



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

24 July 2019 — TERM 3 WEEK 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3. With the weather on our side we will be holding the PSSA athletics carnival (8 years +) this Friday on the FLAT. The K-2 carnival is scheduled for Thursday morning, prior to 12noon pick-up (due to the Coffs Cup gazetted public holiday). Due to time constraints with additional disciplines being added to the carnival this Friday's athletics carnival will only be attended by students who are 8yrs or older this year, as these are the age divisions set by State PSSA. We hope to see you there.

Education Week

Sawtell Public School will be celebrating Education Week from Monday 5 August with dance groups performing at the Park Beach Plaza. On Friday 9 August the school will be launching Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) with a special assembly in the hall from 12:30pm followed by organised games on the FLAT between 1:00-2:15pm. We look forward to your attendance.

Staffing changes

This term there will be a couple of staffing changes. From Week 3 Miss Burkitt will be taking maternity leave for the remainder of the year. The school welcomes Mr Brookman to 5/6Bronze. Mr Brookman (Monday and Tuesday) will be job sharing with Mrs Faircloth (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday).

From Week 4 Miss Morrow will also be taking maternity leave for the remainder of the year. Miss Carly King will be job sharing with Mrs Chape on class 1 Rose. From Week 5 Mrs Janette King will be

taking long service leave until the end of Term 3. Mrs King's replacement will be communicated once it has been confirmed.

Mr Brookman and Miss King are familiar faces around Sawtell PS with students. The school wishes both Miss Morrow and Miss Burkitt very safe deliveries and healthy babies.

Half day public holiday – Coffs Cup

Please be reminded that Sawtell PS will be closed from 12noon on Thursday 1st August (*next week*) due to the gazetted public holiday.

Parents are to make arrangements for students to be collected at 12noon **from the amphitheatre**.

Buses will be running in the morning but not at midday.

We have been informed that OOSH **will not** be opening at all on Thursday 1 August, and Jungle Club OOSH will be closing at 12pm. This also means that there will be **no** OOSH related bus services operating.

School Safety and Security including the school FLAT

Last term the school made the decision to place Department of Education Security Notice signs around the school grounds including the school's FLAT (oval). Some of you may be aware that the school received some negative press across social and mainstream media regarding this decision. The decision to place Security Notice signs around the school grounds was made in the best interests of the health and safety of Sawtell PS students. Over many years Sawtell students have had to negotiate dog excrement left on the oval by irresponsible dog owners. The FLAT is Department of Education land, a school playground, a school sport training ground and importantly an outdoor learning area for our students, not a dog park.

Sawtell PS students should be able to play and learn in an environment whereby they are not at risk of landing in dog excrement, exposing them to potential health concerns. The school acknowledges that whilst many dog owners are responsible and respectful, there are some who simply aren't. Though there are 'Security Notice' signs placed around the FLAT the 'community has not been locked out' (as has been reported) and still welcomes respectful and negotiated use of the FLAT after hours by community. *Reiterating, dogs are not permitted.* The NSW Office of Local Government also stipulates that dogs are banned from within 10 metres of children's play area and from school grounds. This information is available from <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-and-cats/responsible-pet-ownership-program/prohibited-areas-dogs>.

"What is right isn't always popular and what is popular isn't always right" (Albert Einstein)

Enjoy your weekend!

Michael Hepi – principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

26 July – School PSSA Athletics (8yrs +)

31 July - School Spelling Bee

1 August – K-2 athletics carnival; school closed from 12noon

2 August – Opera House assembly item

UNIFORM SHOP

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

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen operating as normal on Athletics Day this Friday. Families are welcome to order from the Canteen menu. Canteen will be open all day.

Musical tickets – Wizard of Oz

Please be reminded that musical tickets are on sale now. Families are now able to purchase additional tickets. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.



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