

# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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

**11 April 2018 — TERM 1 WEEK 11**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last week of Term 1. On reflection, the past 11 weeks has been very busy with an array of changes. Such changes include: new staff, a new School Plan and new pedagogy being implemented across the school through the introduction of L3 and an instructional leader. Next term and throughout the remainder of the year changes will continue to occur. Last Friday the school was given approval to proceed to advertisement for a new Assistant Principal, Class 5/6B will have a new teacher (advertisement closes today at 4pm), our school will begin a sustained approach to ongoing professional learning aligned with the school plan to drive quality teaching and improved student outcomes. Last Friday the Director of Public Schools, Mrs Murray, informed me that the school must declare all vacant positions and have them filled with permanent teachers. In doing so, the school has declared a total of 4.8 teaching positions (including Assistant Principal) and it is anticipated that by the beginning of the 2019 school year all vacant positions will be filled bringing increased stability to our wonderful school. Exciting times ahead!

#### **School Plan**

The 2018-2020 School Plan is now complete and will be uploaded to the school's website by the end of the week.

*OUR VISION: Expert teachers in partnership with the community are committed to delivering a balanced and innovative curriculum to nurture, guide, inspire and challenge students.*

#### **OUR 3 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS:**

1. Quality Learning: *To implement a strategic and planned approach to develop whole school processes and quality practices that promote learning excellence.*
2. Quality Teaching: *To improve teaching practice through high quality evidence based PL, quality analysis of data and expert knowledge of the English and Mathematics syllabus.*
3. Quality Leading: *To create and support a culture of high expectations and a shared responsibility for student learning and success.*

In 2020, our improvement measures will be;

- 40% of Yr5 students in top 2 bands in reading in NAPLAN
- 40% of Yr5 students in top 2 bands in writing in NAPLAN
- 30% of Yr5 students in top 2 bands in numeracy in NAPLAN

- 90% of Yr5 students at or above expected growth in reading in NAPLAN
- 90% of Yr5 students at or above expected growth in writing in NAPLAN
- 60% or more of parents 'strongly agree' that their child's teacher cares about their child (Kids Matter survey)
- 60% or more of parents 'strongly agree' that they are satisfied with how their child is progressing socially, emotionally and behaviourally (Kids Matter survey)
- Improved 'coding' ratings across the 3 Dimensions of the Quality Teaching Framework through the implementation of Quality Teaching Rounds
- The school is assessed as 'excelling' in theme of 'High expectations culture' of the SEF
- Annual parent satisfaction surveys indicate improved teaching practice

#### **Farewell Mr Burkitt**

Mr Burkitt departs Sawtell PS on Friday for a new adventure as Principal at Bonville PS. On behalf of the entire school community I would like to thank Mr Burkitt for his outstanding contributions towards our school over many years.

#### **Class 5/6B teaching position**

The state-wide temporary teaching position for 5/6B closes today. Tim Ruge (P&C representative) and I will be looking through the applications this afternoon. A decision will be made as soon as practical.

See you all in a couple of weeks!

Michael Hepi – Principal

#### **Level O Day**

Level O day is planned for Friday 13th April. Students will be celebrating remaining on Level O during Term 1 with activities at Sawtell Beach. We will be leaving school at 11:15am and returning at approximately 12:30pm. All students need to be in school uniform. They also need to wear school hats and bring drink bottles and apply sunscreen.

#### **Volunteers needed**

Sawtell Public has recently purchased some wonderful guided reading books! It would be appreciated if anyone could please help to cover "contact" on these readers over the holidays. This will ensure they are a resource to be used by many students over the years. Contact is supplied. Please see Miss Beveridge if you are able to help.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

12 <sup>th</sup> April	School photos
13 <sup>th</sup> April	5/6N assembly Last day Term 1
25 <sup>th</sup> April	10:45am ANZAC march
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Students return 9:00am School ANZAC Ceremony
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	School Cross Country (Cross Country-athon)
9 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30am Unpacking the new School Plan for parents 6:00pm Unpacking the new School Plan for parents
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Toormina District Cross Country
11 <sup>th</sup> May	7:30am – 8:45am Mother's Day BBQ breakfast

## ASSEMBLY:

This week's assembly 5/6N

## UNIFORM SHOP

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

## P&C NEWS

**RAFFLE ITEMS REQUIRED** - 'Big Screen on the Green' movie night will be at Sawtell Golf Club on Saturday 21 April. We are desperately in need of items for raffle prizes that can be added to 3 prize hampers to be drawn on the night (please leave at school office by end of school term). Anyone available to help out on the night, collecting donations or selling raffle tickets would be welcomed! Kids can help collect donations with parental supervision. Contact Emma 0417 286 505 if you can help!

**School Disco** – The school disco on Wednesday was very well attended with the P&C making \$1200. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and to all the helpers on the night.

**P&C Meeting** – The next P&C meeting will be in Term 2 on Monday 14th May 2018. P&C meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month (with the exception of school holidays) at 7pm in the staff room.

**Canteen volunteers** are always wanted and warmly welcomed. Perhaps you know of someone who might love to help and is not aware of the need – grandparents, retired family members or friends. If you know of anyone, please get in touch via sawtellpandc@gmail.com or speak directly with Amelia in the Canteen.

On Monday, we had a huge box of fresh fruit & vegetables donated by Gus (parent at the school) – thank you Gus.

Our canteen is run as a service to the students, meaning we keep our prices low and do not make a profit. It is a huge credit to Amelia and her team of volunteers that the P&C do not have to contribute any funds to the running of the canteen .... but we will take help where we can get it!

Donations are always greatly appreciated. Other recent donations include tea towels, cleaning products, (thanks to Sarah & Marg) and home grown produce. If you would like to donate please see Amelia, i.e., paper bags large Tupperware containers with lids, teaspoons & forks.

**CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN AS USUAL ON FRIDAY.**

## Dean Burkitt Profile

As we prepare to farewell the highly regarded and much loved Mr Dean Burkitt, we asked him to provide some final words. Wishing you all the very best for the future Mr Burkitt.

### What are the highlights throughout your career at Sawtell PS?

The highlight of my time at SPS has been the wonderful relationships that I've made with staff, parents and especially all the children.

### Can you share some of your funniest memories at SPS?

Some of the funniest times have occurred whilst on the many excursions that I have been on with Year 5 and 6 students and their parents. (9 hours with 58 Year 6 kids on a train with no escape – hilarious!).

A young student who couldn't go to the beach walk because they were allergic to 'sand' was funny until will realised we were having SANDwiches for lunch - disaster.

There has been so much fun in past 8 years, it's difficult to share all of them.

### Anything you may do differently if you had your time again?

"Learn my times tables".

### What do you feel your legacy is that you leave behind?

Hopefully inspiring all of the people that I have taught and worked with to follow their dreams, be the best person they can be and make a positive change for the better. Focus on the POSITIVE.

### What you would tell parents considering SPS for their children

Sawtell Public is a school that values difference. Our greatest strengths come from those differences, on all levels. Students become genuine leaders at a very young age and it's truly is the centre of the community.

### Something few people know about you (and you're willing to print)

I am celebrating my 30 wedding anniversary this year as well as my 30th year in teaching.

### How you feel about the future, leaving SPS and any final comments?

I am very excited about the prospect of being the Principal of Bonville P.S. However, I will miss all the staff, students and families that have become such an important part of my life for the past 8 years. I have been extremely lucky to have worked in such a wonderful school. However, I am not leaving the country and I won't be too far away - Just 5km South-West!



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