

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

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

4 July 2018 — TERM 2 WEEK 10

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and carers,

As we near the end of a very busy Term 2 at Sawtell PS I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff and parents for the wonderful contributions, participation and support given to our school across a multitude of events and opportunities that have taken place during the term.

Parents and students received their Semester One reports last Friday. There was lots of praise and advice in each report. Parents would have also received a note outlining reasons as to why this year we have moved away from traditional 'scheduled' parent/teacher interviews. Parents are encouraged to contact teachers to arrange a meeting to discuss their child's progress anytime throughout the year. Next term Stage Overviews/Parent Information sessions will be held on 25 and 26 July. See the events calendar.

'*Because of her, we can!*' is the Naidoc Week 2018 theme. Today we celebrated the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made - and continue to make - to communities, families, our rich history and to our nation. Students celebrated through painting, dancing, stories, songs, games and making damper. Naidoc week is celebrated nationally from Sunday 8 July to Sunday 15 July 2018.

This Friday there will be a special assembly to farewell Mrs Laurel Astle and Ms Kylie Flavell. Both these teachers have been an integral part of our school team and have influenced the learning of 1000s of students, and will be greatly missed by us all.

Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable school holiday break. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 24 July ready for Term 3!

Christy Beveridge – Relieving Principal

STAFFING NEWS:

The interview process for the position of teacher/librarian has now been finalised. Sawtell PS is very excited to announce that Miss Sallyanne Wilson was the successful candidate, pending the period for appeal. Miss Wilson will remain on 5/6B for the remainder of 2018, with Ms Thompson remaining as teacher/librarian till the end of the year.

DEBATING NEWS:

Sawtell School's debating team has been working extremely hard this year. Students have been learning not only to speak with confidence using only dot points, but to analyse complex issues in the media, argue respectfully, work as a team and build general knowledge. Our team was successful last Thursday against Kororo Public School. The way the students from both schools debated and supported each other was admirable.

FUN DAY

The fun day will be held at Sawtell PS on Friday, 6 July. Each Stage will be organising activities for the day. Full school uniform must be worn on the day and students are to bring their own lunch.

RETIREMENT MESSAGE FROM LAUREL ASTLE

Thank you Sawtell teachers, parents and students for your support and friendship.

It is quite an emotional time for me this retiring business!

I have enjoyed supporting parents and classroom teachers to help students achieve their goals, particularly in literacy. I imagine I will remember and miss working with students – the challenges and the achievements, for some time to come – thanks for the memories.

At the same time I am looking forward to the next phase of my life and all the possibilities that might bring.

I enjoyed a wonderful celebration with colleagues and friends on Saturday night – dancing the night away!

Tomorrow (Thursday) will be my last official day though I will be at the special assembly on Friday.

Thank you to everyone for helping me celebrate this week and for your support and friendship over the years!

Best wishes.

Laurel Astle.

P&C NEWS

MOVIE NIGHT TOMORROW – Time to fluff up the fleece on your onesie and join us tomorrow night (Thursday 5 July) at 6pm for the P&C movie night. Year K – 2 will be in the Hall while year 3 – 6 will be in 5/6N classroom. **BOTH MOVIES START AT 6pm.** Tickets are \$5 and include a drink and a snack. All welcome (including siblings) at just \$5 each. Wear your onesie or PJ's and bring blanket or beanbag.

CHILLI FESTIVAL – The forecast for the weekend is **HOT! HOT! HOT!** With Saturday's Chilli Festival set to be a winter **scorcher!!** Make sure you stop by the P&C's **sizzling** stall and support your school by purchasing one of our **red-hot**, environmentally friendly "♥♥♥♥ I love Sawtell ♥♥♥♥" essential Calico Bags, Spicy Chilli Caramel/Sticky Caramel Popcorn or fiery Raffle tickets (with the raffle to be drawn on the day at 3pm). **We need you!** If you can support the school with 2 or 3 hours of your time on Saturday 7 July, between 8am and 4pm, please email Emma at sawtellpandc@gmail.com with your availability to be added to the roster.

CANTEEN CORNER – The canteen will be open as usual on Thursday 5 and Friday 6 July. **Our Sausage Sub/Vanilla Yoghurt Ice cream deal on Tuesday was so popular we have decided to re-run on Thursday and Friday this week – only \$6.** As school holidays approach, we may be running low on some items. Please check when you place your order.

Amelia and the P&C would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful volunteers and everyone who has donated items, making this a great term in the canteen.

The Canteen will re-open in Term 3 on Tuesday 24 July.

Enjoy your break!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

KBW – Juliette Whyte
KS – Pia Phyland
1R – Frederick Cruwys
1M – Milla Giese
1/2CF – Avalon Pulver
2AW – Alex Verheyen
2/3G – Goldie Pierce
3A – Charlotte Van Dartel
3/4K – Ruby Werner
4A – Ethan Kenny
4/5CE – Dylan Jackson
5H – Tomas Verheyen
5/6N – Christina Lebrocq
5/6B – Jahzie Kemp
LaST – Bobbi Rattray – 1R & Mason Why – 1R

UNREALESTATE CITIZENSHIP AWARD - JUNE

Mabel Barker – 3/4K

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 4 July – NAIDOC Celebration

Thursday 5 July – Movie night

Friday 6 July – 2AW Assembly and farewell to Mrs Astle & Ms Flavell

Friday 6 July – Fun Day

Tuesday 24 July – students return to school for Term 3

Wednesday 25 July – Semester 2 Stage Overview – Kindy 5.30pm, Yrs 1&2 6pm – in the Library

Thursday 26 July – Semester 2 Stage Overview – Yrs 3&4 5.30pm, Yrs 5&6 6pm – in the Library

Thursday 26 July – all Stage 3 students to William Bayldon PS for NAIDOC Day

Monday 30 July – Opera House Choir performs in Sydney

Thursday 2 August – school will be closed from 12noon



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