

A photograph of a modern school building with a large, curved, dark-colored roof structure supported by several tall, thin metal poles. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn. The sky is bright and clear.

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

7 February 2018 — TERM 1 WEEK 2

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week Sawtell PS welcomed 'Class of 2024', Kindergarten! Kindergarten commence full days this Thursday. We love seeing their beaming smiles!

On Monday night the P&C met for its first meeting of the year. The P&C provides increased opportunities for parents to network, fundraise and be better informed of general school business. The school strongly encourages any parent/carer who is interested in being part of Sawtell PS's very proactive P&C team to attend the Annual General Meeting on Monday 19th February at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. *The Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school. Children are required to attend school each day it is open for students. The school strongly encourages students to arrive before classes commence and are at school for the duration of the school day. Consistent school attendance maximises student learning, helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine, and reduces classroom disruption. ***What if my child is away from school?*** On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Absences must be justified within 7 days of the absence, either written, email or verbal.

Further information may be downloaded from https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/media/documents/attendance-behaviour-engagement/attendance/attendance_parents.pdf.

Roll marking at Sawtell PS is now done electronically. As a result, the school will be revising the School Attendance Policy. Parents/carers will be informed of any changes.

Movie Night

Please keep Saturday 10th March FREE! Sawtell Golf Club are presenting an 'Event on the Green at Sawtell Golf Club' from 5:30pm. 'The Secret Life of Pets' will be on the BIG SCREEN. There will be live entertainment, food trucks, games and giveaways. Most importantly, the gold coin entry will be donated to Sawtell PS. What a wonderful opportunity for our school community to get together for some light entertainment and fundraising.

With today's newsletter please find a copy of the Term 1 Calendar. At time of print dates were accurate. If unforeseen circumstances arise the school will endeavour to give families notice. Check the Skoolbag app which is regularly updated.

Congratulations to the students who were selected in the Opera House Choir. From all accounts the selection process was difficult with such an array of talented singers at Sawtell PS. There is a meeting for parent information next Thursday at 5:30pm. An information note has been sent home today.

Finally, all classes are settled. Our children are smiling and staff are enthusiastic for the year ahead.

Enjoy the end of week!

Michael Hepi - Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/2 9:30am and 6:00pm - Parent School Plan planning session/s
- 14/2 Happy Valentines
- 15/2 Stg 1, 2 and 3 Parent Teacher night
Stg 1 – 5:30-6pm (includes class 2/3G)
Stg 2 – 6-6:30pm, Stg 3 – 6:30-7pm
- 15/2 Opera House Choir Parent Info – 5:30-6pm in the old Library
- 16/2 NRMA bus safety visit for Kindergarten
- 19/2 Parent Teacher night for Kindergarten

ASSEMBLY:

Student Leaders will receive their badges at this week's assembly.

HEALTH CARE PLANS – Parents/Carers

If your child has a Health Care Plan, please make a note of the review date for this year, see your doctor and bring the new plan to an appointment with the Principal. Please do not leave paperwork at the office.

Laurel Astle

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday at 8:30am.

P&C NEWS

A well-attended first meeting of the P&C with Mr Hepi for 2018 was held this week and plans are underway for the key events in Term 1 - Big Screen on the Green (outdoor cinema) on Saturday 10 March at Sawtell Golf Club; School Disco on Thursday 4th April; and the annual norms - Easter Hat parade and raffle etc - more details to follow so keep an eye out for flyers, newsletter announcements and updates on the Skoolbag app. Every event raises money for Sawtell Public School to enhance the learning experience for our children and your support is appreciated.

2018 P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) is on Monday 19 February at 7pm in the Staffroom, followed by the regular meeting of the P&C. The P&C executive roles (President, Vice President/s, Secretary, Treasurer, Canteen Treasurer, Canteen Coordinator, Uniform Coordinator, Communications Coordinator) are open for election at the AGM and it is essential that you attend this meeting if you would like to stand for election to an executive role or if you would like to vote for the standing candidates for each role. If wishing to stand or vote at the P&C executive election, you must be a financial member of the P&C - annual membership is \$2 per person and is payable at the AGM on 19 February. New members are very welcome - you may be new to the school, or existing or just curious to know more about who and what the P&C are and do for the school. Attendance does not commit you to anything at all, just gives you the opportunity to get involved if you want to - we know the kids love to see carers or family members helping at school and relevant events.

WEB ACCESS TO OUR NEWSLETTER

[HTTP://WWW.SAWTELL-P.SCHOOLS.NSW.EDU.AU](http://www.sawtell-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

BOOKCLUB – Sawtell Public School now uses LOOP at Scholastic Book Club. It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card at scholastic.com.au/LOOP.

Follow these easy steps –

1. Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either sign-in or register your account.
2. Add your child's first name and last initial (so we know who the book is for), then select Sawtell Public School and your child's class. Note you can order for multiple children at once as long as they attend Sawtell Public School.
3. Click on ORDER and enter the item number from the catalogue.
4. All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date. There's no need to return paper order forms or payment details to your school, unless you are paying by cash or cheque.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sawtell Soccer Clubs registration assistance days will be on Saturday, 10th & 17th February from 9am - 12pm, at Centro Toormina. Registrations need to be in ASAP so we can validate teams. For more info please email us on sawtellscorpionsfc@gmail.com

BCU Coffs Kids Tri – Entries for the event are now open at villagesports.com.au. Schools are broken up into categories based on numbers and the school with the highest percentage of participants in each category will receive cash to spend on sporting equipment for the school.



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