

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

12 February 2020 — TERM 1 WEEK 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful turnout to the Sawtell PS PSSA swimming carnival. The weather held off making for comfortable conditions. Congratulations to Sawtell PS staff for ensuring a very successful carnival and well done to all students for their effort and competitive spirits.

Unfortunately, a local radio station aired and posted on social media misleading information regarding the cancellation of the carnival. Please be assured that the school had nothing to do with this misleading information. Accurate information posted to families connected to Seesaw was provided the night before and the morning of the carnival.

Road Safety

Please be mindful when driving through school zones and school crossings. Fines and demerit points apply. Let's work together to ensure our kids arrive home safely.

Seesaw

Most Sawtell PS families are now connected to their child's class Seesaw. It has been fantastic viewing the huge volume of uploads as well as the number of families providing feedback. Please be reminded, Seesaw is not a carriage to communicate with the administration staff or principal.

Voluntary Contribution

This year the school is seeking voluntary contributions from families to assist in the ongoing purchase of resources for all children. Sawtell PS's voluntary contributions are only \$75 per child for the year. The school uses these funds to purchase reading, maths, performing arts and general classroom resources. This year the school will be purchasing approximately \$80,000 of technology

resources and a further \$30,000 in reading resources alone. Your contributions as well as funds raised by staff through whole school musicals and the Super Concert are vital in ensuring the great programs at Sawtell PS are sustained.

Cross Country-athon

Each year Sawtell PS students are asked to seek sponsorship from family and friends for the annual Cross Country-athon. Cross country-athon forms were sent home today. There are some amazing prizes on offer. All prizes are available for viewing by parents. Please see the office. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of resources across most Key Learning Areas.

Homework Policy

Families connected to Seesaw were invited to participate in providing feedback on what a revised Homework Policy should look like. To date over 80 families have completed the brief survey. If you haven't already completed the survey the school encourages you to do so. Please check your Seesaw messages, scan the QR code below or copy the link below into an internet browser.

The survey will close Friday 14 February at 3pm.



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSee5TK-SscLL9ixsVam7xobrcEGVW1gcFTLNCDqq_QE6O2Bg/viewform



Staff Profile – Mrs Gillespie

Role in the school - Relieving AP, Classroom Teacher on K Blue
Previous School - Braddock PS Cranebrook - Western Sydney
Favourite colour - blue
Loves eating - pizza, mangoes and chocolate

Relaxes with - a walk on the beach or a good book

Follows - the Panthers

Dream Holiday Destination - Cruise around the Greek Islands (dream to be fulfilled this September)

Likes learning about - mindfulness and wellbeing

Hobbies - gardening, long walks, drawing

Have a lovely weekend!

Michael Hepi - Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

14 February: Happy Valentine's Day; Kindergarten NRMA Bus safety presentation

19 February: Toormina District swimming carnival – Coffs Swimming Centre

21 February: 5/6 Yellow assembly; Mufti Day – wear RED. Gold coin donation in support of the Bushfire Appeal. Parents are also welcome to attend in RED mufti to our assembly and contribute to the appeal.

28 February: 5/6 Bronze assembly; special canteen MEAL DEAL day.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop is open every Thursday at 8:30am. Sawtell PS swimming caps available for \$5.



P&C NEWS

Sawtell PS P&C will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 24 February at 7pm in the staffroom. All positions will be declared vacant. We are seeking to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Uniform Manager. If you would like any information about these roles please contact Emma Aspden on 0417 286 505.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will be having a special lunch order day on Friday 21 February. Lunches must be **pre-ordered and paid for before the day**. A note will be sent home next week.

Breakfast Club – the canteen runs a free breakfast club every morning for students. Thank you to the Knight family from K'Pane bakery who donate bread each week. We are always seeking donations of spreads to keep our breakfast club running.

BOOKCLUB

Book Club orders from Issue 8 2019 unfortunately went astray late last year. Replacement books have been delivered to students this week. If the books were Christmas presents or are no longer wanted please contact Amy on 0416202748 to arrange return and credit/refund.

Now is the time to book your next adventure



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