

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

22 March 2019 — TERM 1 WEEK 8

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and carers,

Last week's event in New Zealand was sickening and I am sure you will join me in passing on our deepest sorrow to our Muslim families, New Zealand families and to all those effected by the cruel, senseless and heinous act of terror inflicted upon innocent people going about their own business. This is perhaps a reflective moment for political parties of all persuasions, communities and individuals in Australia and abroad to take a good hard look at ourselves.



Dogs are **not permitted** on school grounds at any time. Some students at Sawtell PS have a genuine fear of dogs. Dogs can be unpredictable around unfamiliar people. An environment with over 400 people walking around on a daily basis is not the place for a dog to be 'showcased'. Please leave your pets at home.

PBL

This week's Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) lessons focused on playground settings. An example of being **SAFE** in the playground could include sitting and waiting for the teacher on duty before playing on the playground equipment. An example of being a **LEARNER** could include trying new games and activities. An example of being **RESPECTFUL** could include showing fairness to others when playing games and wait your turn and an example of being **PROUD** in the playground could include keeping our environment clean of litter.

Breakfast Club

Sawtell PS is very fortunate to have a P&C and volunteer canteen staff who run a breakfast club. The breakfast club is **only** for students who for good reasons have gone without breakfast (not by choice). Lately, there has been an increase in the number of students attending breakfast club who have already enjoyed breakfast at home. The P&C would appreciate parents talking to their children and reinforcing the purpose of this service.

P&C Election Day BBQ

This weekend the State election will be held. The school wishes to encourage everyone to cast their vote at Sawtell PS and purchase a tasty snag and cool drink. Please be reminded that **all funds raised by the P&C** go back to the school to support **every student**.

Harmony Day

Sawtell PS will be celebrating Harmony Day tomorrow (Thursday). This year marks 20 years of public schools celebrating Australia's cultural diversity. In schools we celebrate inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians. Recent events in New Zealand are a stark reminder of the need to educate our children of the importance of inclusiveness and respect for everyone regardless of religion, creed or race.

Many students have asked 'why orange'? Orange is the colour to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. All Sawtell students are encouraged to wear 'orange' coloured clothing this Thursday.

Opera House Choir

Congratulations to the record number of 46 talented singers who have been accepted to perform at the Opera House on Monday 2 September. They will join a mass choir of 700 with full orchestral backing. You will have an opportunity to hear them perform at the Super Concert on Saturday 6 April at the Sawtell RSL.

Super Concert

If you haven't already done so please purchase your Super Concert tickets ASAP. Tickets are available from the school office. Seats are limited so hurry in and get your tickets.

Thank you to those parents who have kindly offered to donate to the raffle. Could you please drop these items to Miss Nicholson as soon as possible so she can begin to put prizes together.

North Coast Basketball and Soccer

Well done Dylan, Tully and Claudia who represented Sawtell PS and the MNC Zone at the North Coast basketball trials on Monday. Claudia was successful in gaining a position in the NC team and will be playing in the State championships to be held in Albury from 18 June. Congratulations Claudia! Congratulations to Myndee who was successful in making the MNC soccer team. Myndee will be trialing for the NC soccer team on the 1 April.

Voluntary Contributions reminder

Please be reminded that voluntary contributions assist resourcing programs and initiatives for the school. In 2019, the voluntary contribution is \$75. This year the school has made a huge commitment to reading, technology and sport resources. Voluntary contributions can be made at the office.



Sawtell students enjoying healthy tasty treats from the Learn Share and Grow program

Have a restful weekend!

Michael Hepi – Principal

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Your child would have recently come home with a Scholastic Book Club order form. Book club is run through Sawtell's P&C and ordering is twice each term. Purchasing books not only encourages improvement in at-home reading skills, but enables us to boost our school library as each order earns the school reward points to help acquire additional learning & literary resources. Please order online via the LOOP system, or drop orders with payment at the office on or before Friday, 22 March to receive your exciting new books before the end of term 1.

P&C NEWS

Election BBQ Fundraiser for the P&C will be this Saturday 23 March. If you can spare some time to help with the sausage sizzle please call Emma on 0417286505.

We're selling cakes too! So if you have the time we would appreciate any cake donations on the day.

Easter Raffle - please drop your donations to the office. Tickets now on sale 50c each - Year 6 students will be selling tickets during lunch time.

We need 2 volunteers to help wrap the Easter raffle prizes (will probably take 2 hours) on Wednesday or Thursday 11 April (day before the Easter Hat parade).

Disco Thursday 28 March - we need some parents to help supervise the entry & exit to the disco and helpers to do the BBQ. Remember the theme is Rainbow.

Contact Emma if you can help 0417 286 505. Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS

21 March – Harmony Day – wear the colour orange

22 March – Aboriginal dance assembly; Principal's meeting

25 March – PSSA cricket vs Narranga at Toormina Oval

28 March – P&C School Disco K-2 5:30-6:45; 3-6 7:00-8:30pm

29 March – 4 Amethyst class assembly

5 April – School X-Country

8 April – Year 5 Lake Ainsworth; P&C meeting 7pm

12 April – Easter Hat parade and P&C raffle 9:00am; Last day Term 1

25 April – ANZAC ceremony

30 April – Term 2 students return

7 May – Toormina District X-Country

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MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our Merit Award recipients for -

Term 1 Week 7



Kindy, Yr 1 & Yr 2



Yr 3 & Yr 4



Yr 5 & Yr 6



Sawtell PS Cross Country

Students need to keep collecting sponsorship monies for the Cross county-a-thon which will be held Friday 5 April.

For every \$10 raised they will receive a ticket in the prize draw.

Major prizes include a Fitbit, pushbikes, body boards, sports equipment and much more.

This is a fun day for all and a major fundraiser for our school.

Donations of prizes from community members and families are always appreciated and can be given to Miss Rose or brought to the office.

Thank you for supporting this fantastic event.

Put on your running shoes and we hope to see you there!!!

CANTEEN CORNER

Volunteers needed for Tuesdays. Can you spare an hour? Please see Amelia or Jess.

Harmony Day thank you to everyone who placed their orders on time. Please note there will only be snacks available to purchase at lunchtime if you haven't pre-ordered your lunch.

Thank you to Debbie and family from Breadcrumbs Bakery for their kind donations to our canteen.

Also a big thank you to the Prezioso family for their generous donation of supplies for Harmony Day.



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