

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

24 June 2020 — TERM 2 WEEK 9

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

In recent newsletters, the school has made comment about the construction works happening within the school as well as improvements being made to the school crossing on Eleventh Avenue. The school wishes to pass on its thanks to Heath and his crew from Coffs Harbour City Council for their high level of communication with the school and for going above and beyond to ensure students, staff and families were able to enter and exit the school safely throughout the day. Thank you!

Today the school farewelled the 14th classroom demountable. 2019 saw Sawtell Public School's largest student population of 365 students. Due to the Department of Education's changes to the enrolment policy Sawtell PS will continue to see a decline in enrolment for a few more years with an anticipated student population of approximately 300 students in 2021.

Changes to the opportunity class placement process for 2020 Year 4 students. Online applications close this Friday 26 June 2020. Late applications cannot be accepted. Online applications:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

ICAS 2020 - ICAS Assessments are designed to recognise academic excellence. Students are assessed on their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts using higher-order thinking and problem solving.

Each year a growing number of students participate in ICAS joining over 1 million students from across the world. If you would like your child to participate in ICAS 2020 please register and complete payment through the following link:

<https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

Using the school code: **OTV802**

School Plan 2021-2023... WIN A BIKE!

Sawtell PS's online survey form encouraging families to provide 'feedforward' in planning for the 2021-2023 School Plan has been successful with over 15% of families having already submitted their forms. The survey closes on Friday 3 July (next week). You will find the link to the survey form in Seesaw or below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd7BF0OoQCpVSqVGPu2MP8scpcehRIwSeBeqvQMwYTIBRp4w/viewform>

Farewell Mrs Hurry and Mrs King

Next week will be Mrs Hurry and Mrs King's last week at Sawtell PS. Both staff members have made massive contributions over the years to the lives of students, staff and parents/carers.

We thank them both for their service and the legacy they have left at Sawtell Public School.

Staff leave

From time to time, staff or their family members become ill. In some cases, this has resulted in consecutive days off work for staff members. Unfortunately, casual teachers are not always available for consecutive days as they may have already accepted a booking at another school.

Whenever possible Sawtell PS endeavours to maintain consistency with casual teachers for our students. The school appreciates your understanding and support, especially over the last few weeks with a higher than usual rate of illness.

Enjoy your weekend!

Michael Hepi – Principal

PBL NEWS

This week's PBL lesson was all about our school expectation **RESPECTFUL – Students learned about 'following instructions respectfully'**.

Students being respectful and following teacher instructions includes – wearing their hat, walking on concrete, staying inbounds, eating in designated areas and walking to bus lines/gates with a teacher at the end of the day.

Students discussed the importance of consistently following the instructions of any teacher in the school and showing respect at assembly by being seated before the end of the music bell.

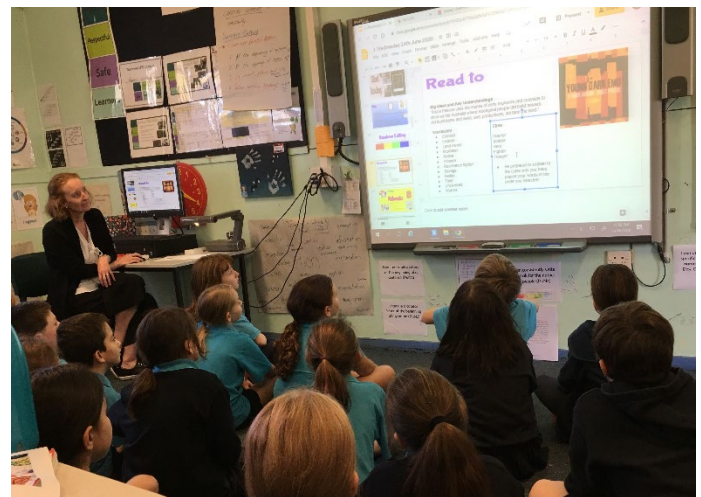
UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop **will NOT be open this Thursday 25 June**. If you require anything from our uniform shop please complete an order form (available at the office) and your orders will be processed early next week.

CANTEEN NEWS

The school canteen has limited stock available as the end of Term 2 draws near. We ask that you please prepare your child for a second option just in case their first choice is not available.

Last day for canteen will be Thursday 2 July 2020.



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