



# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

**28 February 2018 — TERM 1 WEEK 5**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Band/Music Program**

Due to unforeseen circumstances Mr K has informed the school that he will no longer be teaching music/band at school. The school was informed last Thursday. Fortunately Mr Clancy, skilled in band/music, has offered to take on the role. Mr Clancy will commence music/band this Friday for the duration of 2018. The school is currently organising a small farewell at a morning assembly for Mr K. The date will be confirmed shortly. Mr K will be missed by the school community and we thank him for developing the music skills of our students.

### **Onsite after hours**

There have been reports of children on school grounds after hours, running and riding bicycles around classrooms and on roof tops. Public schools are defined as 'Inclosed lands'. This means, unauthorised entry is prohibited. The 'Inclosed Lands ACT' protects the school from deliberate and accidental damage as well as unauthorised visitors being injured onsite. The community is encouraged to report unauthorised after hours entry to the school.

### **School Discipline Policy**

From the beginning of Term 2 the school will begin the process of revising the School Discipline Policy. This revision is expected to be finalised by the end of 2018. The process will involve consultation with the school community including students, staff and parents. In the meantime, the school seeks your support with the current policy including where children should and shouldn't be (out of bounds). 'Out of Bounds' areas are designated to ensure the wellbeing/safety of every child. In the morning before classes, children are required to play in the CoLA (basketball court) or on the grass slope and concrete area outside the canteen and towards the

western boundary of the school. When children arrive at school they should place their school bags in the appropriate location and make their way to these areas. The amphitheatre and classroom verandas are '*out of bounds*' once bags have been placed. If you drop your child at school please encourage him/her to make their way to these locations where they are supervised by the duty teacher.

The current discipline procedures include;

- Redirection/reminder of school expectations
- Verbal warning/reminder of consequences
- Time-out in class (quiet/calm corner)
- Removal to a 'buddy class' or shadow teacher in playground
- Reflection room at lunch time (timeout room)

If your child has been redirected, reminded and given verbal warnings to adjust their behaviour and there has been no improvement a caution card or level card will be issued to inform parents/carers. There are also follow-up consequence such as; loss of privileges (including play time) or a suspension as per department policy.

### **Caring students**

Sawtell PS children are amazing! This past week has been a pleasure witnessing students from Kinder through to Year 6 looking out for each other. The caring nature of our students towards one another is very encouraging. Keep it going kids!

### **The Smith Family Scholarships**

A number of families have completed application forms to receive assistance from The Smith Family. Please be advised that the applications close tomorrow. If you require further information please contact the office tomorrow.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Michael Hepi – Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7<sup>th</sup> March Principal's Network meeting  
 9<sup>th</sup> March 5H assembly  
 13<sup>th</sup> March Mid North Coast AFL,  
                   'Snaketails' (Australian reptile display)  
                   Kindy – Yr 6 \$7.00 per student  
 15<sup>th</sup> March Director of Public Schools visit.  
                   Toormina District Basketball  
 29<sup>th</sup> March Easter Hat Parade 12noon  
 9<sup>th</sup> April 'STAMP OUT BULLYING' - \$4.95 per student

## ASSEMBLY:

This week's assembly 3/4K.

## UNIFORM SHOP

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

## P&C NEWS

### Profile of a Canteen volunteer at Sawtell PS



Introducing **Audrey Kirkman**, 77 years old, mother of 6, grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of 3, volunteering for 3 years in the Canteen on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

**What made you decide to volunteer?** I was looking for something to do when I lost my husband 3 years ago – I was bored silly! One of my grandsons was staying with me for a few months and attended Sawtell PS during that time and I kept reading in the newsletter that the Canteen needed helpers (not much has changed!), so I came up to see what I could do.

### So you don't have any family members at Sawtell PS?

No I don't, my grandson was the only one for that short period of time. And yet it does feel like family, being here. 3 years is quite a long association and I really enjoy being part of the Canteen team, seeing the kids grow up and knowing that I am contributing in a meaningful way.

**What do you do in the Canteen?** Anything Amelia needs me to do! We have found a good routine I guess and I just do whatever needs doing – bake muffins, sausage rolls, pizzas, sort and pack lunch orders, wash dishes, serve at the counter, anything. Thursdays and Fridays are the busiest days and Mondays are really good for new volunteers to get the hang of it.

**What do you get out of volunteering at SPS?** It makes my day! I love it – love seeing the kids and Amelia, I really enjoy coming here. It's like a family for me, feeds my soul - sitting around at home is not my thing, not good for the mind.

**What else fills your week?** I play tennis 2-3 days per week and volunteer at the Sawtell tennis club canteen when needed. I've been there for 40 years! I have an active social life and generally lead a very full and busy existence.

**Any advice for others thinking about helping at the Canteen?** I believe the world is a better place when people can give a little bit to others. Canteen is not for everyone but for anyone who can help, your efforts are very much appreciated by the kids, Amelia and the school in general.

**Thank you Audrey** – your generosity of spirit and time is amazing and we are very lucky to have you in our Canteen!

If you want to join the Canteen volunteer team, please see Amelia (in the Canteen all days except Wednesday as closed).

**Raffle Donations Requested Please!** Screen on the Green, 'Secret Life of Pets' at Sawtell Golf Club, Saturday 10 March from 5.30pm - all gold coin entry proceeds go to Sawtell Public School PLUS we have the opportunity to run a raffle, tickets sold at the event only and drawn on the night. We do need prizes for the raffle – donations of anything 'prize-worthy' gratefully received at the school front office please.

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