Hello Everyone,

It has been lovely to see parents meeting with teachers this last week, catching up with their children’s progress. Remember, if you are interested in discussing your child’s progress, to make an appointment with the class teacher. We love to talk about your children too.😊

The highly anticipated start to swimming started for the term on Monday, and all went well. Thankyou to those who have volunteered to help. The higher the adult to children ratio, the better the size of the instructional groups, the safer the children, and the less likelihood of lost socks, jocks and other items!

There are a few things that I need to let you know about. Firstly, a serious accident occurred at a child’s birthday party on the weekend. Many of our students were there. While it is very evident that family’s love and care is surrounding our students, our guidance officer has been alerted, and is available for wellbeing checks, a listening ear, or counselling. Please let me know if this is needed.

Secondly, the whole notion of the scary clown phenomina was being discussed by some of the older students. While it is not uncommon for children this age to participate in scary stories etc, with the online material and the events more locally, monitoring things at home may be wise.

There are a few attachments to this weeks newsletter. 1 about Water Week, and another the updated tuckshop menu. Tuckshop is on this week. Also don’t forget the Toy Catalogue, the fundraiser’s orders need to be handed into the office by the end of the week please.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

**Important Dates:**
- 12 October – Eisteddfod – Marimba Magic
- 12 October – P&C meeting
- 13 & 14 October – Year 6 transition program
- 14 October – Toy Catalogue order returns.
- 17 October – State wide pupil free day. (Moderation)
- 18 October – Confirmed – Autism information session
- 26 October – Music Avia
- 1 November – Prep transition morning #1
- 1 November – School Performance Tours
- 8 November – Prep transition morning #2
- 9 November – P&C meeting
- 15 November – Prep transition morning #3
- 28 November – Orientation Day Year 6 transition
- 5 December – Swimming Carnival
- 7 December – Presentation Night
- 8 December – Rewards Day
- 9 December – Final day of term.

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Delayed Entry into Prep

Parents may delay their child's entry to Prep (and subsequently Year 1) if they feel that the child is not ready to start school. For example, the child is not ready to cope with the social and emotional demands of schooling, or has delayed development.

No formal documentation, assessment or approval is required for delayed entry to Prep. Prep is compulsory from 2017.

Principals do not make decisions on delaying a child's entry to Prep. While some parents may choose to discuss their decision to delay entry with the principal, it is not necessary for them to do so.

Food For Thought

The “Yelling at Kids” & “Perfect Parent” traps -- How to avoid them!

With the pressures that come with being a parent it’s easy to fall into one of the common parenting traps. Here are some of them:

The “criticism” trap is when you often battle with your child. You start to criticize them and soon you are threatening and yelling. Arguments like this leave both parent and child feeling angry. If you have these battles a lot, it’s time to try a new way of handling the situation.

The “leave them alone” trap is when parents don’t praise their child when they are behaving well. Kids might start misbehaving for attention. Try to praise behaviors you would like to see more often.

The “for the sake of the children” trap occurs when parents in unhappy marriages don’t address their problems, for the sake of their children.

The “perfect parent” trap. There is no such thing as a perfect parent. Trying to be one will only lead to disappointment, anger and guilt.

The “martyr” trap is one where parents neglect their own needs. You don’t have to devote all your time to your child. Good parenting only happens when adults look after their own needs, too.

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An afternoon cuppa for parents and carers: Find out about support for children with additional needs and their families

Helen McLennan is the Autism Coach for the Department of Education and Training. Helen will be presenting some information about the types of supports that are available for children and their families both in the school and the community. Information about support groups and agencies will be provided. There will be a chance to ask questions and to raise some concerns that you may have in a supportive environment. Information about where to go to find out about NDIS implementation can also be discussed.

Who is this session for?
Parents and carers from Swayneville State School or the wider Sarina community who are interested in learning more about school and community supports for children with additional needs and their families.

When is the session?
Tuesday, 18 October, 2016
3.15pm (or whenever you can make it) until 4.30pm.
Swayneville State School Library

Who do I contact?
Let Helen know if you would like to come along or if you have any questions about the session.
07) 4932 4074 or 0472 808 810.
Swayneville State School will also be able to help with enquiries. 07 49564530

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