

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This morning I was reading an article about 'igen', the current young people in our society. They are identified as having little resilience and taking less risks. While this keeps them safe they are slower to transition to adulthood with good mental health. The researcher blames the smart phone. The article was on the ABC News website if you want more information.

In contrast to this our Year 4-6 students completed a 20km bike ride yesterday. This had the usual amount of risk associated with riding a bike and for many it took extra resilience to complete the day. Last week Year 6 walked 13kms and camped two nights in tents, without any digital devices, building resilience and social skills. As a school it seems our adventures and excursions are spot on with what modern children need, something this school has always done over the last 20 years I have been here.

If you missed our public speaking come to this Friday's assembly and be entertained by the winners from each grade who will re-deliver their speeches.

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.

Just as all parents who spend time with students at school have to have a working with children check, all staff are to have WWCC numbers by 17 November this year or they will not be allowed at work or get paid. If parents are thinking of supporting excursions they will need to have a WWCC number. This is free for volunteers on the <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/> website.

Please have a close look at the calendar over. There are a number of important dates for Term 4 that parents need to be aware of as we enter the 'celebration' time of the year. Enjoy the break with your families.

BAND NEWS

No band this week.

LEVEL O DAY

Popper drinks will be available on the day for \$1.00. Remember to wear a broad brimmed hat, a shirt that covers your shoulders and suitable shoes.

BULIDING NEWS

All works should be completed by the end of the holidays. We will have an official opening next term. 6W have moved into the old library, making A block our senior's block. 3A will be able to move into their room on Friday (6W's old room), which will enable the current 3A classroom to become a new staffroom.

Please respect all fencing barricades and signs. The teachers' car park remains part of the work site.

HEAD LICE



There have been reports of head lice in the school again. Head lice are one of the most commonly reported health complaints from parents and teachers. Anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is. Head lice move from one person's head to another via direct contact with the hair. Head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head. Please treat your child/children before sending them back to school, with either the comb and conditioner method or the chemical treatment method.

KIDSMATTER - PARENT SURVEY

We would appreciate it if more parents could complete the survey online. This information will assist with our future planning.

YEAR 6 BIG WALK



Have a happy and safe
holiday break.

See you all

Monday 9 October.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 4:30pm
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
Tues 5 Dec	School Concert Night 6:00pm
Fri 8 Dec	Presentation Assembly 9:00am
Mon 11 Dec	Year 6 Farewell 6:00pm
Thurs 14 Dec	Picnic Day
Fri 15 Dec	Last Day of Term for Students Talent Quest from 11:15am

ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be winners of the Public Speaking at 8:55am.

UNIFORM SHOP

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





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P&C NEWS



A huge cooe to all Jackaroo's and Jillaroo's who attended the annual Bush Dance Friday before last. Many thanks to the hard yacka of parents, helpers and volunteers who made it another ripper of a night, especially the soup cooks and pastry chefs for the delicious tucker. The Heel and Toe and Stockyard dances were the greatest hits whilst the bush telly was a meeting place to get warm and have a yarn. A many quid was made to help the school and I'm sure the bush telegraph will run red hot to ensure next year's event will be just as bonza.

(Containers, pots and ladles can be collected from the Canteen)

Happy Holidays!

The P&C wish all school families a very safe and happy holiday break.

The next meeting of the P&C will be on the first Monday after students return, 9 October at 7pm in the staffroom. If you don't know what you don't know about the P&C and you're interested to find out more, put this date in the diary - everyone is welcome at these meetings and attendance doesn't commit you to turning sausages or selling raffle tickets. You can do this too if you like, but at worst you will walk away with more insight to how the school and P&C collaborate to make a better place for learning and growing for all children.

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.

MISS ANDERSON - GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE

This October, Miss Anderson is participating in the Great Cycle Challenge to help fight kids' cancer. She will be riding a massive 300km's Miss Anderson is riding and raising funds to support the Children's Medical Research Institute. Your donations can be as small as \$1...it all helps and adds up in the end. Please donate through the following link: <https://greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Donate/Rider/186561>

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