Hello everyone,

The children were really well presented and in correct school uniform for the school photos yesterday, and some lovely shots were taken. The mural on the tennis court was used as the backdrop again, since the weather was so kind. The photographers have indicated that photos will be available for collection in 28 working days.

Congratulations to Bodhi Rowe-Bailey, pictured above, on his recent success at the Sarina Districts. Bodhi placed second in High Jump, and has now been invited to compete at the next level – Mackay Districts – on Friday. This is a wonderful achievement, and we wish him all the best as he competes this Friday.

The annual School Opinion Survey is now completed online. Your feedback is used to keep a pulse on how the school community is relating to the school, so your say is strongly encouraged. To date, only 9 of the 57 families in our school have responded. Log on information was sent home at the beginning of the term. This survey closes on Friday 29 July – that’s this week.

A reminder regarding the Blue Mountain Campdraft. We have fielded some enquiries – yes, access is free, and so is the camping. The monies raised by this event will be put towards covering our tennis court.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)
Food For Thought

Why We Should Talk With Kids

When we talk with our children we are teaching them how to talk, listen and interact with others. So, your child could be showing you something they've done, asking you a question or talking about their day – these brief chats are all chances for your child to learn.

For babies, any sound can be a way of communicating with them. Talk, sing and coo to them as much as you can. Name things around them as you talk. This is how they learn what things are called.

As they get older, kids will start to name things. They might point and say “truck”. You could reply, “Yes. It’s a red truck.” So you have let them know they are right, given them a new word and put it all in a simple sentence for them.

Toddlers and preschool-age children ask lots of questions. They are starting to explore their world and will ask you about things they don’t understand or things that worry them. When they come to you and ask, pause what you are doing briefly, give them your attention, and listen to what they say. You can also ask them questions about what they think.

Talking to your children also sets up a relationship between parent and child. They are more likely to feel free and safe to talk to you. And this is so important as they grow up.

-- Chappie Di

AFTER SCHOOL CARE WITH PCYC is available in the Sarina Area!
Open to any school aged child – state or private schools. Located at Swayneville State School

Price is only $20 a day….but

Centrelink rebate is of up to 50% and you may also be eligible for Centrelink Benefit as well. So you could pay as little as $7 - $10

Youth programs and sporting activities are accessible as part of the $20 membership.

Casual bookings as well as permanent/regular bookings.

Afternoon Tea is provided, fully qualified staff who are passionate about their work, fun games and activities, computer access, homework support if requested, outstanding care and programs following the National Quality Framework, buses from Sarina are met at school gate, closes at 6pm.

Works in with vacation care, too!

ph: 49423296 to enquire

If we do not use this service, we will loose it!

Camp Draft Fever — Donation Drive

Donating items are another great way of supporting our Campdraft Fundraiser. So, there is now a class competitions 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!

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Technology: A journey towards iBalance

Visiting author, Mr Brad Huddleston, and Mackay Community Police Sergeant, Nigel Dalton attended the school last Friday. This was a targeted presentation to the school children that resulted in the children’s ability to repeat the learning that technology is good, but “too much technology” is bad for you. The brain gets ‘tickled’ through the use of screens and it gradually builds up resistance that requires more and more to achieve the same pleasure. This can result in anger and lead to depression and anxiety. Alternative activities were encouraged to balance exposure, and self regulation with parental support was recommended.

St. Nigel discussed bullying (including cyber bullying) and highlighted the impact of words. Individual strategies were discussed, as was the fact that all of us bear the responsibility to intervene if we see it happening. This talk was cleverly delivered through the bubble blowing example pictured below.

Year 5/6
Ella Leigh: fabulous first week.
Nathaniel Catlin: excellent working week.

Year 3/4
Lawson McFadzen: Star of the week-excellent work all year.
Cordell Kissier: Act of kindness award for helping others.
Jazmyn Newton: super listener award.

Year 1/2
Olivia Hauwert: improvement in writing during group tasks.
Aurellia Mack: amazing attitude towards all work areas.

Prep/1
Lizzie Carey: amazing sentence writing.
Dayna Hauwert: always making sure everyone is included.

Music
Evandah Skein & Jacaranda Rowe-Bailey: for their skill & help with the marimbas.
Queen Bee: 5/6

Have a great week!

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