

# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

8 March 2018 — TERM 1 WEEK 6

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the school has been contacting parents to seek additional information omitted from student enrolment forms. Such information includes; parent level of education, parent post school training/qualifications and current employment. This information is vital in determining the school's FOEI (Family, Occupation and Employment Index) which then determines the level of 'equity' funding (GONSKI funding) the school receives. If your details have changed over the past 12 months please let the office know.

Plenty of progress has been made towards the development of the 2018-2020 School Plan. Our draft school vision includes, *'Expert teachers in partnership with the community are committed to delivering a balanced and innovative curriculum to nurture, guide, inspire and challenge students'*. Within this statement sits highly skilled and competent teachers, high expectations, current pedagogical practice, 21C learning, student wellbeing and strong partnerships with families and the broader community. These aspects reflect feedback received from the school community.

Over the past week all staff have been required to complete their Performance and Development Plans in consultation with their team leaders. Staff selected up to 5 professional goals which align with the direction of the school plan. From Term 2 there will be sustained professional learning for all staff. Yesterday afternoon Kindergarten teachers attended their 2<sup>nd</sup> of 12 half day professional learning days in L3. Already L3 is making a difference to how literacy is being taught at Sawtell PS. The school looks forward to continued progress in student learning.

Unrealestate has again come on board to support the school in acknowledging the great work of our students. They are proudly 'sponsoring' the *Citizen of the Month Award*. The school thanks Unrealestate for their ongoing assistance.

Finally, a massive thank you to members of the local Sawtell community who kindly offered to raise money for the

school. Laurie, Priscilla, Michelle, Eamon, Jude, Ton, Chris, Mart and Truus held a stall at last Saturday's 'Sawtell Street Party'.

They raised \$1100 selling very tasty paella and sausages. The sausages were supplied 'free' by *Butchers Boutique*. This great support of our school is highly valued and appreciated. The funds raised will go towards readers and the music program.

Have a relaxing end of week!

Michael Hepi – Principal

### BIG SCREEN ON THE GREEN POSTPONED

Due to incoming weather fronts we have been advised today that the Big Screen on the Green will be postponed. Stay tuned for further information regarding the rescheduled date.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

9 <sup>th</sup> March	5H assembly
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Big Screen on the Green, Sawtell Golf Club
13 <sup>th</sup> March	MNC AFL trials 'Snake Tails' Visiting Performance
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Director of Public Schools visit Toormina District basketball
16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Final payment</b> for Lake Ainsworth 2AW assembly

### EASTER HAT PARADE

In Week 9, Thursday 29th March, Sawtell PS will be having our Easter Hat parade....mark it down in your diary!! The parade begins at 12:00pm in the amphitheatre. Children make their Easter hats at home and bring them along to school on the day.

The canteen will be open for recess ONLY. Students will need to bring their own lunch. Please feel free to BYO picnic lunch. The P&C will hold their Easter raffle on the day too. It would be greatly appreciated if each family could donate Easter eggs or merchandise towards the raffle. Donations can be left at the school office.

**ASSEMBLY:**

This week's assembly 5H.

2AW will now be having their assembly item in Week 7 and 1M will be having theirs in Week 8. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Introducing one of our new teachers in 2018 - Mrs Sarah Reeves, Class 1R.**

***Tell us a little about you, where did you grow up?***

I am currently living in Coffs Harbour and have done so since I moved here for university. Prior to university I lived in Wauchope for a few years but mostly grew up in the northern suburbs of Brisbane.

***What do you like doing when you're not at school?***

Outside of school, I spend most of my time doing some kind of outdoor activity, from sports like touch football to attempting to surf or taking a very long walk around a golf course. I love being outside and active, especially as I am lucky enough to live in such a beautiful part of the world.



***Your funniest memory as a teacher?***

It would have to be when I accidentally tipped a tub of glitter over my head whilst preparing for Christmas craft and I sparkled for weeks.

***Favourite food?*** Italian

***What is the first book you remember reading?***

The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton

***What is something few people know and you're happy to share?***

I have a twin brother!

***When given the opportunity, what did the students of 1R really want to ask Mrs. Reeves?***

***How big are your feet?*** Size 8.5 ladies...

***How tall are you?***

I'm really tall, the size of a basketball player actually! I think I'm about 5 foot 8 or 176cms!

***What is your favourite colour?*** Blue

***What were your favourite things about school when you were in Year 1?***

I loved being at school. I remember loving swimming, tennis, riding my bike and having mud fights with my brothers on the way home.

**COMMUNITY NEWS****Sawtell Girl Guides**

Wednesday, 4-6pm, for 5-9 yrs

Thursday, 4:30-6:30pm for 10-14 yrs

Lorraine White – District Leader 0412 534 160

**P&C NEWS**

A huge **THANK YOU** to Laurie & Priscilla Piper, Michele Grant, Eamon and Jude Dempsey, Ton & Chris Huybregts, Mart & Truus Meulenbroeks for the paella and sausage stall held at the Sawtell Street Party last Saturday.



What a great bunch of people, making a difference in our local community! A massive \$1,100 was raised which will go towards purchasing new musical instruments and readers for Sawtell PS. Such a generous contribution - we are very appreciative!

**Big Screen on the Green movie night – HAS BEEN POSTPONED.**

We will still be collecting donations of raffle prizes – anything big or small – all donated goods will be made up into 3 prizes to be drawn on the night. Further details will be provided when the event is rescheduled.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

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

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