

A photograph of a school building with a large, modern, curved roof structure. The building is surrounded by green grass and trees. The title 'SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER' is overlaid in large, light blue, sans-serif capital letters.

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

14 March 2018 — TERM 1 WEEK 7

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dogs at School

Sawtell PS is promoted as a safe, happy learning environment for all students. During the term a number of families have contacted the office alerting the school to their child's fears of dogs. For a number of reasons including disability and/or past experience some students become anxious when dogs are close by. The school asks that your 4 legged family members remain outside the school gate at all times.

Yarn-up

Next Thursday 22nd March Sawtell PS will be holding a Yarn-up for our Aboriginal families. The Yarn-up is an informal opportunity for our families to engage in our wonderful school. We look forward to seeing you at 9:30am.

Kinder L3

Kinder teachers at Sawtell PS are currently being trained in L3 (a language, learning and literacy research based intervention program for students). The training is over a 2 year period and includes workshops, demonstration lessons, supervised practice and on-the-job support. It has been wonderful to see the transformation of classrooms over the past few weeks with increased opportunities for students to receive explicit instruction in reading and writing strategies in small groups on a daily lesson.

End of term events

Towards the end of term there are a number of events happening in such a short space of time. Such events include; *Year 5 Lake Ainsworth excursion, Year 6 Leadership Camp, Easter Hat parade, P&C disco, school photos as well as many sporting opportunities.* Families are encouraged to use the term calendar, newsletter and Skoolbag App to keep up to date.

Mr Burkitt news

Earlier this week the school informed our community that Mr Burkitt was successful in gaining the Principal's position at Bonville PS pending a period of appeal. Congratulations Mr Burkitt!

Enjoy your weekend!

Michael Hepi – Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

15th March – Mrs Murray (Director of Public Schools visit)

16th March – 2AW assembly

23rd March – Coffs Principal's meeting

26-29 March – Year 5 Lake Ainsworth excursion

29th March – Easter Hat Parade

4th April – P&C Disco

12th April – School Photos

ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly 2AW.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

KB – Isabella Nelson

KS – Max Bennett

1R – Zara Lark

1M – Ava Johnson

2AW – Chloe Murphy

1/2CF – Angus Gregory

2/3G – Bridie Squires

3A – Lachlan Cook

3/4K – Mabel Barker

4A – Paije Vandenhooft

4/5SB – Reika Misiepo

5H – Kiara Casey

5/6B – Eveie Ross

5/6N – Ben Gregory

LaST – Alysha Bancroft 2AW

INTRODUCING ANOTHER OF OUR NEW TEACHERS IN 2018

Emma Sullings - 4/5B

Tell us why you chose Sawtell PS? I actually can't believe how fortunate I am to have been given an opportunity to work at Sawtell, I have heard lots of great things about the school, the teachers and the community and believe it is a place where I will further develop as a teacher.



Where have you taught before? The past 5 years I have been teaching in remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory.

3 words to describe your teaching style?

Passionate, caring, real.

What are your early impressions of Sawtell PS so far?

Beautiful in every way, it is so nice to be a part of it.

Can you describe one of the biggest challenges you feel exists for stage 3 teachers today?

I think technology poses challenges and trying to ensure that you incorporate it in your program in effective and meaningful ways can be tricky.

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

I love to walk my dog at Boambee Creek and do Yoga. I also love hanging out with friends and reading books.

What has been your biggest achievement to date?

Being voted Citizen of the Year in 2016 for a girls program I developed in the Northern Territory.

Your funniest memory as a teacher?

Oh goodness there are so many, which is why I love teaching. The funniest moments usually arise during role play activities.

Tell us about your own family/where you grew up.

I grew up in Old Bar- a seaside town near Taree. I have two younger brothers as well as 5 step sisters.

Something few people know and you're happy to share.

I run my own small charity helping young girls and women in remote locations throughout Australia. Ask me about it next time you see me :-)

P&C NEWS

Easter raffle to be held on Thursday 29 March with the Easter Hat Parade – tickets will be sold and prizes drawn on the day. It would be greatly appreciated if each family could donate Easter eggs or Easter merchandise towards the raffle – these may be left at the school office anytime over the next few weeks.

Next meeting of the P&C is Monday 26 March, 7pm in the Staffroom. All welcome – any agenda items, please email to sawtellpandc@gmail.com

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.

All orders must be in by Friday 23 March.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Boambee Football Club ⚽

Orientation Day – Saturday 17 March

10am at Ayrshire Park

Come and register, meet the coaches and meet your team mates. Mini games and fun to be had by all.

Log onto www.playfootball.com.au to register

Contact us at secretary@boambeefc.com.au

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