



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

6 February 2019 — TERM 1 WEEK 2

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

The dust has settled and our classes are formed. Due to the 'out of area' enrolment policy being enforced it is anticipated that Sawtell's student population will naturally decrease over the coming years. It was expected to decrease in 2019 from 14 to 13 classes, hence the uncertainty around forming classes early. Having said this, to have students in established classes within 1 week is great!

Classes

This year all classes are named according to 'colours'. We ask that all correspondence including permission notes and money are clearly labelled with your child's full class name. Class names and teachers are listed below.

K Blue – Ms Beveridge and Mrs Steyne

K Silver – Miss Rose

1 Ruby – Mrs Reeves

1 Rose – Mrs Chape and Ms Morrow

2 Aqua – Mrs Gillespie

2 Purple – Miss Hine and Mrs Bullivant

2/3 Green – Mrs Andrews and Mrs Booth

3 Amber – Mr Laing (Term 1)

3/4 Khaki – Miss Anderson

4 Amethyst – Mrs Hart

4/5 Brown – Mrs Thomson

5/6 Bronze – Mrs King

5/6 Navy – Miss Burkitt and Mrs Faircloth

5/6 Yellow – Mr Matete

Other teaching staff include:

Mrs Ferguson – instructional leader

Mrs Arthur – Learning and Support

Miss Wilson – Teacher Librarian

Miss Nicholson – Creative and Performing Arts teacher

Mr Brookman – RFF teacher

Mrs Steyne – RFF teacher

Discipline Policy

In 2018 the school community worked together to revise and update a new School Discipline Policy to support student wellbeing. Please see attached documentation.

Construction Work

Late last term the department informed the school that our concrete tiled roofing would be replaced with colorbond roofing within the first 6 months of the 2019 school year. This will create some minor disruption to 'learning spaces' as well as access around the school. Student learning **will not** be disrupted during this period.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures

Each year school's revise many procedures. The Emergency Evacuation Procedures is very important to the wellbeing of our students, staff and visitors. These procedures are displayed in every classroom as well as the canteen, library, hall and administration building. In the event of an evacuation all students, staff and visitors must adhere to the procedures.

Parent Info Night

Next week Parent/Teacher info nights will be held. We hope to see many of you in attendance for general information pertaining to your child's Stage. More specific information will be sent home by class teachers if required.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 (ES1/S1) – Monday 11 February in the library between 5:30-6:30pm.

Year 3 and Year 4 (S2) – Wednesday 13 February in the library between 5:30-6:30pm.

Year 5 and 6 (S3) – Wednesday 13 February in the library between 6:30-7:30pm

Voluntary School Contributions

Each year parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution to the school. This is standard practice in all NSW public schools. Sawtell PS's voluntary contributions for 2019 are \$75 per student. These contributions are much needed funds that go towards general resources as well as resources to support mathematics and sport/PE.

2019 Curriculum Focus

- L3 (Language program) will be embedded across K-2. This evidence based practice improves student reading and writing.
- Quality Teaching Rounds will be implemented across K-6. This is in partnership with the University of Newcastle. Quality Teaching Rounds has a profound improvement in the quality of teaching.
- Learning Intentions and Success Criteria (LISC) was introduced in Reading across the school in 2018. In 2019 LISC will be implemented across the entire curriculum K-6.

School Swimming Carnival

The school swimming carnival will be held tomorrow at Sawtell Pool for students turning 8 years or older this year. The current forecast is 90% of 1-5mm of rain with **no** thunderstorms. Therefore, the carnival will still go ahead. If the weather does deteriorate a determination will be made tomorrow morning.

Have a lovely weekend.

Michael Hepi – Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

7 February – First full day for Kindy students

7 February – Swimming Carnival, Sawtell Pool

11 February – Parent/Teacher info night – Kindy, Year 1, and Year 2 (ES1/S1) – 5:30-6:30pm – Library.

13 February – Parent/Teacher info night – Year 3, Year 4 (S2) – 5:30-6:30pm, then Year 5, and Year 6 (S3) – 6:30-7:30pm – Library.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

P&C NEWS

P&C MEETING – The next P&C meeting will be on Monday 11th February 2019 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).

SCHOOL DISCO – Are you ready to get your groove on? The P&C will be hosting a school disco on Thursday 28 March 2019. Mark the date on your calendar and start practising those moves!!

Toormina High School

2020 Year 7 Parent Information Evening

Monday, 25 February - 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Meet the Principal, Paul Humphrey & Year 7 2020 Year Advisor, Scott Gale & teaching staff.

Also available at our Information Night:

- Scholarship applications
- Demonstrations and displays from all THS faculties
- Tours of the school
- Student musical entertainment
- External agency stalls including NSW Health & mental health providers.

A 'creche' and light refreshments will be available.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ukulele Lessons Sawtell

8-week group courses
(school terms)

7-10 yrs: Tuesday 4.00-4.30pm, Thursday 4.00-4.30pm

10-14 yrs: Thursday 5.00-5.30pm

Private Lessons by the half hour.

Full details including prices, head to the website:

www.ukoono.com.au/creative-kids or contact

Stephanie 0421 346 713. Creative kids voucher from NSW Government can be used.




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