

A photograph of a modern school building with a large, curved, light-colored roof structure. The building is surrounded by green trees and a well-maintained lawn. The title 'SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL' is written in large, light blue, 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"*

**6 March 2019 — TERM 1 WEEK 6**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Skoolbag APP**

As mentioned previously the school has ceased its subscription with Skoolbag. The subscription was expensive and there were ongoing issues with the app. In the interim parents are encouraged to visit the school's website to access newsletters. Throughout the year the school will be introducing other means of communicating with the school in general as well as individual teachers. This includes **Seesaw** and a **Parent Portal**.

Yesterday Mr Matete and I attended training in the Parent Portal. The Parent Portal will be launched across our school community towards the end of Term 1 early Term 2. The benefits of the Parent Portal will enable parents and carers to have electronic access to information and permission notes either on a desktop or mobile device including iPad. It is anticipated that over time parents will be able to submit permission notes and make appointments online.

The Seesaw app which families received a code for a number of weeks ago enables families to see their individual child's work, photos etc... Again, this is a work in progress.

#### **Would you like to know more about the Seesaw app or are you having trouble accessing it?**

The school invites you to two Parent workshops on Seesaw. The first Parent workshop will be held next Tuesday 12 March at 9:30am in the staffroom (please bring along your mobile device). The second Parent workshop will be held next Tuesday 12 March at 6pm in the library (please bring along your mobile device). We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Learn Share and Grow program**

Last Friday the Learn Share and Grow program commenced. Many thanks to our wonderful band of parents who have volunteered their time to share their knowledge and skills with Sawtell students. The feedback received from staff and students from our first week was very positive.

### **Stewart House**

Stewart House has been providing health and education programs to tens of thousands of children in our public schools since 1932. Often children from Sawtell PS attend a two week program at Stewart House. Thousands of public school teachers donate a percentage of their income each fortnight to Stewart House so they can continue to provide these very important programs to students. Stewart House also seeks donations from the general public. Today, a Stewart House envelope has been sent home. If you can make a donation that would be wonderful. For further information pertaining to Stewart House please visit <https://www.stewarthouse.org.au/>

Enjoy your weekend.

Michael Hepi - Principal

### SUPER CONCERT REMINDER

*Where:* Sawtell RSL Club, Princess Room

*When:* Saturday – 6 April 2019

*Time:* 6pm (Doors open at 5.30pm)

Dinner can be purchased from the bistro downstairs.

Tickets are now available at the office –

Adults \$10, Children \$5, Performers \$1, Family \$25 (2 adults and 2 children). **AT THIS STAGE NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

The first rehearsal for Parents/Carers –

*13 March* – Mum's at 6pm and Dad's at 7pm – in the Hall.

We already have a few donations for raffle prizes but if you would like to contribute for the raffle please see Miss Nicholson.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*8 March* – 5/6 Navy assembly item

*12 March* – Seesaw Parent Workshop - 9.30am staffroom, 6pm Library

*11-19 March* – Life Education Van

*28 March* – P&C School Disco

*5 April* – School X-Country,

*7 May* – Toormina District X-Country

### LIFE EDUCATION VAN REMINDER

Payments of \$10.00 per child are due no later than this Friday 8 March.

## CROSS COUNTRY-ATHON:

It's time to start practising for the Cross Country. Remember to ask family and friends to sponsor you for the run. Start collecting sponsorship using the green form. Every \$10 sponsorship earns a ticket in the draw. Prizes include a Fitbit, push bikes, bodyboards, sports equipment and much more.

**ASSEMBLY:** This week's assembly 5/6 Navy.

## MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our Merit Award recipients for Term 1, Week 6.



**Kindy, Yr 1 & Yr 2**



**Yr 3 & Yr 4**



**Yr 5 & Yr 6**

## P&C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C Annual General Meeting. We would love to introduce the new 2019 team –

*President* – Emma Aspden, *Vice President/Canteen Treasurer* – Tanya Cruwys, *Vice President* – James Gill, *Treasurer* – Emily Conlan, *Secretary TBA*, *Communications Portfolio* – Kirsty Knight, *Uniforms Portfolio* – Adele Byrnes, *Canteen Advisor* – Tracy Bindley.

We are still (desperately) seeking a secretary. If you are interested, please call Emma 0417286505. The secretary's commitment is to attend meetings and take notes! You would be fully supported in this role. We really have to fill this position to be a functioning P&C.

### **Save the Date**

*P&C fundraiser* – Election BBQ and Cake Stall, 9am-1pm Saturday 23 March. Volunteers are required to help on the day and also to bake cakes/biscuits to be sold on the day. Please text Emma if you can help out – 0417 286 505.

### **Canteen update**

We would like to welcome back Amelia to the canteen 2 days a week (Tuesday and Fridays) and Jess will be working (Wednesday and Thursdays) until the end of term 1. We would like to thank everyone for supporting Jess and Amelia with this transition. And a big thank you to all the new volunteers who are helping out in the canteen.

## CANTEEN CORNER

*Specials:* Lasagne & cheesy garlic bread - \$5, Coconut chicken & veg curry (not spicy) gluten free, dairy free \$4.50, home-made meatball and cheese sub \$4.50.

Volunteers needed to assist between 8:30-9:30 for our breakfast club. If you have an hour spare please come straight down to the canteen!

*Donations:* Thank you to Brian for his generous donation of another 4-slice toaster and the other families who have been dropping in donations of spreads.

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