Hello Everyone,

Thank you for your willing participation in discussing our school with the School Reviewers. While we do not have the full report as yet, the Reviewers gave us a verbal summary of their findings, and suggestions to take the school to ‘the next step’. The Review findings were absolutely positive. As the quadrennial review in on September 8th (this looks at the data story against the four year school plan), all families will receive a summary of the reviews for their perusal.

Congratulations to the Optiminds Team who presented on Sunday in Mackay. Their report is on page two.

The P&C meet every second Wednesday of the month. However, as there has been a lot of functions on in the last few weeks, there will be no P&C meeting in September. Next meeting, second Wednesday in October at 5:00pm in the library. By the way – initial estimates indicate that $9500 was raised at the campdraft!! That roof over the tennis court is just that much closer.

The Premier Reading Challenge has now closed. Please return the completed form to the office by Friday, so that the data can be lodged and efforts recognised.

Year 5/6 are off to camp during the last week of school. Miss Adda has joined with Chappie Di and Mrs T, and will also be attending camp. There are still a few students who have yet to pay their camp fees. This needs to be settled as soon as possible. Student in 5/6 who are not attending camp have an alternate program at school. This program will be addressing the same learning, but in a different manner and will be forming part of their assessment.

Over the next few weeks, teachers will be gradually released from class to have a planning day for next term. This time is invaluable for teachers, and we appreciate your understanding re the change in routine.

Now, some concerning news. After School Care is provided by PCYC, on our school site. To be a profitable business they require a minimum of 7 students on average each day. As our PCYC has been steadily growing, our school has been supported for the last 2 years. HOWEVER, unless our numbers pick up considerably by the end of the year, PCYC will not operate in the new year. It is a clear case of use it or loose it. After school care is open to ANY school age (primary or secondary) child. They do not need to attend our school to access this service. Many families rely on this service, and it would be distressing to lose it due to lack of support. Please actively promote this service.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Important Dates:
2 September – Father’s Day Stall
2 September – School Disco 6pm – 8pm
13 September – Rural Safety for Children excursion Year 3/4
12 – 16 September – Year 5/6 camp
16 September – Rewards Day

Our Learning Objectives: 1. Reading and writing must make sense! 2. Student know what they know, and know what they need to know next!
Congratulations Opti-Minds Students

On Sunday, Swayneville State School competed in the Annual Opti-Minds Challenge Day held at Holy Spirit College in Mackay. The students were confident in themselves and what they were there to do. Bodhi, Jacaranda, Tayah, Hamish and Dallas showed the other 71 schools that were performing there, that Swayneville School is one confident and resourceful learning environment. The students wowed the judges with their performance and were eloquent with their responses to the judges’ questions. The students showed good sportsmanship towards the other teams who were successful in their interpretation of the task. Our thanks also go to Mr Marcus Rowe-Bailey for all his support and time. Congratulations again Opti-Minds team, we are so proud of you!

-- Miss Stark and Miss Adda.

Linking Libraries

Let’s face it, the internet is an integral part of young people’s lives. Used responsibly, the online environment is a great place for our children to socialise and maintain friendships, be entertained, download and watch music and movies, play games, to search for information and to learn. The ever changing nature of the internet can pose challenges for parents who wish to keep on top of their children’s technology use. While children might seem to be tech savvy, they still need a parent’s guiding hand to help make sure their online experience is positive and safe.


Troy McShannon: Branch Coordinator
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Father’s Day Stall

Father’s Day is a great opportunity to recognise the wonderful men in our lives, and their contribution to family through their role as ‘Dad’.

For young students, it is very empowering to be put in charge of buying something for Dad (not to mention that it is great real life application of using money and calculating ‘enough/not enough’). So, our P&C has again organised a Father’s Day Stall for the school.

This coming Friday, 2 September.

There are over 200 items for sale, ranging in price from $1 - $5. The children will be taken down to the stall by their teaching team during the first session of the day. Items include: coffee cups, stubbie coolers, Love you Dad pens, mugs and pens for Grandads, water bottles, chocolates, cooler bags, photo frames and much more.

Younger students are recommended to bring their money in a snap lock bag with their name on it (and any instructions inside ☺) and hand it to the class teacher.

Any unsold items will be available at the disco, later that day.

School Disco

Swayneville State School students are invited to the student council disco on this coming Friday night – 2nd September. The event runs from 6pm – 8pm. Catering is available, and there will be some glow products available as well.

The entry fee will be a gold coin donation per child. Money raised by student council goes towards sending Next year’s school leaders to the Grip Leadership Conference.

This event is only open to students from Swayneville State School. As staff will be busy running the event, parents are asked to supervise their children at all times.

The theme is the Olympics – Ancient or Modern, so come dressed for gold! The student council has organised games and prizes.

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Certificates presented to students who played Marimbas at Senior's Week celebrations.

**Year 5/6**
- Chris Todd & Nathaniel Catlin: following all 4B rules.
- Tarrell Mooney: great job in completing homework & school work.

**Year 3/4**
- Jordannah Moren: displaying excellent work habits & manners.
- Reagan Bella: super listener award.

**Year 1/2**
- Aquellah Kissier: good use of descriptive words in recount writing.
- Evandah Skien: amazing recount of playing the marimbas.

**Prep/1**
- Katana Searles: excellent work in speech.

**Music**
- Reagan Bella: good performance on ukulele.
- Ehlana Tromba: good focus & helpful nature.

**50 Bee Stamps**
- Chris Todd.
- Queen Bee: 3/4.