Hello everyone,

Did you enjoy the Sarina Show? Our school display was entered again this year, though it was tucked into the corner this time. It was lovely to see the children's work on display - beautiful handwriting, creative arts, and photos of our students! Thanks goes to Ms Lamont and Mrs Richards for putting it together and collecting the work on the Sunday.

Today the year 6 students will have taken home a scholarship package to apply for scholarships available to assist with learning at Sarina High School. Application is not compulsory, but in previous years, many of our students have been successful.

Thank you for the continued feedback around our focus areas and forward planning. In due course, all this gathered information will be published for families to access. The teaching and learning data clearly indicates a very high valuing of our teaching teams and the manner in which teacher aides are deployed in this school. The Languages question response is clearly split, so this will take further analysis and discussion. The target caused some confusion – the centre being ‘spot on’ / ‘just right’. I did have to have a smile around “Mrs Richards tries to give us hard stuff, but it’s still too easy for us!” -- Good on you Mrs Richards -- we know that it was hard at the beginning, but they leave knowing what they know, and ready to learn what comes next. How great that they think of themselves as successful learners! 😊

Please note: The date for the disco has been moved forward a week to Friday of week 8, to avoid overlapping with the 5/6 camp. The date for the audit has also moved forward a day, due to a car accident resulting in the change of auditor.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

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**Food For Thought**

Kids in the morning – getting out the door on time

For many families, the morning rush hour is the most stressful part of the day. But with a good routine in place you can get yourself and the kids out the door on time.

The key is to be organized. Set some ground rules and put a routine in place. It will be much easier if everyone knows what they need to do to help get ready.

Make sure you leave yourself enough time to get ready in the morning. A good rule is to get yourself ready before the kids. You can prepare some things like lunches the night before to avoid the last-minute rush.

Let your children know what the routine is ahead of time. Tell them exactly what they will need to do.

Kids can help out by learning to do things for themselves like getting dressed and brushing their teeth. This gives them the chance to practice these skills and it teaches them how to be organized. Plus it saves you time!

Clearly tell them what they need to do to win and set a reasonable amount of time. Avoid repeating instructions or nagging them to hurry up. It often takes only two weeks before the game has worked and can be phased out.

-- Chappie Di

**Bookclub advertising flyers** are regularly distributed to all students in the school, and are being distributed again today. Bookclub has quality books published by Ashton Scholastic.

There is no expectation for parents to purchase these products. However, if you do choose to purchase books through bookclub, then the school is awarded ‘points’ which are then spent on books for the school library.

Could all orders please be returned to the school by next Wednesday. Delivery of orders is usually 2 weeks after the school order has been placed. Mrs Hoare gives the books directly to the children unless asked otherwise by the parents.
Donating items are another great way of supporting our Campdraft Fundraiser. So, there is now a class competition to determine which class has the best basket! Yes, class prizes are available. Each class has a campdraft basket in their room. Suggested items for donation are on a rip-off-tag so that a range of different items are provided. When the item is purchased, please have your child put it into their basket. Every little bit helps!

Prep /1 (filled, and then some)

Year 1/2

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Our Learning Objectives:

1. Reading and writing must make sense!
2. Student know what they know, and know what they need to know next!

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