

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

22 November 2018 — TERM 4 WEEK 6

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Stage 3 students would like to thank the wonderful support they received from the school community last Thursday for the Mini Fair. The Mini Fair was a huge success as part of building leadership capabilities for senior students. The feedback from parents and students was overwhelmingly positive.

As many of you would be aware Sawtell PS has a considerable number of temporary teachers holding positions or part of positions belonging mostly to permanent staff members. Due to the 2019 staffing composition not all of these positions remain as they currently stand. As a result, the school made the decision to advertise all temporary positions through the 'expression of interest' process state-wide to ensure transparency. The panel consisting of staff and parent representatives as well as myself have been overwhelmed by the number of applicants. The process is still underway and a determination will be made towards the end of next week.

Major excursion fever has struck! Today Year 4 departed for Cascade for a 2 night excursion. Cascade is an environmental field studies centre run by the Department of Education. Next week Year 6 depart for a week long excursion to Sydney where they will enjoy the sights of Sydney as well as some very exciting museums. In Week 8, Year 3 students embark on an overnight excursion to Yarrhapinni. Yarrhapinni provides an opportunity for students to take part in both environmental and personal development activities.

Planning has already begun for 2019 and 2020 excursions. See dates below:

Year 3 – Yarrhapinni (environmental and personal development) 22 and 23 August 2019 (Term 3).

Year 4 – Cascade (environmental) 14 – 16 August 2019 (Term 3).

Year 5 – Lake Ainsworth (physical and personal development) 8 – 11 April 2019 (Term 1).

Year 6 – Canberra (History/Science) 11 – 15 November 2019;

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The school has endeavoured to move these major excursions away from the end of the year to reduce financial burdens on families and to evenly spread additional curriculum loads across the school year.

Enjoy your weekend!

Michael Hepi - principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 23

Yr 4 Cascade excursion returns
Principal's meeting – Coffs Harbour
Cultural dance assembly item
9:30 Yarn-up

November 26

Yr 6 Sydney Excursion departs
Yr 1 & Yr 2 Learn to Swim program continues

December 3

Yr 3 Yarrahainni excursion (Mon/Tue)

December 4

2019 Year 7 Orientation THS

December 7

2019 School Captain speeches

TENDER – The school has available for tender a W.H. Paling & Co. Upright Steel Frame "Victor" Piano. The piano is slightly out of tune, in fair condition with no piano stool. All tenders must be emailed to Michael.hepi@det.nsw.edu.au by close of business on Friday 7 December 2018. The piano must be collected by the end of the school term.

P&C NEWS**SCHOLASTIC FANTASTIC!**

A big round of applause for Lucy Farmer who has been diligently organising the ordering and delivery of books for our students via the Scholastic Book Club for the last four years. Every book club order earns the school reward points which has translated into dozens of books for our school library. Many thanks for your generous contribution Lucy.

FOND FAREWELL

Families are invited to farewell Mrs Pollack & Matt on Thursday 13 December from 5.30-7.30pm at Boambee Bay Reserve (John B Smith Shelter). Sausage sizzle donated by P&C, BYO drinks/salads/picnic rug/chairs & don't forget to wear your pearls!

CANTEEN CORNER

Facebook Page – Are you keeping up to date by following the Canteen on our Facebook Page? Find us at fb.me/spscanteen or search Sawtell Public School P&C Canteen. We welcome all of our social media followers and we hope you find the information on our page useful. We appreciate your support and we look forward to having a lively, informative and polite discussion with you. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with our Facebook Guidelines pinned to the top of the page.

RETURN & EARN – we are seeing more and more eligible containers returned to the canteen and have handed out several free ice cups as an incentive. This week, \$19.10 was raised when the containers were cashed in. Keep up the good work!

Great Choice!

We are excited to announce that Sawtell Public School's Canteen menu officially meets the new NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy. Well done Amelia and team, thank you for all your hard work to accomplish this!

GARDEN DONATIONS NEEDED – to help us keep on top of the garden and keep the green house tidy, it would be handy to have a broom, a rake, potting mix, sugar cane mulch, vegetable & salad seedlings or seeds. If you can help with any of these, please see Amelia in the canteen or contact Helen on 0431 693 976.

FREE Breakfast! – It's important for kids to have breakfast every day to boost their attention span, concentration, and memory – all of which assists their learning. That's why we have collaborated with a family owned business, k'pane' artisan bakery, to now be able to offer free toast as well as Weetbix in the morning. A big thank you to the Knight family.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

STOCKING FILLERS – environmentally friendly "I LOVE SAWTELL" Calico Bags. Just \$6 per bag, all proceeds to the school! Non Uniform caps are also available for \$5 each.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 years, who are above a healthy weight. **Best of all it's absolutely FREE!**

Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks after school during the school term, and children attend a fun filled 2-hour session each week with their parent.

Children play fun and interactive games and activities to get their heart rates up. You and your child also learn about healthy eating, setting goals, portion sizes, label reading and more. Children receive 3 attendance prizes, and parents a \$20 fresh fruit and vegie voucher each session they attend.

Registration for Term 1, 2019 is open with limited places in the FREE, FUN **Coffs Harbour Go4Fun** which runs Thursday afternoons from 4-6pm at Casuarina Steiner School and pool, commencing February 7.

Register now at Freecall 1800 780 900 or at www.go4fun.com.au



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