

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

5 August 2020 — TERM 3 WEEK 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to *Education Week*. Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and achievements of local schools and students. This year, the theme for Education Week is *'Learning together'*. Typically, schools celebrate Education Week by welcoming school communities into classrooms to see first-hand the wonderful achievements of all students. Learning together has never been so important and was certainly demonstrated and challenged as *'we, a school community'* embraced learning together during the COVID learning from home.

Unfortunately, the current climate has placed a damper on our planned activities, nonetheless, at Sawtell PS every child's growth and efforts are acknowledged and celebrated daily. Sawtell Public School celebrates a very strong focus on building literacy and numeracy skills of every child whilst providing many opportunities for all students to explore and challenge their passions/interests across other curriculum areas including the performing arts and sports. Sawtell Public School has high expectations that every child will attend school *all day, every day* they are well enough to do so, and all students staff and visitors will follow to the school's expectations of being *Proud, Respectful, Safe and a Learner*. This culture of high expectations was developed by the school community as part of the current school plan.

Importantly, Sawtell Public School puts the child at the centre of all decisions. Happy Education Week!

School canteen

Many thanks to those who responded to the call for volunteer support in the school's canteen. Lara, school canteen supervisor, has reported that the support has been increasing each day. If you have a spare hour or

2 please contact Lara at school. Lara is currently looking into a number of initiatives to improve service and communication. Stay tuned!

Book-fair and Character MUFTI Day

The 2020 Book-fair and Character Mufti day will go ahead, though with a twist. Due to COVID restrictions there will be no parade. However, students will be encouraged to dress in Mufti – Book Character for Tuesday 18th August. Mrs Hardcastle is currently working on a **virtual book-fair**. It is hoped that the book-fair is a huge success as the school receives a percentage from books sold, this enables the school's library to purchase additional resources for students.

School Photos

The 2020 school photos will take place on Wednesday 16 September. School photos can only be ordered online at

<https://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au/> using the code **X6119EL42S**

Stay warm this weekend!

Michael Hepi
Principal

What's On

Friday 14 August Bongil Bongil netball fun day

Tuesday 18 August Book-fair and book character mufti day

Wednesday 26 August Park it for the Planet Day – encouraging students to walk, ride or scooter to school

Friday 28 August Semester 1 student reports home

UNIFORM SHOP

A friendly reminder that we are currently taking orders for our specially printed 2021 Year 6 jumpers and T-

shirts. An order form was sent out on 28 July 2020, so if you have a student going into year 6 and have not yet received one please either contact Mrs Bellchambers or the office.

Orders for Yr 6 Jumpers and T-shirts close Thursday 24 September 2020. All orders must be paid for in advance.

For all other uniform orders please collect an order form from the front office. Once your order form has been completed and handed back to the office, your orders will be available for collection the following Thursday unless advised otherwise.

PBL NEWS

This week's PBL lesson was '*SAFE - Being in the Right Place at the Right Time*'. Before school, students must put their bag at their classroom and sit on the handball court until the bell goes. This is because there is no teacher on duty until 8:35. At lunch and recess time, students can play in all play areas, provided they have a hat or aren't eating. If they don't have a hat they need to be on the basketball court, and if they are eating they need to sit in the designated eating area. At the end of the day, students must follow teacher directions to the gates or bicycles. Students discussed the importance of walking bicycles to the gates and sitting in bus lines.

Discussing this week's PBL lesson is a great way for your child to complete one of their homework tasks too!



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Book Fair & Character Mufti Day

Sawtell PS Book Fair is scheduled for Week 5 - Tuesday the 18 August 2020.

Last year we sold \$4,283.89 worth of books which meant the school was given \$1,427.00 to buy beautiful new books for our school library as a result! Students will bring home a purple '*Wish List*' with their selected titles and costings for bank transfers, as parents will not be able to attend the Book Fair at school. Your support will be very beneficial to the students and our school library collection.

Students will also be encouraged to dress up as their favourite character on the day.

Students demonstrating the expectation of being **SAFE** –
Being in the right place at the right time!

