

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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31 January 2019 — TERM 1 WEEK 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to a new school year. A very warm welcome to our new students and their families. It was wonderful walking around the school yesterday listening to and speaking with many students about their holidays and return to school. The enthusiasm and excitement of returning was very evident among students.

Updates

I stated in the Week 8, Term 4 Newsletter that Sawtell PS was still waiting for the Department to appoint an Assistant Principal due to Mrs Pollack's retirement. The school has since received notice from the Department that we are to proceed to merit selection which involves creating a panel, formulating the criteria and interviewing candidates. The merit selection panel will be meeting this week to formulate criteria for the position of Assistant Principal. We anticipate the position will be advertised within weeks and the position filled commencing Term 2. We understand how important staffing stability is. The school appreciates your support and understanding. In the meantime, Mr Laing will be teaching in the vacant position left by Mrs Pollack for Term 1 only.

We also welcome a number of new temporary teachers to Sawtell. Miss Faircloth will be job sharing with Ms Burkitt (Year 5/6); Miss Morrow will be job sharing with Mrs Chape (Year 1/2); Mrs Booth will be job sharing with Mrs Andrews (Year 2/3); and Mr Laing will be teaching Year 3 until the new Assistant Principal is appointed.

2019 classes. Currently all students have been placed into 'groups'. This is a temporary arrangement until our enrolments stabilise. Classes will be firm by next week.

The **2019 school swimming carnival** will be held next Thursday 7th February. As this is a PSSA event students who turn 8 years or above will be attending.

Canteen

Please be reminded that due to unforeseen circumstances the school canteen will **not** be operating until Monday 11th February (Week 3).

Have a lovely weekend!

Michael Hepi – Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

4-5 February – Kindy students ½ days

7 February – First full day for Kindy students

7 February – Swimming Carnival, Sawtell Pool

UNIFORM SHOP

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

BCU Coffs Kids TRI

The BCU Coffs Kids TRI will be held on Saturday 2nd March. It would be wonderful to have a large contingent of Sawtell PS students competing. All participants receive an event T-shirt, a goodie bag and a participants medal. Entries are now open at www.villagesports.com.au.

If you are interested in registering for football (soccer) please visit www.northcoastfootball.com.au for further information.



The advertisement features a man in a suit, Howard Nicholson, standing next to a graphic of four colorful houses (red, green, blue, orange) with the word 'SOLD' in large white letters across them. Below the graphic is a red banner with white text, and further down is a white box with black text.

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