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be Super Concert at 9:00am.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

CANTEEN

Volunteers required please! Canteen needs anyone who can help 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 can help.

P&C SPORTS RAFFLE

Tickets are available from P&C members (now you know who they are ☺), 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.

P&C NEWS

COFFS CYCLE CHALLENGE

We urgently need 6 more volunteers this

Sunday 6 August for 2 hours, 8am-10am, to help keep the cyclists on track for the Coffs Cycle Challenge! Our target is 20 volunteers and Sawtell PS receives a donation of \$1000 - the 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 the riders to go the correct route.

Please contact Tim Ruge (0424 743 033) ASAP this week for more details - Tim will tell you which corner to marshal, what to do and provide you with a high-vis vest to wear on the day. We need your help to achieve our goal!

DO YOU KNOW YOUR P&C MEMBERS?

Very pleased to introduce Emma Aspden, co-Vice President of Sawtell PS Parents & Citizens (P&C) ...

Name: *Emma Aspden*

P&C Role: *Co-Vice President*

Time Served on P&C: *3 years*

Children at SPS: *Arla 4/5P & Jude 2H*

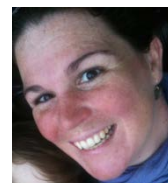
(and Huey 3 years old)

What do you like about SPS? I love that SPS is inclusive! Academic, sport, art, music. They have it covered!

Why are you involved with the P&C? For my kids. I love being involved in the school and working alongside great students and staff.

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

I wear two hats at SPS as a parents and teacher! I love having a laugh with the kids and staff! SPS is a special place. I had no idea what I wanted to do after school so I did a year of economics before I saw the light!



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