Haven’t we been a busy school! There have been so many plans and events come to fruition. Congratulations on your AWESOME performances Year 1/2 and the Marimba Madness Band at the recent Seniors’ Week Celebrations. You were a real credit to the school. The marimbas – sponsored by the Sarina Community Bendigo Bank – were marvelled at, and so many comments were given regarding your beautiful music, team work and top notch behaviours. Thanks also goes to Mrs Mitchell for filling in for Mrs Burkett.

On the same day, Swayneville also hosted a visit from our Mayor – Cr Greg Williamson. It was the first time that he had been to the school, and he enjoyed his tour of the school. Again mention was made regarding the beautiful nature of our students and our environment. Taking the opportunity, I spoke to Greg about the possibility of having a bus shelter built in front of the school to host the senior students who transition between / catch buses from there. His reponse was very encouraging.

The Blue Mountain Campdraft was on last week, and it was very well attended. The Campdraft catering is the major fundraiser for the year, and this year has been very successful. Naturally, as the weekend, set up and clean up takes more than the weekend, there has not been time to do a final tally and report. A fuller report will be forth coming.

I can report that many, many of our families contributed in various capacities. Contribution rates were very high. There were those who cooked, cooked and the baked some more. Those that made and donated meals and those that served or even camped and served all weekend. LEGENDS! Thanksyou.

Dishes, slow cookers, trays etc are ready for collection in the library.

We welcome to our school today, the three School Reviewers – Judy, Sharon and Bert. Please make them feel welcome.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

**Important Dates:**
- 24, 25 August – School Review
- 26 August – Premier’s Reading Challenge closes
- 28 August – Optiminds Challenge Day – Mackay
- 2 September – Father’s Day Stall
- 2 September – School Disco
- 13 September – Rural Safety for Children excursion Year 3/4
- 12 – 16 September – Year 5/6 camp

**Go the Green and Gold**
The action from the 31st Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro may have come to a close but the Science learning in Yr. 3/4 based on forces and Olympic sports is continuing. These photos show us hard at work looking at the forces involved in a class tug-of-war competition and a long jump activity. Then we were discovering the variables that had to be considered to conduct a fair test. The next step is to carry out an investigation to see if we can jump further with or without our shoes on. We have also enjoyed reading about the Olympics in our sponsored class set of ‘The Courier Mail’ newspapers and using them to keep a medal tally for some of the competing countries.

All the best Optiminds Team! You’ve prepared well.
Food For Thought

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(and how to say no to your child!)

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There’s little we can do to shield our children from the daily stream of advertising. But we can make life in this material world a little easier for moms, dads and kids.

You can help your child understand why you’re buying something or why you’re not buying something. Rather than just saying “because I said so,” you could explain why the product isn’t right. Is it too expensive? Perhaps they can have it when they’re older.

You can also help your child by teaching them the value of money. Give them a set allowance to spend as they like. Even six year olds know what an empty piggy bank means.

And finally, think about what you say and do in front of your kids. If you always discuss other people in terms of their money, your child will learn that having money is the most important value.

-- Chappie Di

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Every afternoon, we enjoy a very social afternoon tea
(It could be fresh fruit, toasted sandwiches, crackers and dip, chips and ice blocks – YUM!)
This is followed by an awesome program of indoor and outdoor activities.
If you want to join us, please call Michelle on 0409495230 for more information.

Year 5/6
Cheyenne Palmer: following all 4B rules & homework award.
Dakota Makings: persistence in completing all tasks.

Year 3/4
None due to teacher absence.

Year 1/2
Keidon O’Connor: huge effort in writing task.
Will Hamblin: amazing work in maths.

Prep/1
Eli Hauwert & Jasmine Roberts: wonderful recount writing.
50 Bee Stamps.
Claudia Burley, Lachlan McFadzen, Peersen Mooney, Chris Malayta, Alice Hamblin, Reeflen Clark.
100 Bee Stamps.

Queen Bee
Have a great week.

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