

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

22 July 2020 — TERM 3 WEEK 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3.

As we adapt to the current environment of 'COVID-19' please be aware of updates to the previously provided Term 3 calendar via Seesaw on July 1st. Sawtell PS was hoping that restrictions would be further relaxed. Unfortunately, this has not been the case. Important information is provided below:

- Sawtell PS remains a safe environment for all children
- All children should attend school all day, every day the school is open, unless they are too unwell to attend
- Parents/carers should contact the school each day their child is absent
- Non-essential visitors including parents/carers are discouraged from entering school grounds
- Assemblies and large groups of students should not congregate longer than 15 minutes in enclosed spaces.

As a result, the following activities have been postponed until further notice or cancelled:

- School Spelling Bee (cancelled)
- Education Day assembly, open classrooms and community activities (postponed)
- Weekly Friday class assemblies (postponed)
- Kindergarten orientation (postponed)
- School musical (postponed)

School Planning

Many thanks to parents and carers who provided feedback on what they would like Sawtell PS to feel, sound and look like for students, staff and families over the next 5 years. In total, the school received over 50 completed surveys representing approximately 25% of the school community.

A summary of the survey is provided.

Over the next 5 years I would like SPS to feel, look and sound like for my child...

- Safe
- Comfortable
- Friendly
- Shade sails over equipment
- Inspiring
- Welcoming
- Tidy
- Creative
- Happy
- Gender neutral
- Strong emphasis on the academia
- Inclusive
- Innovative
- Caring
- Technology
- Proud
- Opportunities in the arts

Over the next 5 years I would like SPS to feel, look and sound like for staff...

- Happy
- Challenging and supportive
- Calm and stress free
- Excited
- Engaged
- Valued
- Clean
- Safe
- Supportive
- Positive
- Cohesive
- Proud
- Rewarded
- Equipped
- Professional learning
- Collaborative

- Empowered
- Approachable

Over the next 5 years I would like SPS to feel, look and sound like for families...

- Welcoming
- Supportive
- Clean and happy classrooms
- Friendliness
- Confident
- Dedicated teachers
- Close community
- Open and transparent
- Strong communication
- Safe and caring

Sawtell PS's strengths

- Communication
- Collaborative
- Supportive
- Uniforms
- Staff
- School grounds
- Curriculum
- Sense of community
- Creative
- Respectful

Areas for improvement

- More learning and support teachers
- Staff transitioning
- Communication
- Environmental education
- Innovative teaching
- Less clone activities
- Less photocopying
- More follow-up with individual student needs
- More male teachers
- Playground shade covering
- Modernization
- Lunch time activities
- Improved performing arts resources
- Less bullying
- Earlier intervention
- Parental involvement

Again, congratulations to the Flynn family who won a bike from Rebel Sport for submitting a survey.

Over the coming 6 months consultation for the future school plan will begin to ramp up. It is anticipated the entire school community continues to contribute to the planning and implementation processes.

PBL pop-up day

On the last day of Term 2 all students were treated to a POP-UP day for achieving a specified number of positive rewards, 'Play the Games'. The school reached this number on the Wednesday. What a wonderful surprise for all students. The previous pop-up day activity involved a movie and popcorn. Who knows what the next one will involve. Keep striving for the positive rewards kids!

Semester 1 Parent/Teacher interviews

Semester 1 parent/teacher interviews will be held in Week 3. Due to COVID-19 these interviews will be conducted over the phone. An electronic booking form will be sent home soon. Student reports will be sent home on Friday, Week 6.

School Canteen

The school canteen will open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the remainder of the school year.

Canteen volunteers are desperately needed. If you can spare a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday morning between 10:30-11:00am please contact Lara in the canteen or the office.

Student representative Council – SRC

This week the student representatives from each class were handed their well overdue badges. The school had been waiting for restrictions to be reduced so that parents could attend the assembly. Congratulations to all the class representatives. Student voice is a very important component of wellbeing and the development of strong independent learners.



Yr 3- 6 Friday Sport

Yesterday, Yr 3-6 sport electronic nomination forms were sent to families via Seesaw. Please ensure this form is completed and submitted before Friday 24 July to avoid disappointment. If you have any questions please contact Mr Glover – Yr 3-6 Friday Sport Coordinator.

Stay dry and have a wonderful weekend!

Michael Hepi - Principal

PBL NEWS

Colourful PBL signage is displayed around school showing our school expectations – **proud, respectful, safe and a learner.**

The signage indicates expected behaviour in that particular area of school. This week, classes are walking around the school with their teacher to explicitly discuss the signage and expectations in areas around the school.

These signs can be used at all times by students, staff and the community to help remember and understand and reinforce the school's expectations.

UNIFORM SHOP

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



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Sawtell Public School is in the process this term of collecting student data for those students who require adjustments at school as part of the "Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability" (NCCD). This is a mandatory process for all schools in Australia, both public and private.

If you would like further information on this please access the factsheet below.

<https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/2018 - nccd - fact sheet for parents and carers english.pdf>

Any other questions please contact Louise Arthur (Learning and Support Teacher) at Sawtell Public School on 6653 1666.



Our proud student representatives received their SRC badges!

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