

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

22 February 2019 — TERM 1 WEEK 4

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those who attended the parent info sessions last week. In total there were over 70 attendees.

Please be reminded that tonight a parent workshop will be held in the library from 6pm on L3. L3 is a K-2 initiative designed to enhance the literacy and language skills of students. Please come along tonight and learn more about how your child will benefit.

Next Wednesday (27 February) Mr Matete and Miss Burkitt will be delivering a parent workshop on Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). Sawtell PS will be officially launching PBL this year. PBL is a framework that strengthens student wellbeing, leadership and learning through explicit teaching. PBL supports the school's new discipline policy. This workshop will also be held in the library from 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Recently the school purchased approximately \$30,000 in readers to support K-2 L3 and 3-6 reading groups. Over the coming weeks there will be an additional 55 iPads and 45 laptops arriving. This investment in technology will enhance teaching programs, increasing student engagement and learning.

By the end of Term 1 Sawtell PS will take delivery of new high jump mats and high jump accessories. Over the past years Sawtell PS has had to borrow from other schools. Having this school resource will enable greater opportunities for students to develop their skills leading up to the athletics carnival during sport time.

We were expecting the roof replacement project to commence in Week 1. Unfortunately there have been delays. The work is expected to commence in Term 2 and should be completed by mid year.

Last week the Coffs Conservatorium commenced tutoring lessons at school and the new sport program (3-6) commenced. The exciting Learn Share and Grow program will commence next Friday.

The annual Cross Country-athon will be held later this term. We are currently seeking donations from community for prizes. If you or your business is able to contribute this would be gratefully appreciated. All contributions can be left at the office.

Many thanks to families who have paid voluntary contributions. These contributions go towards providing resources for every child across the curriculum. Voluntary contribution notices went home last week.

Yesterday the Toormina District Swimming Carnival was held. Sawtell PS had 38 competitors who all looked like super stars swimming with their new P&C donated swim caps. Our students were highly successful but more importantly they all enjoyed the day.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Michael Hepi – Principal



District swimming carnival

P&C NEWS

P&C Annual General Meeting – the P&C Annual General Meeting will be held in the staff room at 7pm on Monday 25 February 2019. The P&C executive roles are open for election at the AGM. 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.

Swimming Caps – Congratulations to all of those students representing Sawtell Public School at the District Swimming Carnival, each representative student was presented with a school swimming cap purchased by the P&C.

School Disco – this term we will be organising the school disco, please let us know if you can help us out on the night of Thursday 28 March. We need volunteers to help with the Sausage sizzle, take money at the door and assist with supervision. If you are planning to stay for the disco please give us a hand - text Emma on 0417 286 505 if you can help out.

Canteen Corner – the canteen is open for business! Canteen opening hours are 8.30 - 11.45 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The canteen is closed on Monday.

Donations – the canteen requires an extra toaster or a 4-slice toaster. Can you help? Also jars of vegemite, honey or jam for our breakfast club.

Breakfast Club – the canteen offers a FREE breakfast of cereal or toast. A big thank you to the Knight family from *k'panè bakery* for supplying us with their delicious bread.

Volunteers Needed – we urgently need more volunteers to help in the Canteen. If you can spare an hour or two, even once a month, please see Amelia in the canteen or text or call Helen on 0431 693 976 for more information.

Volunteering in our Canteen is a great way to:

- * Meet new friends
- * Be an active member of our school community
- * Learn new recipes and share your own
- * Have input into menu changes and specials
- * See the huge smile on your child's face when they visit you at recess or lunch

Volunteers receive a free ice cup for their child!

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.

ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly 5/6 Yellow.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

"Creative Kids & Active Kids Vouchers can now be used at **Sawtell Physie!!** A fun way to combine exercise & dance for all abilities & all ages. Come & try, first 3 classes free no obligation. Call Sandy for class times 0427 228 611."

SYDNEY SWANS VISIT

Today Sawtell PS was lucky to have some very special guests. Two players from the Sydney Swans AFL Team came and spoke to our students about the life of a first grade football player. Students listened to the importance of playing sports and also nutrition and were able to ask questions. Stage 3 students were also given the opportunity to interact with the players and learn new skills from some of the best in the game.





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