Hello everyone,

What a fortunate school we are! Dedicated effective teaching teams, proactive parents, and community partnerships, Swayneville has created a wonderful engaging environment for our students. This week has been proof!

Under 8’s Day was so much fun! Thanks Miss Stark and Mrs Arnold (who were ably helped by Mrs Matthews, Mrs Richards, Ms Elwin, and Mrs Spark) for making this fabulous event happen. Pictures from the morning are captured further into the newsletter. It’s so great to be under 8!

Did you notice a few trees missing? The working bee was held over the weekend, and the work completed was HUGE. The junior playground equipment has had its sand replenished and spread (the bobcat saved many a back 😊), gutters have been cleaned, trees felled .. making way for a revamp of the front garden, new gardens have been started, many gardens mulched / weeded / pruned, balls and dead lunchboxes have been removed from the roof, garden soil has gone into the new vegie growing beds, tennis court / paths / C block awning has been gurneyed, an outdoor seat cemented in…. etc.

This did not happen magically. It was the hard work of many families. Swayneville would like to thank: The Tromba Family, the Spencer Family, the Nobbs Family, the Keir Family, the McFadzen Family, the Hauwert Family (Olivia/Daya), the Beveridge Family, the Maguire Family, & the Eames/Collins Family.

While I know that this work was done for the school community, I would like to express my deep personal gratitude for sharing this load with me.

We welcome Summer Barnett (pictured) and Ayden Burley to our school. They both started this week.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

WOW! What a picture ..

This term our fabulous students in year 5/6 are thoroughly enjoying exploring media art. They have been studying the use of different types of digital media and are currently creating a digital story about a character from the story Atlantis: The Lost Empire. So far students have enjoyed small group rotations with Chappie Di and Miss Adda working on opportunities to explore elements of media art including photography.

Book Fair Is Here!

Tying in with Under 8’s Day and Chappie Week, the school likes to host a book fair! Yes, reading is an empowering skill set, but it is also a wonderful way to stretch the imagination, learn some interesting facts and spend time with family. 😊 The Book Fair is running all week. The children have the chance to peruse or purchase the books during second break. Parents escorting their children are also welcome from 8:00am, and also after school. Stuff will make themselves available to help. A percentage of each purchase is given to the school with the money to be spent on books for our school library.

Important Dates:

- 23 – 27 May – Bookfair
- 25 May – Sarina High Junior Secondary Enrolment Evening
- 31 May – Student Council’s Biggest Morning Tea
- 2-3 June – Principal conference
- 6&7 June – Broadsound Carnival (Monday Y3 – 6, Tuesday P – 6)
- 8 June – P&C meeting 5:00pm in the library
- 16 May - 26 August – Premier’s Reading Challenge
IT’S SO GREAT BEING UNDER 8!

After a successful visit of the Mackay Regional Council Library’s First 5 Forever team at the Sarina IGA shopping Centre on Thursday 21 April I’d like to pass on some key messages.

Nurture your child’s love of language by reading together, sharing rhymes, singing songs, telling stories or playing with them. This interaction is critical and can happen every day and anytime. Being read to at an early age is critical in terms of a child’s social, cognitive, emotional and language development, and their overall well-being. (Let’s Read Literature Review, 2013) When fathers are involved with their child’s literacy education from a young age, their child demonstrates increased cognitive abilities, higher self-esteem and greater social competence. (Ortiz, 2000) Reading with children is the single most important activity families can do with their children to help them learn to read and write once they start school. (Let’s Read Literature Review, 2013)

Reading is not just about the words in the book; it’s about having fun, talking about what you see, responding to what your child is interested in, and spending time together.

Troy McShannon: Branch Coordinator Sarina Library
NEW FLASHING ROAD SAFETY LIGHTS

“I am pleased to tell you that Swayneville State School will soon be receiving flashing school zone lights.

The Palaszczuk Government has announced another 100 school zones are set to receive flashing school zone signs to improve safety for students.

The flashing signs have been a resounding success since the Labor Government introduced them in 2011, with more than 600 installed in school zones across Queensland.

I will personally give you a call today to discuss the new flashing light signs.”

Jimmy Pearce, Member for Mirani

After speaking with Jim, he affirmed with me that he is joining our avocation to have the speed zone reduced in front of the school. Our new lights should be installed in the coming financial year.

Your child’s important health history – online, secure and easy to use.

The Australian Government is giving everyone in north Queensland a My Health Record - a secure, online digital health record. Parents will be able to keep track of their children’s immunisations, developmental milestones, healthcare provider or hospital visits, and other important medical information. Doctors, specialists and hospital staff will be able to access it when they need to, like in the case of an accident or emergency. As a parent, you can apply to access and manage your child’s My Health Record online. For more information visit myhealthrecord.gov.au or call 1800 723 471.