

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"**

**21 September 2018 — TERM 3 WEEK 9**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Homework was a little different this week. On Monday students took home an 'X' chart and were asked to interview an adult in their household. The interview questions were fairly straight forward. At Sawtell Public School... *How will our school sound? How will our school feel? How will our school look? And, how will we act?* It is hoped that these questions were a point of conversation at home. The collated results from students, staff and parents/carers will formulate our whole school expectations as part of Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and will be embedded within the new Discipline Policy being launched in 2019. Please return the 'X' charts (homework) to class teachers this Friday.

### **Improving communication**

The school has recently purchased Sentral. Sentral is software which encompasses school administration tasks, student administration including sport activities, attendance, student wellbeing, academic reports and much more. Sentral will **slowly** replace SKOOLBAG. There will be a Parent Portal and the benefits for families include;

1. Being able to schedule interview times with teachers online.
2. Receiving messages explicitly for you including notification of assembly awards, excursion/activity notices, online sport choices and the list goes on.
3. Receiving student absentee notices via email and SMS.
4. Accessing up to date student academic progress for your child.

From the beginning of Term 4 Sawtell PS will be using Sentral to record student attendance. Parents and carers will receive an email and SMS text if their child is recorded as being absent. All going well we hope to introduce many other facets of Sentral across the school

community throughout 2019. For this to be **most** effective parents and carers **must** keep their contact details up to date. Accompanying today's newsletter is a form asking for your **most up to date** contact details. Please complete the form and return it to school this week.

Enjoy your weekend!

Michael Hepi – Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**21 September:** 2/3G assembly

**26 September:** North Coast debating trials at Sawtell PS

**28 September:** 5H assembly, Student of the Month assembly; Year 6 car wash fundraiser; K-6 picnic day (**full school uniform including school hat**)

**1 October:** School holidays commence

**15 October:** Students return

**17 October:** Cycle Challenge briefing 6:30-8:30pm

**18 October:** Discipline Policy team meeting

**19 October:** **Bush dance**

## UNIFORM SHOP

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

## SAWTELL BOTTLE TOP MURAL

*The Sustainability Club needs your help!*

During lunch times, the sustainability club has been designing a bottle top mural for our school. They have been working on a design that reflects the Sawtell environment and culture. The members have been collecting plastic bottle tops in their own time, some even collecting bottle tops from local businesses, and encouraging their families, friends and classes to collect as well.

Our collection of bottle caps is growing but we will need a lot more. We hope to complete the mural by the end of Term 4 but to reach our goal we will need the community's help to recycle their plastic lids.

We are after any plastic lids, all shapes, sizes and colours, e.g. ice cream lids, bottle lids, laundry liquid lids.

Any "bottle" tops are to be given to Mrs Thomson in the library.

Thank you for your participation.

### The Sustainability Club



*Example of other murals in Coffs Coast schools*

**Volunteers Needed** – We urgently need more volunteers to help in the Canteen. If you can spare an hour or two, even once a month, please see Amelia in the canteen or text or call Helen on 0431 693 976 for more information.

Volunteering in our Canteen is a great way to:

- \* Meet new friends
- \* Be an active member of our school community
- \* Learn new recipes and share your own
- \* Have input into menu changes and specials
- \* See the huge smile on your child's face when they visit you at recess or lunch

Volunteers receive a free ice cup for their child!

### Garden Donation?

Do you have a disused Worm Farm or Compost Bin? The Canteen would like to put it to good use!

Please see Amelia or text or call Helen on 0431 693 976 if you can help.



### P&C NEWS

**BUNNINGS BBQ** – The P&C have secured a Bunnings BBQ for Saturday 6 October. Volunteers are needed to man the BBQ from 8am to 4pm. If you have a few hours to spare to "twirl a set of tongs", please contact Tanya on 0437 522 070 or sawtellpandc@gmail. Every dollar raised supports our school.

**BUSHDANCE NEW DATE** – We hope you have updated your calendars with the new date for the Bush Dance on Friday 19 October from 6 – 8pm. The first Friday in Term 4, after we return from school holidays is sure to be a not to miss shindig, full of fun for the whole family. A family ticket is just \$10 and single is \$5.

**COFFS CYCLE CHALLENGE** – Volunteers needed! The P&C are again providing up to 20 volunteers to direct riders in the 10km Family Ride. If you can help out for a few hours on the morning of the 28 October and attend a briefing on 17 October at the CEX, please contact Tim on 0424 743 033 or sawtellpandc@gmail.

### CANTEEN CORNER – Eat Fresh & Win!

If you received an entry form by ordering one of our Eat Fresh & Win Lunch Packs, please hand in your completed entry form to the Canteen by Thursday 20 September 2018 to enter the draw.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**BOAMBEE CREEK**

**KIOSK**

**OPEN 7 DAYS**  
From 7am

Hot Food • Coffee  
Ice Creams • Cold Drinks

**Special Offer**

Burger night at Boambee Creek Reserve Friday 28th September. Gates open for free entry from 4.30pm.

Contact Kiosk for details, Andrew & Kim on 6653 1096.

**Thinking of buying or selling real estate?**

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