

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

30 AUGUST 2017 — TERM 3 WEEK 7

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A very different start to our day today with our students disappearing and being replaced by book characters as part of Book Week. Reading is not just an essential academic skill but a road to enjoyment. Thank you to parents, teachers and students who went to so much effort with costumes. Special thank you to Miss Wilson and Year 6 for organising and "MC"ing the morning.

Yesterday thousands of books moved from the old library to the new library. There are no library lessons or borrowing this week as we move. It is becoming a very exciting learning space that will support student learning for years to come.

Ms Turnbull, Mrs Hurry and Mrs Pollack will be on leave for a few weeks. They are replaced by Mrs Clancy, Mrs Sozou and Mr Forbes respectfully.

I am looking forward to taking kindergarten into the wilds of Sawtell tomorrow morning. Next week we celebrate three special events on our school calendar. Monday is public speaking where I am sure we will be amazed at the confidence and oral skills of our students as they present their speeches. Tuesday is Grandparents' Day and a time to celebrate having loving and wise grandparents in our lives. Many who now unselfishly take on the primary care of their grandchildren. On Wednesday Year 6 will walk 12kms to North Beach and camp out for two nights. During the time they will be learning from an Aboriginal elder, learning about the environment and learning about how to be leaders.

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.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs Gillespie and Ms Flavell ran our first parent workshop on the new 6 Syllables spelling program. Parents were given an overview of the 6 syllable types and strategies used in learning as well as online resources that support the program. A second meeting will be on Thursday 7 September from 2:00- 3:00pm in Mrs Gillespie's classroom. Some parents remained to begin planning for the 2018-20 School Plan. More sessions will be organised to give input into the plan as well an opportunity through questionnaires.

The P&C Bush dance is on this Friday 8 September. It is an opportunity for families to have a fun night out together. \$5 per student or \$10 per family. Students are

to be under the supervision of parents or other responsible adults during the evening. 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.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Our in school public speaking competition will be held on Monday 11 September, the timing will be approximately as follows.

Stage one - 9:30am, Stage two - 10:15am [approximately]
Stage three - 11:15am.

'THREE FOR THE SEA' BIN STICKERS

Today each family will receive a sticker to put on their bins. Students who participated in the 'three for sea' designed the stickers to promote community awareness around the danger of plastics to the environment.

BUILDING NEWS- HOW EXCITING

The basketball roof extension will be completed today just in time for our Bush Dance night. The books are in the library and the final touches are under way. Cabling for IT access is being completed this week. Year 6W will move out of their classroom into the old library by the end of this week. The classroom will then be painted ready for 3A to move in during the last week of this term. 3A classroom will then become the new staffroom and a modern workspace for teachers. 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.

BOOK WEEK PARADE



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 7 Sept	Kinder Local Walk with Mr Cheers 9:15-11 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 - Boambee Bay 9:30-2:30
Mon 9 Oct	First Day Term 4 - Students & Staff

ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be 1CR 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!

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PARADE



KIDSMATTER SURVEY

Last days to encourage parents and carers to complete the Kidsmatter survey by this Friday 8 September. Below is the link to the website:

<http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey>

Thinking of buying or selling real estate?

For all your real estate needs, contact your local professional today on **0431 011 913**
Howard Nicholson – Sales Agent

P&C NEWS

Bush Dance - This Friday 8 September 6pm - 8pm. Donations of soup and baked sweets can be left at the front office this week - thank you in advance and remember to bring your own cup and a picnic rug. Tickets \$5 single/\$10 family, can be purchased 'at the door' (of the school basketball courts) on the night. Families and friends all welcome - it will be loads of fun!

Who are your P&C members?

The Canteen Coordinator is responsible for the operations of the school canteen and coordinating volunteers. Hallie, as a Chef herself and Canteen Manager at Tyalla, is perfectly suited to this role at Sawtell PS....



Name: Hallie Burgess

P&C Role: Canteen Coordinator

Time Served on P&C: First year this year!

Children at SPS: Charlie and Bodhi, both in Year 3

What do you like about SPS? I love the community feel around Sawtell Public School and great teachers

Why are you involved with the P&C? I'm involved in the P&C to be more involved in the school

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

I am currently working for the government on the NSW Healthy Canteen Strategy advisory board, supporting healthy growth and development of students, and encouraging the healthy choice to be the easy choice (for more information on this initiative, visit www.healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au)

Sabrina Wright accepting the \$1000 cheque for SPS from sponsors C.eX, as appreciation for the P&C volunteers and marshalling assistance at the Coffs Cycle Challenge. We also received an additional \$250 in recognition of Sawtell PS having the most student riders in the Challenge this year.



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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