

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

20 November 2019 — TERM 4 WEEK 6

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sawtell PS staff are to be commended for their professionalism towards ensuring all students who attended school remained safe throughout unprecedented and consecutive days of poor air quality. Whilst we remained safe our thoughts are with those who have suffered loss of life and property. We also thank those who worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of our local communities. Last week there were a number of cancellations due to these unforeseen conditions. The school has finalised the Canberra excursion refunds, the 4/5 Brown assembly was postponed to this coming Friday, and parents of Year 1 and 2 students who attended the 'Learn to Swim' program will have an option of a refund for the 2 days missed or purchase mini fair tokens with their refund. Further details were sent home earlier this week for parents of Year 1 and 2 students.

Staffing Sawtell PS for 2020 is close to completion. Specific classes individual teachers will be teaching is still uncertain as enrolments tend to fluctuate at the commencement of the school year, and this can impact on class structures. The school congratulates Miss Thomson on gaining a 12 month full time temporary contract in Grafton next year. We will also be bidding farewell to Miss Faircloth. Miss Faircloth and Miss Thomson have been a part of our school community over the past 12 months and 2 years respectively. Both teachers are to be commended for the wonderful work they have done with students within their own classes and across the school in the musicals, dance eisteddfods, Learn Share Grow program and many more. The school is still eagerly awaiting the Staffing Unit to correct a statewide technical issue so that the school can proceed to merit selection for the last remaining vacant classroom teaching position. Please find below the anticipated staffing for 2020 at Sawtell PS.

Kindergarten – Mrs Gillespie and Mrs Steyne

Stage 1 – Miss Beveridge (AP) and Mrs Sullings, Mrs Reeves and Miss Rose, Miss Hine, Mrs Chape and Mrs Bullivant

Stage 2 – Mr Glover (AP), Mrs Hart, Miss Burkitt and Mrs Booth, Mrs Andrews and Miss Anderson

Stage 3 – Mrs King, Mr Matete, Miss Riches

Performing Arts – Miss Nicholson (vacant position)

Library – Mrs Hardcastle

RFF – Miss Rose, Miss Anderson and Mr Brookman

LaST – Mrs Arthur

Instructional Leader – Mrs Ferguson (AP)

Reminder the School Mini Fair is only 2 weeks away. In 2018 Year 5 and 6 students did an amazing job running a very successful fair. Tokens will again be used at each stall or activity and are available for sale now from the office. All funds raised go towards the Year 6 graduation.



Parent school evaluation survey Sawtell PS values feedback provided by our school community. This feedback will assist our 2020 school planning.

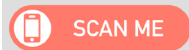


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Survey closes NEXT FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER

2020 PSSA Sport Knockout survey is for students in Year 3, 4 and 5 this year. PSSA sports incur a levy and on many occasions the support of parents for transport. As a result, parents are asked to complete the survey below to nominate team sports in 2020.



Please scan the QR code with your device or access the webpage through this link for parents of children who will be in Year 4, 5 or 6 in 2020.

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Have a great end of week.

Michael Hepi
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

29 November 2020 School Captain speeches

5 December Mini Fair (*purchase your tokens now*)
12noon – 2:15pm

11 December **9:00am Presentation Assembly**

12 December Year 6 Fun Day
P&C Boambee Bay Family Picnic
5:30pm-7:30pm

13 December Semester 2 Student Reports go home

16 December Talent Quest

17 December Year 6 Farewell – 6pm

18 December Picnic Day
Last day for students

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE

All borrowing is finished until next year in order to prepare for Library stocktake. Could you **please return all library books to the library as soon as possible?** Overdue notices will be sent home this week.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

P&C NEWS

As we near the end of the year I'd like to acknowledge the amazing Adele Byrnes and her outstanding contribution to Sawtell PS. Adele has been managing the Uniform shop for the last 5 years. Adele is a grandparent at the school and will be resigning from her position at the end of the year. She is often one of the first points of contact for new families and students to the school. Her warm smile and generous nature makes everyone feel welcome. Adele, from the bottom of our hearts – **WE THANK YOU.**



Next P&C Meeting, Monday 9 December at 7pm, venue off site. Please RSVP if you wish to attend. Emma 0417 286 505.

Now is the time to book your next adventure

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