Hello Everyone,

Would you like to connect with your child’s teacher for a parent teacher interview? Please ring and make an appointment. Draft report cards are nearing completion and teachers are available to discuss your child’s learning. Parent/Teacher interviews are available upon request at any time through the school year. Please, never hesitate to make that connection.

The end of the schooling year inevitably brings a time of change. This year we will be saying farewell to Miss Stark, who for family reasons, has excepted a transfer back to the Brisbane area. Miss Adda has been successful in finding full time work at Cannonvale, and will be moving up there. Miss Katy Birse will be joining the teaching team here at Swayneville, and Mrs Bron Perna will be working in a part-time capacity. Please join me in wishing our teachers the all the best for their new positions, and in welcoming our new teaching staff.

School numbers for 2017 currently stand on 104. This means that we should be able to access a fifth teacher for an additional class. As per usual, nothing is finalised until after day 8 next year. I will keep you informed.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

**Important Dates:**

28 November – Orientation Day Year 6 transition
30 November – Leadership Speeches for school leaders 2017, 1:40 in the undercover area.
2 December – Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6:00pm start.
5 December – Swimming Carnival
7 December – Presentation Night
8 December – Rewards Day
9 December – final day of term.

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**Working On It**

This semester, Year 3/4 has been honing their typing skills. Each week they have been progressing through levels methodically and answering Ms Lamont’s challenge by not looking at the keyboard. Some unorthodox equipment has been adopted to help them out. (see pic)

The Blue Bilby reading group has been participating in a ‘book club’ type task this term centered on “War Horse” written by Michael Morpurgo. Students were highly motivated reading the text and were keen to complete the fortnightly set chapters and associated questions and discussion points. Reagan, Hamish and Fletcher were so enthused, they are keen on reading similar types of texts in the future. Well done boys.

Another group of boys have shown interest in robotics where they construct and program a robot they named “Neville”. Lawson, Ayden, Lachlan, Bodhi and Bailey have used their lunch hours to complete the task and are loving every minute.
Swimming Carnival – 5 December

The 2016 Swimming Carnival is fast approaching and is scheduled for Monday the 5th of December. All costs have been already covered as part of the Swimming Program.

For those unfamiliar with the arrangements the following may be of help:

1. All children arrive at school as per usual.
2. The Junior School Carnival (P – 2*) is undertaken in the morning from 9:30am until 11:30am.
3. After roll marking, the (P – 2*) children are bused to the Sarina Pool.
4. The upper grades (Y3 – 6) will be bused down to the pool soon after 10:30am. This way they still have learning time and are not in the sun for the full day.
5. A shared lunch between 11:15 – 12:00pm is catered for by the P&C. Order information will sent home at a later time.
6. Junior students return to school for the afternoon (for the same reasons as above). The Senior Carnival then runs from 12:00pm till 2:30pm.
7. At 2:30pm, the senior students are bused back to school in time for the finish of the day, and the usual afterschool busses.
8. The school leaders, teachers and teacher aides help Mr Campbell run the carnival. Family is most welcome to come, watch and cheer for Jackson and Donahue.

There will be a range of competitive races with freestyle races for the whole school, and breaststroke and backstroke races for the senior school. There will also be a range of fun novelty events which will allow all students to have fun and participate and enjoy an awesome day in the pool. The school P&C will be selling food on the day and we would greatly appreciate any parent helpers for various roles on the day. We at Swayneville are looking forward to seeing as many parents, grandparents, uncles, aunties here to support the students on this great sporting occasion. Regrettably, we ask that High School Students who may be finished for the year, are not to be in attendance.

Yours in sport,
Mr Joel Campbell | HPE Teacher.

* = There are several students, who due to the nature of the midyear starting point for schooling, will be in Senior rather the Junior Carnival. Students born 2008 or up will be in the Senior Carnival. Those students will be placed with the Year 3/4 class for the day.

Linking Libraries

You find an author you like and have devoured all their titles. What happens now, where do you turn? On Mackay Regional Council Libraries website you have access to a database called “Who Next..?”

http://www.whonextguide.com/account/regex_login Log in using your Membership card number and choose Mackay Regional Council Library. You have lots of options to search by, keyword or age group (5-7 to 14+). There are also an amazing 72 genres & themes from adventure to zombies, award winning authors and graphic novels to name a few. It’s always great to find a new author or series that grabs your attention and helps you disappear into a new world.

Swimming Carnival

- 5 December

The school has applied for a grant through the White’s Rural Community Grants. Our hope to secure funding for Artist In Residence for Rewards Day next year. There is a people’s choice grant award that may assist in getting us the funding. Would you please vote for our application? It would be very much appreciated.

Learning About Languages and Culture

On the 27th of October two students school participated in the Mackay Regional Language Network Speech Contest. The day consisted of children carefully selected from grades 5 through to grade 10 from schools all around the Mackay region. There were 190 students on the day from both Chinese and Japanese classes. Jacaranda Rowe-Bailey and Chris Todd were chosen to represent Swayneville and did an excellent job presenting their speech from memory to a group of 30–50 students and teachers. The judges then selected 5 students who would once again present their speech to all 190 students, parents and teachers in the finals. Jacaranda and Chris spent their own time preparing for this event and while they did not make it through to the finals they should be congratulated on their efforts leading up to it and for that day. Not only am I sure they presented their speeches impeccably but they did Swayneville state school proud by being excellent audience members and joining in with other students from different schools. Congratulations again to you both! Also within LOTE class recently students got to look at a particular cultural event that takes place in November called shichi, go, san – which literally translates to 7, 5, and 3. On this day children of those ages travel to the local shrine and wish for a healthy long life. Children went through rotation activities where they got to make chitose ame (1000yr lolly) bags and dress up in a yukata (summer kimono).

Swayneville Swag

Year 5/6
Mariade Dean: for always trying their hardest in dance & persisting through the steps.
Tarrell Mooney: for always being courteous & a helpful member of our class.

Year 3/4
Shania Craig: Star of the week—making an effort to improve her cursive writing.
Charlie Carey: super listener.

Year 1/2
Gabby Boswood: persistence in completing all tasks.
Ty Hauwert: exceptional improvement in reading this term.
Zander Palmer: being a supportive class member.

Prep/1
Dusty Beling & Kalahni Breen: excellent reading.

Queen Bee: 3/4.

Have a great week. 😊