



# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

**9 AUGUST 2017 — TERM 3 WEEK 4**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

There are many unhappy people around Sawtell at the moment as they realise they missed the *'event of the year'* by not attending the Super Concert last Saturday evening. Most of us went home sore from laughing and dancing. To have such talented staff and parents within the school is such an advantage for our school. The event started 2 years ago with Ms Flavell using her skills to bring talented people together and has grown to the mega event that was organised by Ms Nicholson this year. We even made some money to support our choir singing at the Opera House. The adults' concert followed the students' concert on Friday morning which highlighted the talents of our children. Students from Toormina High School supported our concert by dancing for us. Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who performed. Not every school has a P&C President who can juggle knives and eat fire.

Eight of our students are spending this week at Lennox Head at the North Coast Creative Arts Camp. News so far is that they are delightful children and they are developing their talents in the creative arts and room cleaning.

The student 2-minute drop-off zone, near the play equipment gate, has been extended by Coffs City Council. This has provided a safer and more practical space for dropping off and picking up students. If the space is clear can the first car move to the southern end of the drop off to allow cars to enter behind. Parents are reminded that it is dangerous and illegal for students to be dropped off in the 'no stopping' zone in Coronation Avenue.

From next week Ms Turnbull, Mrs Steyne, Mrs Pollack and Mrs Hurry will be on leave for a few weeks being replaced by Mrs Clancy, Mrs Burgess, Mr Forbes and Mrs Sozou respectively.

I look forward to conducting the choir at the North Coast Principals' Conference this Friday morning.

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.

Thank you to parents and teachers who helped raise \$1,000 for the P&C by being a marshal for 2 hours at the Cycle Challenge last Sunday. We have just received news that the P&C will receive an extra \$250 from Rotary as Sawtell Public School had the greatest proportion of cyclists in the family event.

As part of Education Week the school welcomed parents/grandparents into classrooms for an open morning this morning. As always it is a joy to have family members in our school being a part of what we do.

I had two main messages as I spoke at our Education Week assembly this morning. My first message was about the balance between all the different curriculum areas. The Department of Education determines the subjects and allotted time to each subject per week. We will know that we have the balance right if students turn out to have successful lives. This is very difficult to measure as the only true measure is to check at about 80 years of age if our current students have had a great life. Have they had a successful life financially, health-wise and with relationships? I won't be around at 130 years old to check so we have to trust the feeling we have as a school community that we have it right. It feels right to have choirs singing, students playing sport, art groups and students dancing and acting as well as spending most of our days on Literacy and Numeracy.

I also had to mention the passing of Betty Cuthbert, who is the patron of one of our sporting houses. Betty achieved sporting feats that have not been equalled. Imagine a school that did not let her have a chance to run.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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
21-23 Aug	NAPLAN online practice
Tues 29 Aug	Maths Master Competition
Wed 6 Sept	Bookweek Parade
Fri 8 Sept	P&C Bushdance
Mon 11 Sept	Public Speaking Competition
Tues 12 Sept	Grandparents Day
13, 14, 15 Sept	Yr 6 Big Walk
Tues 19 Sept	Big Bike Ride [Years 4-6]

### UNIFORM SHOP

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

### OPERA HOUSE CHOIR CD'S

These CD's are available from Miss Nicholson for \$10.00.

### P&C NEWS

#### Coffs Cycle Challenge

A very big THANK YOU to the 16 volunteers who helped as riders and marshals for the Cycle Challenge and earned SPS \$1000! It was a fun easy morning, all over and done by 9.30am, beautiful sunny day - hopefully we can support with even more volunteers for the same in 2018.

#### 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 still 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. Funds raised from this raffle support the school building project so very important everyone gets behind the efforts to sell/buy tickets and get in the draw for a great prize as well!

### DO YOU KNOW YOUR P&C MEMBERS?

Ensuring the P&C comply with financial accountability requirements is Amy Bennett, Treasurer of SPS Parents & Citizens (P&C) ....

**Name:** Amy Bennett

**P&C Role:** Treasurer

**Time Served on P&C:** 2 years



**Children at SPS:** Skye Murphy 3/4K and Chloe Murphy 1/2CR. Their grandmother was a student at Sawtell and their great-grandmother was a teacher here.

**What do you like about SPS?** The amazing sense of community. Also, the fact that there are so many opportunities for every student whether they're academic, sporty, creative, musical ... *whatever!*

**Why are you involved with the P&C?** I'm a strong believer in public education and think it's important (& rewarding) to give something back.

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

I have a killer wolf whistle!

### 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.

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