

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

15 August 2018 — TERM 3 WEEK 4

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's Principal's Report will outline some of the wonderful work happening within the classrooms and the transformations taking shape to continue improving the quality of teaching and learning across the school.

Aligned with the 2018-2020 School Plan our teachers have commenced scheduled and focused professional collaborative practice rounds. The rounds incorporate a 'learning sprint' whereby teachers undertake the professional learning, followed by a half day every 3 weeks to collaborate with colleagues around student data and developing explicit goals for student learning and success criteria. The next phase sees teachers engage in the 'learning sprint' by implementing the learning goals and success criteria for their students.

How will this make a difference to student learning?

Evidence based research suggests that the following themes have the biggest impact on student learning: *High expectations; Explicit teaching; Effective feedback; Use of data to inform practice; Classroom management; Wellbeing; and Collaboration.* At Sawtell PS our teachers are implementing learning goals and success criteria which involves addressing all of the themes above. Yesterday, the Director of Educational Leadership, Mrs Murray, enjoyed seeing these in action within the classroom. Mrs Murray will be visiting again this Thursday.

Sport

Congratulations to the large number of students heading to the MNC Zone athletics carnival this Friday at the stadium. Our school community wish you all the best!

On Monday the boys and girls touch football teams played in the PSSA Touch Gala-day. Unfortunately, both teams were unsuccessful making it through to the next level. The boys fell short after a solid game against William Bayldon in the first round. The girls won their

first 2 rounds and were defeated against Boambee in their final round. Well done kids!

New bell signal

From Monday our school will be playing music as the 'bell signal' instead of the traditional 'bell'. The bell signal has been changed to complement the school's transition into PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) which will be launched next year. The music, through explicit teaching, will instil in all children an expectation of getting from 'point A' to 'point B' within a reasonable timeframe. The right type of music is also 'warming, cheery and less sensitive' to the ears of our students.

Student Wellbeing

Please be reminded that parents and families are **not** to approach other children. If you have a concern regarding the behaviour/s of other children please speak to one of our teachers.

Father's Day BBQ breakfast

This year we celebrated Mother's Day with a wonderful bacon and egg breakfast. It was a huge success with many families in attendance. Please join us again in celebrating Father's Day with a Father's Day bacon and egg breakfast from 7:30am – 8:30am on Friday 31 August.

Have a great weekend.

Michael Hepi – Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

17 August: MNC athletics; 1M assembly

18 August (Saturday): Vietnam Veterans' Commemorative Service, meet at Lyle Rose Park at 5.15pm. Conclude 6pm.

21 August: School Spelling Bee finals

24 August: 4/5CE assembly, Monkey Baa Dance Workshops

30 August: Book Parade (9-9:45); Book Fair (all day) and Open Classrooms (10:00-10:55)

31 August: Father's Day BBQ breakfast; Student of the Month Awards; 5/6N assembly

7 September: Bush dance

MATHS MASTER FINALISTS

Year 1

Winner - Kyan Stulgies

Runner Up - Archer Jones

Year 2

Winner - Max Chapman

Runner Up - Lachlan Sly, Finn Tylor, Chloe Murphy

Year 3

Winner - Lacey Elliot

Runner Up - Zann McCarthy

Year 4

Winner - Jake Creenaune

Runner Up - Mason Cocks, Graeme Bridges, Riley Hudson

Year 5

Winner - Penny Farmer

Runner Up - Asha Wordsworth

Year 6

Winner - Zac Creenaune

Runner Up - Kaitlin Kirby



Every container returned will earn 10 cents, the proceeds of which will go straight back into projects like the upkeep of the school garden.

BUSHDANCE – How’s your “Heel and Toe” or “Pride of Erin”? The Annual Sawtell Public School Bush Dance is coming! Save the date: Friday 7 September 2018.

More info to follow on a flyer shortly.

CANTEEN CORNER – We have recently added gluten free wraps and pizzas to our many GF options.

Weekly Specials - Just \$5.00 each!

*Chicken & Sweet Corn Soup with Garlic Bread (GF without the bread!)

*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

Check out the Skoolbag App for photos of our yummy specials each week.

P&C NEWS

Have you purchased your environmentally friendly “I LOVE SAWTELL” Calico Bags yet? Pick them up for your family from the Sawtell Butcher or at the School Uniform shop on a Wednesday morning. Just \$6 per bag, all proceeds from every sale go back to the school!

Garden Working Bee - this Saturday 18 August from 9.30-11.30am.

Please come and help us get the school garden up and running. 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. For more info or to register your interest please email Helen on sawtellpandc@gmail.com or see Amelia in the canteen.

We are also seeking donations of potting mix or salad/veggie/herb seedlings. Donations can be left with Amelia at the canteen or bring them on the day! A big thank you to the parents who have already made donations!

Return & Earn

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

REGISTER NOW FOR FOOD SMART FAMILIES

Did you know that an average NSW family throws away \$3,800 of perfectly good food each year? Save money, time and the environment and join our Sawtell school community by signing up to do the fun and easy Food Smart program! **Register by next Monday 20 August** and you will receive a free Food Smart Kit with a shopping bag, tea towel, silicon food huggers and bag storage clips. Those who do the 4 week program also get to attend a free Beeswax Wrap workshop and go into the draw to win a Ozharvest Cook Book.

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