



# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**2 May 2018 — TERM 2 WEEK 1**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to school. It was wonderful seeing the very happy faces of our students returning after their 2 week holiday. The stories some children have shared about their camping trips, visiting grandparents far away and those who stayed at home were told with great excitement. Some very fond memories in the making!

During the holiday period the Sawtell Golf Club held the movie night on the green. Thank you to those families who braved the threatening skies. A special thanks to the Sawtell community who donated raffle prizes and to our P&C members and students who attended, collected entry donations and sold raffle tickets.

The Sawtell ANZAC service was a highlight during the holiday period. Sawtell PS was well represented by a large and enthusiastic group of students marching with pride and joining in the choir. This further demonstrates the strong spirit of Sawtell PS. To wrap up the 2018 ANZAC ceremonies the school ANZAC service was held yesterday. Mr Burridge and Mr Bailey representing the Sawtell RSL and ex-service men and women were in attendance. Both expressed their appreciation of what our school and children do for the local community. Additionally, Mr Burridge has asked Sawtell PS for 22 student volunteers from Year 5 and 6 to be flag bearers at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry Regiment reunion being held in First Avenue on Sunday 3 June. Further information will follow.

## **Staffing Updates**

During the holiday period the school was notified by the Department that Mr Hone Matete has been appointed to Sawtell PS as a permanent classroom teacher. Mr Matete is an experienced teacher who has demonstrated exceptional teaching skills in literacy and numeracy. He is an experienced choir/music teacher and has a passion for sport. As a long term temporary teacher at Toormina PS Mr Matete has developed his skills around the Quality

Teaching Framework and L3 strategies to improve literacy and numeracy results for his students. Mr Matete commences in Week 5. He will be replacing Mr Forbes on 1/2CF and Mr Cross for the remainder of the week. I am absolutely certain that Mr Matete will be an outstanding asset to Sawtell PS. Also during the holiday period we were informed by staffing that we are to proceed to fill the position of Teacher/Librarian. This permanent position will be advertised this term as with the Assistant Principal position left vacant by Mr Burkitt.

Yesterday the school was informed that another vacant teacher position has been filled on a permanent basis. This appointment will occur in Week 7. The school will endeavour to ensure very limited disruption to student learning is maintained. I would like to thank our outgoing casual/temporary teachers for their dedication and contributions made at Sawtell PS and wish them the best in their careers.

## **2018-2020 School Plan for Parents/Carers**

Next Wednesday 9 May there will be 2 parent workshops to unpack the 2018-2020 School Plan. If you are interested in knowing the school's direction over the coming 3 years and the benefits to our students please come along. The presentations should take no more than 40 minutes each.

9.30am – Unpacking the 2018-2020 School Plan (Staffroom)

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## **Mothers' Day BBQ Breakfast**

On Friday 11 May (next week) the school invites our mums and their children to a special Mothers' Day BBQ bacon and egg roll/sandwich breakfast. The breakfast will be available from 7.30am and will conclude at 8.45am. We do ask for a small donation to assist in covering the costs. Don't forget the coffee van will also be at school.

## **Other changes in and around the school**

From this week there are a number of additional options for our students in the playground. The computer room and library are now available for students 5 days per week for

20 minutes during lunch. We also have a room set up for passive play whereby students can have a nice quiet area to play, read or draw for 20 minutes of their play time.

your end of week!

### MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Citizenship Award – Reuben Squires (5/6B)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3 May School Cross Country
- 9 May Unpacking the new School Plan for Parents
- 10 May Toormina District Cross Country
- 11 May Mothers' Day BBQ Breakfast

### UNIFORM SHOP

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

### BOOKCLUB

Sawtell Public School now uses LOOP at Scholastic Bookclub. It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Bookclub order using your credit card at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP).

Follow these easy steps –

1. Simply access your child's Bookclub 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 is 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 11 May.**

### CANTEEN NEWS

Our menu includes the following Winter Specials:

Chicken sweet corn soup with garlic bread	\$5
Lasagne	\$5
Chicken Hokkein noodle stir-fry	\$5
Roast chicken, vegetables and gravy	\$5

### P&C NEWS

**'Big Screen On The Green' Movie Night** - The inclement weather conditions may have deterred a few movie-goers on Saturday 21 April, however, a good base of enthusiastic troops turned out with chairs, bean bags and wet weather gear for "Secret Life of Pets" on the big screen at Sawtell Golf Course. There was a sense of optimism in the air - which was fleeting as the first shower kicked in just half an hour after most people arrived. The crowd halved, but the remaining horde settled in to watch the movie disregarding the persistent light drizzle...which turned to a shower... which soon turned to light rain...then rain. The GOOD NEWS is that the P&C successfully collected donations from all on arrival & had a great response to our raffle which was stunningly put together by Nic Browne.

The golf club kindly donated two 18-hole rounds of golf and vouchers for their restaurant. Mix 105.5 gave the school vouchers at Mother Natures, Big Banana, Bray Street Butchery and Milk 'n More. These were included as raffle items and Michael Hepi did a guest appearance to call out the winners. A huge thank you to all the parents and kids who helped out, the P&C made \$400 on the night.

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



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