



# SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"**

**8 May 2019 — TERM 2 WEEK 2**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week teachers engaged in Collaborative Practice Rounds whereby they developed, in teams, a narrow focus to improve student writing skills as part of a learning sprint over the coming 3 weeks. From next week the executive team will be conducting learning walks through all classrooms to support the process of the 'sprint'. This week Quality Teaching Rounds commenced. We currently have a team of 4 teachers involved in the rounds where they are provided with opportunities to critique one another's teaching against the Quality Teaching Framework. These examples are just a small sample of the great professional learning provided to our teachers to help improve student learning outcomes.

Around 80 students represented Sawtell PS yesterday at the Toormina District cross country. It was very pleasing seeing all our students giving their absolute best. Well done kids! On another note, those who attended would have seen the school's new marquee. The marquee was purchased last term and the school has just received word from the Sawtell Rotary that they would like to reimburse the school for the full cost. Thank you Sawtell Rotary for your wonderful support.

### **Mother's Day BBQ breakfast**

The Mother's Day BBQ bacon and egg breakfast will be held this Friday from 7:30am – 8:45am with the choir performing from 8:30am. The breakfast was a great success last year and we hope to see many families in attendance again. Many thanks to Nixon Abel's parents who have kindly donated the bread from Baker's Delight.

### **ICAS**

ICAS Assessments are online assessments, designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. The assessments are based on the curriculum for the relevant year. Students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated, and thorough level of learning. Accompanying today's newsletter is an invitation for

students to participate. Sawtell PS encourages participation.

### **Advanced Notice – Coffs Cup**

The Coffs Cup has again been declared a gazetted half day public holiday. The school is providing our community with advanced notice that the ***school will be closed from 12noon on Thursday 1 August.***

### **Positive behaviour for Learning (PBL)**

This week's PBL focus is 'RESPECTFUL'. At Sawtell PS being respectful can include; treating others how you wish to be treated; treating equipment and property with respect; and respecting our environment. All students, staff and school visitors are encouraged to be respectful at all times. PBL lessons are explicitly taught each Monday afternoon and reinforced daily.

### **Learn Share Grow program**

The Learn Share Grow program for Term 2 commenced last week. It is so wonderful having our community involved in this program. The rewards for students, staff and parents are immeasurable. The program is another great opportunity to engage and enrich our students.

### **Sawtell PS is taking 2020 enrolments NOW**

If you have a child who is school age in 2020 please contact the office ASAP to arrange a meeting with the principal, complete an enrolment form and have your child's name added to the 2020 Kindergarten list.

### **Yarn-up**

This Friday (after the Mother's Day BBQ breakfast) Mrs Ferguson will be holding a Yarn-up with our Aboriginal families. Part of the Yarn-up will be to discuss and plan NAIDOC celebrations at school and how Sawtell PS can build stronger partnerships with our local community. We encourage and welcome all our Aboriginal families.

Happy Mother's Day to our mums, grandparents and carers. I hope you're all spoilt!

Michael Hepi - Principal



Stage 1 Choir who will perform at our  
Mother's Day Brekkie

### UPCOMING EVENTS

10 May – Mother's Day BBQ breakfast from 7:30 – 8:45am; **NO** assembly this week; soccer gala day; Yarn-up

13 May – 7pm P&C meeting

**15 May (new date)** – Galambila hearing/vision screening for Aboriginal students

14-16 May – NAPLAN

17 May – 2/3 Green assembly; **Cross country – ATHON draw – 2:05pm**

1 Aug – **Advanced Notice:** school closed from 12noon for a gazetted public holiday.

### ASSEMBLY:

There is no assembly this week due to the Mother's Day BBQ breakfast and brief choir performance.

### UNIFORM SHOP

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

### CANTEEN CORNER

#### **Specials**

Coconut chicken curry - \$5

Roast Chicken, veggies & gravy - \$5

Baked Potatoes – Mexican \$5 or Bacon, cheese coleslaw \$5.

**Donations** – donations of vegemite and jam needed.

**Reminder** – we are no longer selling Lucky Lunch Packs so please make sure your child has food for recess.

### P&C NEWS:

Welcome back to term 2!

Next P&C meeting in the staffroom Monday 13 May at 7pm. All welcome.

Lots of things to discuss including the potential Election Day BBQ, kids movie night and the Chilli Festival. We need lots of hands on deck this term, so see you there.

### COMMUNITY NEWS



Shrek the Musical is now playing at Coffs Jetty Memorial Theatre until the end of May. Two students from Sawtell PS are in the cast, Amelie Ruge and Lillian Cruwys. They share the role of young Princess Fiona.

This is a quality production, filled with talented performers and comical lines.

Wednesday nights are bargain nights with tickets only \$20.

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