



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

21 March 2018 — TERM 1 WEEK 8

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Lake Ainsworth Excursion

Next week Year 5 students embark on the annual Lake Ainsworth Excursion to Lennox Head. During this excursion students will be participating in a number of exciting and challenging activities designed to strengthen self-confidence and social, team building and leadership skills. I am sure they will have a very enjoyable week. Thank you Mrs Hart for organising this wonderful experience for our students, and thank you to her and Mr Burkitt and parents who are accompanying the excursion for giving up their personal/family time for our kids attending.

Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade is being held next Thursday from 12noon. The community is encouraged to attend and families are welcome to stay to enjoy lunch with their children. The school encourages all students to remain at school for the remainder of the school day as per attendance expectations.

Working Bee

The school will be scheduling a working bee during next term. We will be looking for volunteers to tend to gardens, exterior painting, retaining walls etc. Your assistance for a couple of hours on a weekend would be greatly appreciated. Further information to follow.

Safety – staff car park

The safety of all students, staff and visitors is our priority. Recently, a number of students have been walking through the staff car park either making their way in or out of the school, and often with adults. All pedestrians are strongly encouraged to use the footpaths to ensure the safety of everyone.

Safety – school crossing

There is a crossing at the entrance to the school adjacent the bus stop and another at the top of the school along-side the hall. Please model safety with your children.

Enjoy your weekend!

Michael Hepi – Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

22 March

8:30am – School Finance Committee meeting

9:30am – Yarn-up

Toormina District Soccer

23 March

Coffs/Clarence Principal's meeting

Final Day for Bookclub orders

26 March

Lake Ainsworth excursion departs

28 March MNC soccer

29 March

12noon – Easter Hat Parade

Year 5 return from Lake Ainsworth

30 March Good Friday Public Holiday

2 April Easter Monday Public Holiday

4 April P&C Disco

9-11 April

Year 6 Leadership and Peer Support Camp

12 April School Photos

ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly item 1M (Miss Rose).

UNIFORM SHOP

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder that the school photo envelopes need to be brought in on photo day, 12 April.

REMINDER SCHOOL PHOTOS CANNOT BE PAID ONLINE VIA THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

Any families requiring sibling photos, must obtain a sibling photo envelope from the school office. Sibling photo orders CANNOT be put on the single portrait envelope.

CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR FEBRUARY

Che Wenban – 1/2CF

NEW TEACHER AT SPS IN 2018**CARLY BURKITT 4/5B*****Tell us about your own family/where you grew up***

I live in Emerald Beach with my partner and our 6 month old daughter. I grew up locally in Boambee, attending Toormina Public School and Toormina High School before going to University at Southern Cross where I studied teaching.

Why did you choose teaching?

I chose teaching because I want to empower and encourage every child to have a voice and to be active participants in their own words. I believe in the transformative nature of learning. If you teach children how to learn, you are providing them with the tools they need to tackle any challenge the world throws at them.

How do you feel about belonging to Sawtell PS?

I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to join the Sawtell Public School community and look forward to working with and getting to know all the students, staff and families.

Where have you taught before?

I moved to the Riverina after graduating from University. I was successful at interview and gained a permanent position at Corowa Public School where I spent 5 years working in a number of roles including classroom teacher, relieving Assistant Principal and as an instructional leader. At the end of 2016, my partner received a transfer back to the Mid North Coast (which had always been our dream) so I took leave from my position, packed up our life and moved back to Coffs Harbour. In 2017 I worked as a temporary teacher at Narranga Public School until I went on maternity leave in August and then gained the position here at Sawtell Public School at the end of last year.

3 words to describe your teaching style?

Student-centered, research based, empowering

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

When I'm not at school I love spending time with my family. I'm a new mum so most/all of my time at the moment is spent 'learning the ropes' of this amazing yet wild ride that is parenthood. When I'm not at school you'll find me going for walks to the beach or pottering around my house.

What has been your biggest achievement to date?

My daughter. Becoming a mum is my biggest achievement.

**P&C NEWS**

Easter raffle to be held on Thursday 29 March with the Easter Hat Parade – tickets are 50c each and will be sold throughout this week and next at lunch time/recess and prizes drawn on the 29 March. Donations of Easter eggs or Easter-ish merchandise towards the raffle are still being accepted at the front office – the more delivered, the more prizes our very skilled team of 'Easter hamper creators' can offer! Parent/Carer ticket-sellers required on the day as well, from 11-12 before the Easter Hat Parade kicks off at midday.

P&C Disco will be held on Wednesday 4 April! This much anticipated event is always a lot of fun and very well attended – please mark the date and look out for more details, including a call for helpers on the night!

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

For reference, attendees at P&C meetings will receive an emailed copy (assuming you have provided your email details) of the minutes following the meeting. The P&C meeting minutes will also be posted on the P&C section of the SkoolBag app – if you have not downloaded this app already, please do so to ensure you receive timely updates on school activities.

Volunteer Registers - to all of the parents and carers who kindly provided their contact details for various school and P&C related volunteer events during the recent Parent/Teacher Info sessions, we have included your particulars in the P&C database and returned the Volunteer Registers to the classroom teachers to follow up directly with those of you who indicated availability for classroom support. It is never too late to add yourself to the register – please email your preferred email/phone contact, child/ren's name and class/es and what days or events (Canteen/Working Bees/Weekend Events/P&C fundraisers/classroom support) you are most available for to sawtellpandc@gmail.com

