

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

13 SEPTEMBER 2017 — TERM 3 WEEK 9

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The last week was an exceptional display of what our school culture looks like. The Bush Dance was a wonderful display of how to have fun as a community. Many teachers and P&C members worked hard to ensure the night was well catered for with food and nonstop dancing. Breanne Squires worked with a number of students to make the outstanding decorations for the night. Michael Jarret engaged us all with Gumbaynggirr culture.

Having the ability to give your opinion in front of people is a great skill to have in a democracy. I have heard lots of comment about how the improved quality of the skills was evident as we progressed through the grades in the Public Speaking. Thank you to June O'Dell for judging. Congratulations to our winners and best of luck at the next level. Toormina High School is a highly regarded school in debating circles and many of our students will skillfully take up that challenge at high school.

This morning I waved our Year 6 students, teachers and parents goodbye as they waded across Bonville Creek on the first leg of their 12km walk to North Beach. They will camp for 2 nights and be in control of their own tents and cooking. During the 3 days they have learning about science, leadership, Aboriginal culture and how to be adventurous.

The building works is rapidly moving towards completion. See more details below.

Ms Turnbull, Mrs Hurry and Mrs Pollack will be on leave for the remainder of the term. They are replaced by Mrs Clancy, Mrs Sozou and Mr Forbes respectfully.

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. Thanks for the ones so far.

Next week we have the Big Bike Ride for Years 4-6. A 20km challenge to Coffs Harbour Jetty and back. Thursday is Level O Day. A time to celebrate how most of us have developed skills in solving social problems and have appropriate behaviours. Those students who have made a poor choice during the term will have some personal goal setting time with Mr Cheers before joining the rest of the school at Boambee Creek Reserve after recess.

Grandparents Day saw about 200 adults turning up with picnic baskets and happy hearts to see their grandchildren's school. The time, wisdom (better than google) and love that grandparents bring to families and

communities are valuable elements in building supportive communities. The students were very excited to share their school with such special people in their lives.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Below are the students representing Sawtell PS at the Bongil Bongil community of schools on Tuesday 24 October at Toormina PS.

Stage 1 Edward Benedetti, Amelie Ruge,

Stage 2 Ella Chowdhury, Isla O'Donnell,

Stage 3 Alex Cheer-Flavell, Maddy Moffit.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - August

K/1S Keelin Taylor, KM Charli Andrews, KBF Toby Horgan, 1G Finn Taylor, 1/2CR Rehaan Sohal, 1/2AW Angus Gregory, 2HF Jude Aspden, 3/4A Mia Saggus, 3/4K Isla O'Donnell, 3A Holly Hutchinson, 4/5P Eva Smith, 5N Joel Harmey, 6B Jim Marshall-Browning, 6W Angelica Clarke Misiepo, LaST Jay Field, Jaybien Johnson, Citizenship Award Isla O'Donnell 3/4K.

YEAR 6 2018 SHIRTS

Money for Year 6 2018 shirts is due by **Friday 15 September** please hand form and money to the office.

BUILDING NEWS- How Exciting!

The Library will be functioning again next week. We will have an official opening next term. 6W have moved into the old library, making A block our senior's block. Next week, 3A will be able to move into their room (6W's old room) after it is painted this week, which will enable the current 3A classroom to become a new staffroom.

All work is expected to be completed by day one next term. Please respect all fencing barricades and signs. The teachers' car park remains part of the work site.

POP PAYMENTS

Pop payments are available again on the school website.

BUSH DANCE 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 - Boambee Bay 9:30-2:30
Mon 9 Oct	First Day Term 4 - Students & Staff
Thurs 12 Oct	Summer Sessions - Fig Tree Birthday
Fri 20 Oct	Kinder 2018 Orientation Day 8:55
Tues 24 Oct	Bongil Bongil Public Speaking
6-8 Nov	Opera House Choir
13-17 Nov	Year 6 Sydney Excursion
21-23 Nov	Year 4 Cascade Camp
Fri 8 Dec	Presentation Assembly 9:00am
Mon 11 Dec	Year 6 Farewell 6:00pm
Thurs 14 Dec	Picnic Day

ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be 3/4K at 8:55am.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

GRANDPARENTS

DAY 2017



COMMUNITY NEWS

Junior Cricket - Howzat! There will be a sign on day for Milo Blast (6-10 years), under 10s, 12s, 14s and 16s junior cricketers, this Saturday 16th September at Toormina Gardens (Kmart end). Boys and girls most welcome.

AMENDMENT TO LAST WEEK'S P&C NEWS

Last week somehow Tanya Cruwys missed naming her middle child. So to put the record straight Tanya is the mother of three, Fred, Lilli and especially Monique.

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P&C NEWS

Who are your P&C members?

Name: Adele Byrnes (aka Nanny Bear)
P&C Role: Uniform Coordinator
Time Served on P&C: 3 years
Children at SPS: Grandchildren Finn 5N and Bede 1/2CR – my daughter is Tasha



What do you like about SPS? Its small and very community orientated. The school is unique in the fact it is located in a small beach suburb

Why are you involved with the P&C? Apart from the obvious (spare time and grandkids) I know that schools desperately need volunteers e.g. canteen, classroom help, school functions, bbq's. So, I put it out there to all parents and grandparents to consider giving a few hours of your time.

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

- I grew up in the Jacaranda city of Grafton – first job was at Radio Station 2GF as the record librarian (music)
- Had a weekly Jazz program on Radio Station 2CHY FM for a few years
- Carried the Olympic torch through Coffs Harbour in 2000
- Life member of Sawtell Rugby League FC
- My Uncle Jack Gerard owned the first picture theatre in Coffs Harbour – The Tasma
- Love music, all sports, travel, laughter and fun times with my family

A message to all students: Be proud & have pride in your school. The friends you make at school will be your friends for life.

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 teaching positions for 2018 to replace retiring teachers. Only current P&C members are eligible to vote.

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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