



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

9 August 2018 — TERM 3 WEEK 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and carers,

Education Week is being celebrated across NSW public schools this week. The theme, ***Today's schools – creating tomorrow's world.*** The key messages include; *Growth Mindset*: By developing a growth mindset, our students will become lifelong learners equipped with the resilience to embrace challenges, the aptitude to reach higher levels of achievement and the adaptability to master new skills.

Applied Learning: By grounding education in real world learning opportunities, our students are acquiring the capabilities needed to tackle and solve complex issues in the 21st century.

Evolution of the classroom: By creating future-focused learning spaces that integrate advanced technology and promote connection and collaboration, the classroom is expanding beyond the traditional four walls.

Strong relationships: By building strong relationships in our school communities, we are ensuring that every child is known, valued and cared for.

System-wide commitment to innovation and excellence: By placing our students at the centre of all our decision making, we are continually striving for improvement and innovation so that young people in our care learn in a world-class education system.

At Sawtell PS our teachers and students are developing and practicing these skills daily. Our school is committed to ensuring every child has opportunities to expand and challenge their skills and knowledge and to explore their passions.

Celebrating Education Week and Book Week

In Week 6 (27 August – 31 August) Sawtell PS will be celebrating Education Week with Book Week by holding a Book Fair, a book character parade and open classrooms. Further information to follow.

External Validation

The External Validation process is a new phenomenon in our public schools. The process provides an assurance to our school and system that the progress being made aligns with the expectations articulated by the Department of Education within the context of the School Excellence Framework. Once every 5 years each school undergoes an external validation of the evidence of their school's self-assessment of progress by an independent panel. Sawtell PS's submission is due in a couple of weeks. Mrs Hart and Miss Beveridge have both done an amazing job writing the submission over many months. Their hard work is recognised and I look forward to sharing our final submission with the school community and celebrating the progress Sawtell PS is making once the validation process is complete.

Food Smart Families Program

Did you know that the average household throws away \$3,800 per household of perfectly good food each year - what would you do with an extra \$3,800? We don't intend to, but we often waste good food because we buy too much, cook too much, or don't store food correctly. Food Smart is a free education program that helps households reduce food waste at home, save money and help the environment.

Our school community is inviting everyone to take part in this wonderful program. All you have to do is register at <http://bit.ly/MidwasteFoodSmart> and engage in a 4 week program. The kits will be available from school soon. Further information will be forthcoming and communicated through the newsletter and Skoolbag.

Let's hope for some rain!

Michael Hepi – Principal

BOOKCLUB ORDERS

Last orders for Issue 5 Scholastic Bookclub are due this Friday.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

BOOK FAIR & BOOK WEEK PARADE

Book Week is coming up this term in Week 6, 27-31 August 2018. The theme for this year's Book Week is 'Find your own Treasure'. There will be lots of things to enjoy during this week.

On Wednesday 29 August 4/5CE will be holding a wax museum of their favourite book characters for the school at 12pm to 12.30pm. This will be followed by the book week costume parade on Thursday 30 August.

Our school Book Fair has also been organised to coincide with Book Week and will be set up in the Library. During Week 5 students will have to opportunity to view all the wonderful books and complete a wish list. The Book Fair will be open for students and families to purchase books on Thursday 30 August 2019 from 8:30am – 2:30pm. Parents can make payments online prior to the Book Fair. There will be no cash payments for books purchased. More information to follow.

We look forward to seeing you at our Book Week celebrations.

Mrs Thomson – Library

P&C NEWS

P&C MEETING – The next P&C meeting will be on Monday 13th August 2018 at 7pm in the staff room. P&C meetings are held on the second Monday of each month (with the exception of school holidays. Everyone is welcome to attend and contribute to the P&C's efforts to raise funds for our school.

CANTEEN CORNER – Did you know our canteen offers many gluten free and dairy free options? Our nachos, butter chicken, spaghetti bolognese, roast chicken and veggies and many of our blackboard specials are all gluten free. Our butter chicken is also dairy free!

New Canteen Specials - Just \$5.00 each!

- Lasagne served with Garlic Bread
- Honey Chinese Chicken Stir Fry with Rice GF, DF
- Mexican Baked Potato GF
- Roast Chicken & Veggies with Gravy GF DF

Return & Earn - We would like to encourage students to return their empty poppers, water bottles and milk containers to the canteen.

Every container returned will earn 10 cents towards projects like the upkeep of the school garden.

Garden Working Bee – Saturday 18 August

Do you have a Green Thumb? Please come and help us get the school garden up and running on Saturday 18 August from 9.30-11.30am. We'll be turning over the soil and planting seedlings to use in the canteen when they've grown. Bring your own gardening equipment if you can. Morning tea will be provided. Can't help on the day? No worries, please donate some potting mix or salad/veggie/herb seedlings. Donations can be left with Amelia at the canteen. For more info please email Helen on sawtellpandc@gmail.com or see Amelia in the canteen.

WHITE CROSS DENTAL

Just a reminder that forms need to be returned as soon as possible if you would like your child to be seen by the dentist. Dentist will be at the school on Thursday 23 August and Friday 24 August.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 10 – Opera House Choir performing at assembly

August 13 – 7pm P&C meeting

August 14 – ICAS Mathematics

August 17 – MNC athletics, Coffs Harbour; 1M assembly

August 18 – Garden Working Bee 9:30-11:30am

August 21 – Spelling Bee finals



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