

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

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

13 February 2019 — TERM 1 WEEK 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those who have been able to attend parent information sessions this week. I am sure you would have found them informative. Please be reminded that your child's teacher is the 'first port of call' if you have any concerns or require clarification around class based events/activities.

Crunch and Sip

Sawtell Public School is proud to be a certified 'Crunch and Sip' school. ***What does this mean?*** Being a Crunch and Sip school means that we follow a policy promoting healthy and happy students. Crunch and Sip schools have a positive impact on students by:

- Creating an enjoyable daily routine that increases fruit and vegetable intake
- Promoting a positive attitude towards fruit, vegetables and water
- Incorporating nutrition education into key learning areas of the curriculum.

Please support our students by encouraging fresh fruit or vegetables and water for 'Crunch and Sip'.

Further information can be obtained from <https://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/downloads/file/campaignsprogram/2014CrunchnSip-Parent-brochure.pdf>

Parent Workshops

To increase communication across the school community Sawtell PS will be presenting a series of Parent/Carer Workshops. These workshops are designed to promote some of the programs or teaching strategies being implemented across the school so that the community has a better understanding of them. With today's newsletter please find an invitation to attend the K-2 L3 session and the K-6 PBL session over the coming weeks. We do remind our families that these sessions are for adults only. We hope you can attend.

Collaborative Practice

This week teachers commenced their Collaborative Practice rounds with colleagues. This involved half day planning across the school to develop authentic formative assessment tasks to improve consistency across the curriculum as well as assessing and reporting on student learning and achievement. These improved practises should have a positive effect on student attainment.

Friday Sport

Sport kicks off this Friday. In 2018 the school developed a yearly overview for sport and PD/H/PE. We aligned the great traditions of Sawtell PS with mandatory curriculum requirements. In Term 1, Years 3-6 will develop their Fundamental Movement Skills in 'team sports'. These skills are essential when playing or competing in school based PSSA Sport knockouts and trials. In Term 2, Years 3-6 will be developing their skills in athletic disciplines including; shot put, discus, long jump and high jump. Developing these skills is a part of the curriculum and provides all students with improved opportunities in athletics. Terms 3 and 4 will focus on a variety of sports including swimming, surfing, and beach games etc. (as in previous years).

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

As part of PBL we are teaching our students to be 'in the right place at the right time'. When students are at school teachers have full duty of care of all students. We have designated playing areas so students can be supervised by teachers on duty. Being 'in the right place at the right time' after 8:35am and before 8:55am is playing on the grassed hill (near the fixed play equipment), the handball courts or the basketball CoLA. Please support your child/ren by encouraging them to these areas after they have dropped their bags off at classrooms.

Have a relaxing weekend!

Michael Hepi – Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

P&C NEWS

P&C Annual General Meeting –will be held in the staff room at 7pm on Monday 25 February 2019. New members are very welcome, come along and find out more about what the P&C do for our school.

The P&C executive roles are open for election at the AGM. It is essential that you attend if you would like to stand for OR if you would like to vote for the standing candidates for each role.

To stand for election, or to vote, at the P&C AGM you must be a financial member of the P&C. Annual membership is \$2 for existing members and \$4 for new members, please bring correct change on the night.

Uniform Shop – The uniform shop is open every Thursday at 8.30am. Did you know that you can place a uniform order any day (at the office) with your payment & it will be delivered to your child on Thursday.

CANTEEN CORNER

We would like to welcome Jess to Sawtell Public School Canteen. Jess is a parent at the school and will be acting as Canteen Manager while Amelia is on leave. Jess has over 20 years of experience in hospitality and is looking forward to the role. Due to the new timetable (lunch and recess swap), the canteen will be closing after lunch at 11.45am. We are operating a limited menu at the moment. Recess items need to be ordered in the morning and will be sent in the lunch baskets for children to place in their bags.

Please note our canteen opening days have changed. **The canteen will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.**

Please talk to Jess if your child has any dietary requirements or allergies. The canteen can provide vegetarian, gluten free and dairy free options. We appreciate your support and patience while the canteen gets up and running this week.

Volunteers

Thinking of ways to become involved with our school? Aside from volunteering in our canteen kitchen we require assistance in our garden! An hour in the morning, one day a week, some spare time a month? Any assistance is welcomed. Please see Jess at the canteen or contact Amelia on 0401816890.

Facebook Page – Keep up to date with the Canteen by following us on facebook. Find us at fb.me/spscanteen or search Sawtell Public School P&C Canteen.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

The **BCU Coffs Kids TRI** is on **Saturday 2nd March**, with \$3,500 in sports vouchers up for grabs. The aim of the Scoot for Schools Cup is to encourage participation across the region from local primary school children. The more students who participate, the greater the chance their school has of winning the sports vouchers. Plus, it's a fun day out and a wonderful community event.

Entries for the event are now open -

<http://villagesports.com.au/events/bcu-coffs-tri/race-information/bcu-coffs-kids-tri/>

Saturday, 2 March 2019

Location: Jordan Esplanade, Coffs Harbour Jetty

Events: Age is determined on Race Day

1.30pm: 6-7yrs Aquathon: 100m Wade, 300m Run

2.00pm: 8-10yrs Triathlon: 100m Swim, 2.5km bike, 500m Run

2.40pm: 11-13yrs Triathlon: 200m Swim, 5km Bike, 1km Run

Entry \$35 per child.

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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