

A photograph of a modern school building with a large, curved, light-colored roof structure supported by several pillars. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn. The title 'SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL' is written in large, bold, blue capital letters across the top, with 'NEWSLETTER' in smaller, bold, blue capital letters below it.

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

5 September 2018 — TERM 3 WEEK 7

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 'School Administration and Support Staff' (SASS) Recognition Week. Our SAS staff play an important role in the school community. They are often the first people you see when you enter a school and are essential to maintaining positive relationships with students, parents and the community.

SAS staff work in school offices, in classrooms and libraries and maintaining and caring for school grounds and buildings. They are often the ones to tend to students when they are unwell and they ensure the efficient management of school financial and administration functions. At Sawtell PS they are valued members of our school team.

Discipline Policy

Last Friday was the cut-off date for families to return the Discipline Policy feedback forms. Student workshops with Years 3 to 6 are complete and staff have also provided their feedback. In summary the following are some commonalities:

- There is no 'deep' understanding of the current school discipline policy or school rules.
- Some school practices don't reflect the school's current discipline policy.
- There is a lack of consistency across the school with implementing the discipline policy.
- 100% of students want increased opportunities to be recognised for their academic efforts, progress or success.

The information collated from workshops and feedback as well as state and federal policies and ACTs will be used in developing our 2019 School Discipline Policy. Thank you to the many families who provided this valuable feedback.

School Sport

Next term's Yr 3 - 6 sport choices have been sent home earlier than usual. This will become the 'norm' to ensure our Friday 3-6 sport is well organised in advanced. The impact for families due to the new changes is the 'upfront fee' to sports that incur a cost instead of the

weekly amount due. The school is hoping that the 4 week's notice will reduce this impact. From 2019, school sports incurring a cost will only be available in Terms 3 and 4. In Terms 1 and 2 we will be moving towards implementing a school-wide approach to teaching Fundamental Movement Skills, team sports specific to the school's PSSA needs and athletic skills leading up to the school's PSSA athletics carnival.

In 2019, students will receive their Term 3 Sport choices at the beginning of Term 2. This will provide parents and carers with 9-10 weeks to pay the 'upfront' costs of any sport which incurs a fee. Students will be allocated their sport prior to the new term commencing allowing a seamless transition into Friday sport from Week 1.

NB. Not all sports will incur a cost.

School External Validation

Yesterday the External Validation panel met at school with some of our executive team. After walking through our school, interviewing the team and looking at evidence measured against the School Excellence Framework we are very proud to share the external validation panel summary report.

In the domains of Learning, Teaching and Leading the evidence was consistent with the school's self-assessment. The school is operating at the Sustaining and Growing stage in 'Learning Culture'. This is very rewarding news as all our staff have been working very hard to make improvements in the quality of teaching practice and school leadership. Over the coming 12 months we look forward to sharing with our school community continued growth as Sawtell PS strives to be recognised as 'excelling' against the measures of the School Excellence Framework.

The panel made very positive comments recognising how settled our students were and how calm our school felt. They also acknowledged the progress the school has made, the systems the school is currently developing and were confident that these changes will lead to continued school growth.

Have a great end of week!

Michael Hepi - Principal

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: AUGUST

KBW – Mimi Kyburz
 KS – Holly Kay
 1R – Nya Ennis
 1M – Zoe Lloyd
 1/2CF – Amelie Ferreira
 2AW – Maddox Cocks
 2/3G – Abe Binskin
 3A – Ashirah Davies-Everitt
 3/4K – Jensen Collins
 4A – Tehya Vine
 4/5CE – Zac Levy
 5H – Koen McCarthy
 5/6N – Pollyanna Elliott
 5/6B – Chad Anderson
 LaST – Maeve Knight 1M

UNREALESTATE CITIZENSHIP AWARD - AUGUST

Christina Le Brocq – 5/6N

UPCOMING EVENTS

5 September: The Bongo Brothers (visiting performance)
 7 September: SRC Farmer Fundraiser; Bush dance 6pm-8pm (children must be supervised by parents)
 10 September: P&C meeting - 7pm
 12 September: Yr 6 Cake Stall Fundraiser (morning tea & Lunch); Bees Wax Wrap workshop for Smart Food family participants - 3:15-5:15pm
 13 September: Yarn-up - 9:30-10:30am
 13/14 September: NC Principals Conference

ASSEMBLY:

This week's assembly 4A.

SCHOOL BANKING:

School Banking will now be done every Friday. Due to security reasons students are required to bring their deposit books in each Friday. Deposit books will be returned on the same day. Deposit book will only be accepted on Friday and must be handed in at the office before the morning bell.

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.

P&C NEWS

BUSHDANCE – Come and enjoy a beautiful night out and support your local school. **THIS FRIDAY - 7 September from 6 - 8pm.** If you can help by donating Soup or a Sweet on the night it would be gratefully received. This year we'd like everyone to be environmentally friendly and bring your own cup for your soup! Please bring your soup in pot or slow cooker (and label your items)!

P&C MEETING – The next P&C meeting will be on Monday 10th September 2018 at 7pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend! P&C meetings are held on the second Monday of each month (with the exception of school holidays).

CANTEEN CORNER – Eat Fresh & Win! Fresh for Kids is running an Eat Fresh & Win Campaign with some great prizes up for grabs. Here's how to enter:

1. Order your choice of Eat Fresh & Win Lunch Packs available Mondays & Tuesdays only until competition closes. Each pack ordered will also receive a special gift.
2. You will receive an entry form with two stickers.
3. Hand in your completed entry form to the Canteen by Thursday 20th September 2018 for a chance to win!

Eat Fresh & Win Lunch Packs - Just \$6.00 each

Option 1 - Sushi Pack, Crunch & Sip, Mini Muffin, 3 x Cheese & Crackers & Bottle of Water,

Option 2 - Taco Pack, Crunch & Sip, Mini Muffin, 3 x Cheese & Crackers & Bottle of Water,

Option 3 - Chicken & Salad Wrap Pack (or plain salad), Crunch & Sip, Mini Muffin, 3 x Cheese & Crackers & Bottle of Water.

Please see www.freshforkids.com.au for full terms & conditions. See the Skoolbag App for prize list.

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, the proceeds of which will go straight back into projects like the upkeep of the school garden.



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