



SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

19 February 2020 — TERM 1 WEEK 4

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week the school community participated in the consultation process for revising the school's Homework Policy. Over 65% of families submitted the survey. This was a resounding response and the school thanks everyone for their valuable feedback. Last Friday the school shared all responses to every family on Seesaw. The revised Homework Policy will be ready for implementation from the beginning of Term 2.

Permission and Information Notes

In November 2019, families were encouraged to respond to a survey regarding the school's performance. Communication was an area parents and carers felt the school could improve. 84% of families indicated that they would like to see a decrease in communication via paper and an increase in electronic communication. As a result, the school will be trialling online permission forms. A link to online forms will be posted to Seesaw when an event or excursion is scheduled.

- Permission and information forms will be electronically posted in Seesaw – similar to the Homework Policy survey.
- Electronic forms will be submitted via email to the 'author' of the form; all personal details are emailed directly to the in-school organiser or coordinator after you press submit.
- Parents and carers will be able to obtain the link at any time by searching their Seesaw messages.
- Parents and carers will receive an email confirming the form has been submitted correctly provided the correct email address details are entered. Notes will no longer go 'missing in action' and eliminate the need for re-prints.
- Seesaw sends a notification to parents and carers of an incoming message, which may contain a link to the form. This is very helpful for families who may be away at the time or for families whose

child is absent from school at the time information is going home.

- Collectively, the school community will reduce the need for paper and printing. There will be no need to re-print another form. The environmental and economic impact will decline.
- All families will be required to be on Seesaw. Seesaw is available for download to any device, desktop or laptop computers.
- Electronic forms should be easier and more accessible for families and reduce workload on school staff.

The school has run a couple of micro trials with staff and families. Through feedback received by those who participated in the trial appropriate changes were made.

Dolphin Marine Conservation – Coffs Harbour

(Notifications were sent to Seesaw yesterday).

Dolphin Marine Conservation Park Coffs Harbour will be coming to Sawtell PS on Tuesday 17 March, 2020. The team from Dolphin Marine Conservation Park are visiting Sawtell PS to deliver a presentation to students on marine wildlife and marine conservation in the Coffs Harbour area. The presentation will encompass ecosystems and species unique to this area and emerging threats to the marine environment. The presentation is aligned with the K-6 curriculum.

Online forms are required to be submitted before Friday 13 March.

Payment options will remain the same. Payment can be made online through the school's website using POP or handed to the class teacher **in a clearly labelled envelope with child's name, class and event.**

Online payments must be made prior to submitting permission form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdptkU_L68H66zrdC34-FelR3zkvLbkZ4QRIs8JmQqd4v7SHQ/viewform

**STAFF PROFILE – Mrs Steyne**

Role in the school - K Silver, Classroom Teacher

Previous school - Kororo PS

Favourite Colour - pink

Loves Eating - gnocchi, prawns and chocolate

Enjoys playing - euchre, board games

Relaxes with - family, reading, swimming, walks on the beach

Follows - the Sydney Swans

Dream holiday destination – Italy, Lake Como, Cinque Terre, Amalfi Coast

Likes learning about - different cultures, plants

Hobbies - gardening, stand up paddle boarding, bike riding

Toormina District Swimming

Best of luck to the students who attended today's swimming carnival in Coffs Harbour. Well done to all students and we wish those progressing through to the Mid North Coast carnival all the success.

SRC (Student Representative Council) news

Congratulations to those students who have been selected to represent the student voice. The SRC is a large group comprising of class captains, Aboriginal student leaders and school captains and prefects. In 2020 the SRC have elected to adopt a Koala from the Port Macquarie Billabong Zoo and a Sea Turtle from the Dolphin Marine Conservation – Coffs Harbour. Well done SRC!

Have a great weekend!

Michael Hepi - Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

6 March: 5/6 Navy assembly

P&C NEWS

Please join us for the P&C Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 24 February 2020 at 7pm in the staffroom.

Everyone is welcome to attend. We are seeking to fill P&C executive positions of President, two Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary. New members are required to pay \$4 and previous members \$2. Please bring your coins on the night.

In summary, all five office-bearers are signatories and responsible for the P&C, the President presides at all meetings, the Secretary records all business conducted and the Treasurer receives money, deposits money and keeps records. If you require any further information about the roles please call Emma 0417 286 505.

CANTEEN NEWS

Please be advised that **PAYMENT FOR CANTEEN ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ONLINE.**

PBL NEWS

This week's PBL lesson is all about being proud and respectful during assemblies. Students have been learning about proudly receiving awards, walking into the assembly and being a respectful audience.



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