Things are really gearing up for the next couple of weeks when Swayneville State School flies its banner and are on display in our wider community. Optiminds children are busy practicing for the Regional Event on 28 August. The Marimba Band and the Year 1/2 class are performing at the Senior’s Week Luncheon on Thursday, and the Blue Mountain Campdraft fundraiser is on this weekend! The Camp Draft is a great social event too, and everyone is welcome to come along and watch the action. Please refer to the last page of our newsletter where all the last minute details are set out.

The school review will be taking place on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Judy Dale and Sharon Ritchie will be our guests. A summary will be published on our website, and as the school quadrennial review is only two weeks later, a full report of all the findings will be distributed to families. Our improvement agenda? 1) Effective Pedagogical Practices 2) Students making gains.

This week’s community surveys regarding “Facilities” is the last one. Thankyou for taking the time to reply, and for supporting the children with their input. Last week’s survey on “Beyond the school gate”, gave strong positive feedback on Chaplaincy, the private providers and the co-curriculum activities. These providers (tennis, after school care, guitar) are private businesses. Their ongoing presence in our school depends solely on sufficient numbers to keep them going – so ‘use it or lose it’. The question regarding modes of communication indicated, as you would expect, individual preferences. Trends still favour the newsletter being available via ‘hard copy’, accessing the website or email, but the new group texting ability is a hit! Thankyou Optus for the new tower near by! This is something that we will keep doing.

We will continue to grow . . . .

What a difference a few weeks have made. Last week, we welcomed 2 new students. Welcome to the 1/2 class Tyler and Kirralee.

We have had an incredibly busy start to this term. We are enjoying our Olympic Science unit looking at force and motion. We have even had some time where we have been able to watch some Olympic sports like diving, gymnastics and athletics from previous years and discuss how our bodies respond to different sporting activities. We have also been making sure that our new garden is growing well. We have had some success with growing Radishes. They are not big enough to eat yet, but we cannot wait to try them.

Important Dates:
18 August – Senior’s Morning Tea – Year 1/2 involvement
19, 20, 21 August – Blue Mountain Campdraft / Major School Fundraiser.
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

Swayneville Swag

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Blue Mountain Campdraft Catering

Thank you to all the volunteers who have kindly offered to cook meals for Friday night, potato bakes for Saturday night and delicious desserts and baking for the weekend. We have been blown away by the wonderful donations of food and goods for the weekend.

We will be meeting at the school at 3pm Friday afternoon to collect food and bring to the Campdraft grounds. Simone Hauwert will be coordinating meal delivery along with other mums. Hot meals are best brought in their slow cooker so that they can be kept warm and then turned on at the grounds. In order to ensure our food safety responsibilities are met, we request that hot meals are prepared on the day, and require that these are maintained at 60°C or above (most slow cookers will maintain this temperature on the low setting). There will be provision for slow cookers to be plugged in at the school, and temperatures will be monitored to ensure that these dishes are maintained at the required temperatures upon receipt and around their transit to the Campdraft grounds. Please ensure all of your items are labelled so that we can match cookware and containers to their owner, including inserts of the slow cookers. These will be available for return on Monday morning in the school library. Wrapping your dish in a labelled towel or cloth or taping the lid will also help with keeping food hot and help with minimising spillages.

For those of you who are coming to watch the Campdraft and help over the weekend, the directions are as follows: Head up and over the Sarina Range (heading approximately 27kms from Sarina). Blue Mountain turn off is on your right. Travel along Blue Mountain Rd for approximately 8.2km and you will see an opened silver gate and the Blue Mountain Campdraft sign, turn left into driveway. The rural number is 827 Blue Mountain Rd. It can get very cold overnight so make sure you bring plenty of warm bedding and clothing. Showers are located on the grounds. There are no eftpos facilities but there is much better phone reception this year... yippee!

Many thanks to you all for your continued support of this major fundraising event.

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This Roster is not set in stone and please contact me if the time allocated does not suit. There have been lots of offers of help from others that may be able to attend but couldn’t committee to date. I am sure that there will be many hands to make light work.

For those of us that are camping on the grounds please use Saturday lunch as your time to rest. As we always have lots of helpers at that time. Or if you see that it is busy just offer help until it settles down. We will close the kitchen for an hour Saturday afternoon in preparation for the Roast Meal on Saturday night.

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On Friday the 12th of August, Hannah, Ella, Cheyenne, Chris M. and Chris T. from year 6 were afforded the opportunity to attend the Future Leaders Eco Challenge held in Mackay at the Botanical Gardens. This is an experience offered to the school as part of our partnership as a Reef Guardian School with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

“We planted trees,” said Hannah, “in the newly developed area near the hospital.” Chris Todd reported, “They said that this time next year, we will be able to go to the area and fish for Barra.”

Chris Malayta expanded further, “There is currently a pest fish called Tarpon in the waterway, and the Barra fingerling will eat these and clean them out.” “There is a fish ladder, which is a barrier of rocks between ponds that the Barra can move over when the water in the waterway overflows. The fish have a way to get further upstream,” said Ella.

“We also made seed bombs – which is clay dust mixed with potting mix and seeds. These are made into balls and allowed to dry. When they are thrown, the balls stay there until it rains and then the clay washes away, leaving the seeds to grow,” explained Cheyenne.

The children’s photo were in the Daily Mercury on Saturday! 😊