Hello Everyone,

Welcome back from the spring break, and welcome to Jeffersons who joins the year 5/6 classroom! There are a few attachments to this newsletter – the assessment overview for the term, and the Parent Direct Fundraiser Catalogue. Term 4 is always full of the usual round of end of year events, but also transition programs preparing our students for next year. To that end, date claimers are in the box below, and also on the website.

Swimming starts on Monday! Please see the information on the next page regarding swimming arrangements. Swimming is compulsory for all students, as it forms part of the mandated curriculum.

Please note that due to the lack of parent helpers being available, there is no tuckshop this week. Tuckshop is enjoyed and appreciated by everyone, with most families accessing this service. It is also only available thanks to the efforts of parents – yes, mum and dads – who are willing to give their time to make it happen each Friday morning. Please consider going on the roster, and ring Simone on 07 4950 4180.

Term 3 student data has been compiled. If you are interested in discussing your child’s progress, please ring to make an appointment with the class teacher.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Important Dates:
7 October – No Tuckshop due to lack of helpers
7 October – Visit from Sarina High (transition)
10 October – First day of swimming
12 October – Eisteddfod – Marimba Magic
12 October – P&C meeting
13 & 14 October – Year 6 transition program
17 October – State wide pupil free day. (Moderation)
18 October – Tentative – 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
02 December – Yr 6 Graduation Dinner
5 December – Swimming Carnival
7 December – Presentation Night
8 December – Rewards Day
9 December – Final day of term.

Year 5/6 represent us well!

We’re BAAAACK! As most of you know, 18 of our 5/6 students ventured on a fabulous camp opportunity to Barcaldine, whilst the remaining students carried out Scientific investigations, completed mathematical puzzles and enjoyed experimenting with challenges such as Survival Strategies and Stories. We would like to congratulate this small group for their fabulous effort, their successful completion of all set tasks and have been really glad to hear of how much they enjoyed (and earned) their bonuses! Well done Team! We’d also like to share with you the following letter from the Principal Educator at Wanpa-rda Outback Education Centre…

Dear Ms Tromba & Miss Adda,

On behalf of the Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre, I would like to thank you, all of the Swayneville staff and your student group for their recent visit to our centre. I would also like to commend the students on their attitude, behaviour, and participation during their recent camp. I hope you enjoyed your stay at the Wanpa-rda Matilda Centre as much as I enjoyed having you here. I really enjoyed facilitating your camp and was impressed with the student’s energy and enthusiasm. Swayneville State School students displayed some excellent team working skills while at the centre. Their cooperation, consideration, caring, contribution and courtesy were excellent at all times, you must be very proud! Swayneville State School have always been a pleasure to host and this year’s cohort represented themselves and their community with distinction.

I would also like to thank all of the adults who were present on camp for their professionalism and participation. It makes all the difference to have such high quality, enthusiastic, approachable and friendly adults to work with. Wanpa-rda would be delighted to have your group back again…

== Mr Tim Berry

Well done EVERYONE for making this such a wonderful and unique experience, now let’s apply all we’ve learned and developed to have an awesome last ten weeks of the year!

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

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Swimming this term

Starting next week, students will be undertaking 8 weeks of swimming instruction at the Sarina Swimming Pool. Lessons are part of our school’s Health and Physical Education program and an important life skill we are committed to providing for our students. The 7 lessons and swimming carnival allow students an opportunity to build and develop swimming skills before showing them off at the annual swimming carnival on Monday 5\textsuperscript{th} December. With the help of our generous P & C / grant applications we have been able to get the cost of travel, pool entry and staffing for the program down to a low $40 per student – that’s $5 per 45 min lesson! Exceptional value for 8 weeks of swimming instruction given regular swimming lessons are anywhere from $10 - $25 per half hour lesson.

**Your help is required:**
Mr Campbell will be running the swimming program, and Mrs Tromba will be at the pool to support our higher needs students. Class teachers and teacher aides will also be attending with their class. However, our younger students in years P-3 will require some additional support in the water during their lessons. If you are able to assist in the pool either on a weekly basis or even for a short period of time, please put your name and times available down at the office or let the class teacher know. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated and most beneficial to our students.

**What to bring:**
Please pack towel, togs, sunshirt, thongs, hairbrush/comb, goggles (optional) and sunscreen if your child does not have their tube at school. All children will be supplied with a swimming cap that the school will manage. The children will change at school.

**Swimming timetable**
9 – 9:45 Y3/4
9:45 – 10:30 Y1/2
11:30 – 12:15 YP/1
12:15 – 1:00 Y 4/5

Linking Libraries

What’s in a selfie? See how much information can be gathered from an ordinary photo.
An Australian Federal Police Facebook post on how to take a safe selfie is going viral with its important message for kids - and their parents - about online safety.

The photo on the left tells us who the boy is, roughly how old he is, where he goes to school, and possibly even where he lives.

Think you know how to stay safe online? Please be wary of what you, and your kids, are posting online. For more information on how to stay safe go to [https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/#eSmart #staysafeonline #thinkbeforeyoupost](https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/#eSmart #staysafeonline #thinkbeforeyoupost)

Troy McShannon
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Toy Catalogue Fundraiser

We’re using the new and improved 2016 Chalk & Parent Direct Toy Catalogues to fundraise for our school. These catalogues are filled with hundreds of great value, fun & educational toys perfect for birthday and Christmas presents. By ordering toys from Chalk & Parent Direct, 20 cents of every dollar you spend will be donated back to our school to spend on educational resources from Modern Teaching Aids. So not only will you receive quality toys, but your purchase also assists in the ongoing learning for your child throughout the year.

In the catalogues you’ll find toys suitable for children of all ages and interests including art & craft, games, puzzles, role play, science, sport, water toys and much more. Ordering is easy. Simply fill in the order form from the catalogue and return to us. We’ll do the rest and let you know when your toys are here for you to collect. Delivery is prompt and by choosing to deliver back to the school, delivery charges are kept low. Orders over $150 receive FREE delivery.

Please return all orders by Friday 14 October, 2016.