

A photograph of a modern school building with a large, curved, light-colored roof structure supported by several tall, thin white pillars. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn. The title 'SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL' is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the top, with 'NEWSLETTER' in a smaller font below it.

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

30 AUGUST 2017 — TERM 3 WEEK 7

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The school community is currently being affected by a number of viruses. Please keep students at home until they are well.

Mrs McMahon, Ms Turnbull and myself will be retiring at the end of this year. My position will be advertised. Other positions will be filled by interview or by DoE placement. Positions will be filled at the beginning of next term ready for commencement 2018. I will be at a principals' meeting this Friday.

Current numbers of kindergarten for 2018 are about 40. This will mean 2 kinder classes and an overall drop of one class to 13 classes. We will lose a demountable classroom. The school is closed to out of zone enrolments.

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. After a blitz for a week or two most students now have hats.

The school had Naplan online trials last week. This morning 16 students will be part of a focus group who will give feedback to the DoE on the process.

The Maths Master competition was keenly contested yesterday. We began with kindergarten students answering some Year 12 mental maths questions. Life is generally about asking the right questions. The winners and runners up are listed below. All students who were knocked out of the competition showed that they understand that mistakes are for learning and how being resilient helps us in many ways.

(If you are a dad don't read the next sentence.) Students are taking home Fathers' day gifts this week. Being a dad is many things but mostly it is love and fun, the tough love part isn't easy though.

Last Sunday we had four teams competing in the Tournament of Minds (TOM) at Port Macquarie. All teams did well and pushed through the problems that they encountered, to perform in front of the judges. A great experience to hone skills needed for the future.

I still observed some parents dropping off students in the no stopping zone, impeding the visibility around the pedestrian crossing. Most parents are using the new drop off zone respectfully.

Our Year 7 Naplan results reflect outstanding growth for Sawtell PS students in all areas except writing. Having students flourish as they enter high school is a great outcome for the school. The general trend for the school is improved average results over the last 3 years. More information is available on the 'My School Website'.

The DoE has released a new School Excellence Framework. The framework contains the elements that our school will most likely be evaluated on next year. Teachers are gathering evidence to support where our school sits on the framework. This includes video, photos and documents. If parents capture great photos please email them to the school as we can use these as evidence of the great things we all do. Any photos from the last 2 years would be appreciated.

Next Tuesday evening at 5:30-6:30pm we will be having a parent meeting to begin planning for the next 3 years and to inform parents about the new spelling program. A second meeting will be on Thursday 7 September from 2:00- 3:00pm.

We have begun learning bush dances at school. The Bush Dance, on the evening of Friday 8, 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. See the P&C flyer for more details.

MATHS MASTER 2017

This year's placegetters:

Year 1 - 1st Maxwell Chapman, 2nd Noah Autry-Hall.

Year 2 - 1st Lacey Elliot, 2nd Zann McCarthy.

Year 3 - 1st Jake Creenaune, 2nd Charlotte Kopp.

Year 4 -

1st Penelope Farmer, 2nd Koen McCarthy, Guy Hickson.

Year 5 - 1st Zac Creenaune, 2nd Kaitlin Kirby.

Year 6 - 1st Angus Dugard,

2nd Toi Wordsworth, Maya Farmer, Bryson Woodhouse.

SPELLING AT SAWTELL WORKSHOPS

Ms Flavel and Mrs Gillespie are holding two workshops next week for parents/caregivers who are interested in learning about the new spelling program that commenced this term. They will be held in Mrs Gillespie's room [the middle demountable]. Come along and learn about the six syllable types. Tuesday 5 September 5:30 - 6:30pm, Thursday 7 September 2:00 - 2:30pm. There will be a 30 minute planning session for 2018-2020 school plan following both spelling workshops.

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. A random prize winner from each class will be drawn. All students need to do to win is to be dressed as a book character and be carrying the book the character is from.

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>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 31 Aug	League Tag – Years 4-6
Fri 1 Sept	North Coast Athletics
	Toormina HS Colour Run Year 6
Tues 5 Sept	Spelling Planning Workshop – 5:30 - 6pm
Wed 6 Sept	Book Week Parade – 9:00am
Thurs 7 Sept	Spelling Planning Workshop– 2 - 3:00pm
Fri 8 Sept	P&C Bush Dance - 6pm – 8pm
Mon 11 Sept	Public Speaking Competition – Years 1-6
Tues 12 Sept	Grandparents Day – Assembly 12:00pm
	Regional Spelling Bee
13, 14, 15 Sept	Year 6 Big Walk
Mon 18 Sept	P&C Extraordinary Meeting - 7pm
Tues 19 Sept	Big Bike Ride -Years 4-6
Thurs 21 Sept	Level 'O' Day
Mon 9 Oct	First Day Term 4 – Students & Staff

ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be 5N 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!

HELP!!

The library is relocating. We urgently need small to medium cardboard boxes [No larger than 50cm wide].

Please bring them in tomorrow [Thursday] morning. Thanking you in anticipation. Kerry Clancy.

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>

BUILDING NEWS

The library refurbishment and basketball roof extension are continuing. The library floor is now carpeted and polished. Books will begin to move to the new library next Monday and Tuesday. Cabling for IT access is being started this week. 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.



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P&C NEWS

Bush Dance – Friday 8 September 6pm – 8pm. Look out for the separate notice coming home today with more details for this event.

P&C Meeting Notice – an extraordinary meeting of the P&C will be held on Monday 18 September at 7pm in the Staffroom, to select P&C representative(s) to assist in the selection process for staff positions for 2018 to replace retiring teachers. Only current P&C members are eligible to vote.

Do you know your P&C members?

The Canteen Treasurer's role is to ensure that the financial system of the canteen and legal obligations to employed staff are maintained, monitored and updated. Meet Tanya, our very capable Canteen Treasurer....

Name: Tanya Cruwys

P&C Role: Canteen Treasurer

Time Served on P&C: 3 years

Children at SPS: Lillian in Year 3

and Frederick in Kindergarten

What do you like about SPS? I love the friendly community feel. And I love that there are opportunities for all different types of learning. **Why are you involved with the P&C?** I feel it is important to be involved and give back a little. If everyone does a little it can make a big difference. **Something few people know about you (and that you are happy to share!!):**

Before kids I worked for 4 years as a Special Needs teacher in a London Catholic school run by nuns.



Still on the subject of the Canteen, thank you to all parents and carers for supporting the Fresh for Kids Campaign! Amelia is busier than ever with demand for the 'red platter choices' increasing every week – great healthy choices and tasty variety plus the chance to win awesome prizes. Volunteers always welcome – many hands make it much easier and quicker to prepare food and serve the kids faster☺.

P&C SPORTS RAFFLE – can you help sell tickets?

Tickets are still available from P&C members, Mr. Cheers and at the school office. If you can sell a book of tickets, please see the office. The raffle proceeds support the school building project and other resource acquisitions which make the school a greater place for your kids to learn.

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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