

A photograph of the Sawtell Public School amphitheatre, a large open-sided structure with a curved roof, situated on a grassy area with trees in the background.

# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

**25 July 2018 — TERM 3 WEEK 1**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and carers,

A big welcome back to everyone as we embark on Term 3! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable school holiday break. It was wonderful seeing the amphitheatre full of happy, smiling students yesterday morning. As I visited classrooms I saw students who were engaged in their learning and excited to resume school routines with their friends and teachers.

Today the school had a visit from a group of 48 students from China. They spent time in classrooms sharing their culture and discussing their school and everyday lives. Our students enjoyed learning about 'life' in China as did the Chinese students enjoy learning about ours!

Next Monday night our choir will be performing at the Sydney Opera House. What a wonderful opportunity and experience for these talented students. We would like to wish them all the best and congratulate them on all the hard work they have put into learning this extensive repertoire.

Our Parent Information sessions are being held tonight and tomorrow night in the school library. The sessions will focus on Term 3 overviews and what is being taught in your child's classroom. Our school has an 'open door' policy when communicating with families. Parents and carers are encouraged to contact the school at any time throughout the year to arrange a convenient time to meet with their child's teacher.

The student 2-minute drop-off zone, near the play equipment gate, is for the sole purpose of "dropping off" and "picking up" students. It is illegal and dangerous to use this area as a parking zone. Coffs City Council frequently patrols the use of this zone. Parents are also reminded that it is dangerous and illegal for students to be dropped off in the 'no stopping' zone in Coronation Avenue.

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten in 2019. Please encourage anyone, in Sawtell, that you know, who has students of school age to contact the school for details and to make a meeting time to process enrolment with Mr Hepi.

Have a great week!

Christy Beveridge – Relieving Principal

## **PARENT INFORMATION SESSION TIMES**

*Wednesday 25 July* – Term 3 Stage Overview – Kindy 5.30pm, Years 1 & 2 6:00pm – in the Library.

*Thursday 26 July* – Term 3 Stage Overview – Years 3 & 4 5.30pm, Years 5 & 6 6:00pm, Year 6 Sydney Excursion meeting 6:30pm – in the Library

## **COFFS CUP – 2 AUGUST 2018**

A reminder that Sawtell Public School *will be closed from midday 2 August* for the Coffs Cup Public Holiday.

Parents are to make arrangements for students to be collected at 11:50am from the amphitheatre.

Buses will be running in the morning but not at midday or at the usual afternoon times.

OOSH will operate in the morning but will be closed from midday 2 August.

## **ALL STUDENTS MUST RETURN THE NOTE INFORMING THE SCHOOL ON HOW THEY WILL GET HOME.**

## **NAIDOC DAY – William Bayldon Public School**

Stage 3 students are attending the BBCoS Naidoc Day on Thursday 26 July 2018 in celebration of '*Because of her we can*'. The students will participate in a variety of Aboriginal experiences including bush tucker, story-telling, weaving, Indigenous games, dot painting, language and listening to didgeridoo playing. Students need to wear full school uniform and bring their own recess, lunch and water bottle.

## GROUP SCHOOL PHOTOS – Captains & Prefects /Aboriginal Leaders/House Captains

Order Forms for these group photos are available from the office.

## CAPA NEWS

**Budding Artists** – for 7-16 year olds.

A Visual and Performing Arts Festival will be held on 8, 9 & 10 October 2018 at Coffs Harbour Showground. Cost for the 3 days is \$150. More information and registration is available at [www.buddingartistsfestival.com](http://www.buddingartistsfestival.com)

## **Education Week**

Choir and dance students from Sawtell Public School will perform at Park Beach Plaza at 12pm on Monday 6 August to celebrate Education Week.

## **Dance Workshops**

A number of students from Years K-6 have been invited to attend free workshops run by a professional dancer from Monkey Baa Productions on Friday 24 August. This company will be presenting "*Josephine loves to Dance*" at the Jetty Theatre during the October holidays.

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

*Friday 27 July* – Student of the Month Assembly

*Monday 30 July* – Opera House Choir performs in Sydney

*Thursday 2 August* – school will be closed from 12noon for Coffs Cup.

*Monday 6 August* – Education Week, Park Beach Plaza – 12pm

*Wednesday 8 August* – Maths Master

*Saturday 18 August, 5:15pm* – Choir to sing at Vietnam Veterans' Day at Sawtell RSL Club – more information to follow.

## P&C NEWS

**MOVIE NIGHT** – Thank you for supporting the movie night at the end of last term. The P & C raised **\$1,236** for the school, an amazing effort. A huge thanks to the supervising teachers for giving up their time to assist and to the environmentally minded parents & students who collected all the empty poppers at movie night. These are all bagged up and awaiting recycling, the money will go back to the P&C.

**CHILLI FESTIVAL** – What a beautiful sunny Sawtell day we had for the Chilli Festival! Thank you to everyone who helped at Chilli festival stall (see some of the beautiful helpers in the photo below!). The calico bags, hats and popcorn helped raise **\$1,400** for Sawtell Public School! A very special thank you to Darryn Westman for donating several boxes of hats for the Chilli festival stall - they proved extremely popular on the sunny day!

If you missed out on purchasing your "I love Sawtell" bags, they are now available at Sawtell Fruit Shop and Sawtell Butcher for \$6 each. Local businesses, supporting Sawtell Public School.

**CANTEEN CORNER** – The canteen will be open as usual for Term 3.



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