

A photograph of a school building with a large, modern, curved roof structure. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn. The sky is bright and clear.

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

4 December 2019 — TERM 4 WEEK 8

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school wishes to extend an **open invitation** to the many parents, grandparents and community members who have assisted and provided their wonderful support in classrooms, the garden, the musical, sporting events, the Learn Share and Grow program or any of the other programs held during 2019 to come along to the **Sawtell PS Thank you morning tea** being held on Wednesday 11 December from 10:45am (after the Presentation Assembly). We hope to see you there!

2019 Parent School Evaluation Survey is now complete. Approximately 15% of families responded to the online survey. A summary of the results are below.

- 90% of families agree or strongly agree that PBL has had a positive impact on the school's learning environment
- 85% of families agree or strongly agree that PBL has strengthened the culture of SPS
- 80% of families agree or strongly agree that they are satisfied with 'reported' incidences being communicated to them
- 76% of families agree or strongly agree that the school's Wellbeing Policy was being consistently applied
- 85% of families agree or strongly agree with SPS's revised discipline procedures
- 80% of families agree or strongly agree that 'Play the Game' rewards are handed out to students with consistency and fairness
- 92% of families agree or strongly agree that their child values Class Merit Awards and 98% value the Principal's Award
- 92% of families agree or strongly agree that they are satisfied with the revised rewards procedure
- 80% of families have rated SPS 7 or higher out of 10 in terms of student wellbeing with 25% rating SPS 10 out of 10
- 85% of families agree or strongly agree that the implementation of new initiatives in teaching and learning have had a positive impact of their child's learning

- 92% of families agree or strongly agree that their child is engaged in their learning
- 80% of families agree or strongly agree that SPS has a strong focus on literacy and numeracy
- 80% of families agree or strongly agree that SPS has a 'good balance' across the curriculum
- 80% of families have rated SPS 7 or higher out of 10 in terms of teaching and learning with 45% rating SPS 9 or 10 out of 10
- 85% of families agree or strongly agree that their concerns are heard and addressed by the school in a timely manner
- 100% of families agree or strongly agree that their child's teacher is approachable
- 85% of families agree or strongly agree that they are satisfied with the communication they receive about their child's social and academic progress
- 85% of families agree or strongly agree that the newsletter be published in an electronic format
- 60% of families agree or strongly agree that the school should have a Facebook page to promote and celebrate student success
- 85% of families agree or strongly agree that the school provides plenty of notice of an event or excursion being held
- 76% of families have rated SPS 7 or higher out of 10 for communication with 36% rating SPS 10 out of 10
- 2 families indicated that they would not recommend SPS to other parents.

Sawtell PS would like to thank all those who contributed by completing the survey. These results and the comments provided will assist the school in moving forward in 2020.

NSW Teachers' meeting will be held tomorrow from 8:30am. All students are encouraged to come to school as normal. The school will be providing minimal supervision for all children. Teachers are expected to return before 10:00am when classes will return to normal.

Have a lovely weekend. We hope to see you next week at the Presentation Assembly and Thank you morning tea!

Michael Hepi - Principal

MINI FAIR

We are seeking donations of cakes/slices for the mini fair.

If you can help out please drop these off at the office tomorrow morning. The mini fair commences at 12 noon. Tokens can still be purchased from the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5 December *Mini Fair – 12.00-2.15pm*
- 9 December *P&C Meeting (venue off site – contact Emma 0417286505 if you wish to attend).*
- 11 December **9:00am Presentation Assembly and thank you morning tea**
- 12 December *Year 6 Fun Day*
- 13 December *Semester 2 Student Reports go home*
- 17 December *Year 6 Farewell – 6pm Sawtell RSL Club Talent Quest*
- 18 December *Picnic Day
Last day for students*

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop is open every Thursday at 8:30am. Adele has some great bargains at the uniform shop. Please see the notice on the Uniform shop door showing items for sale.



Our wonderful talented students performed at the North Coast PSSA Sports Awards on Monday at CHEC.



CANTEEN NEWS

The **last day** for the canteen for 2019 will be next **Friday 13 December**.

Amelia would like to thank all of the children and families for supporting our canteen this year.

A special thank you to Audrey, Margaret, Adrian, Jamie, Lisa & Emmy for volunteering each week. The canteen couldn't operate without our wonderful volunteers.

Thank you also to the families who have generously donated items to our canteen and the Knight family and K'Pane bakery. Without them our free breakfast club could not operate.

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