Hello Everyone,

Last Friday 2nd of September Teacher Aide Day. I would like to recognise the very special contribution our teacher aides make in our classrooms, and to school life in general. I want to extend my thanks to all of our teacher aides for the vital role they play in teaching and learning in our classrooms.

This coming Friday has a change of menu for Tuckshop. It’s time for a Menu Moment! The order forms are attached to the newsletter. Please bring in orders and money to the office tomorrow morning. As Friday the 16th if the last day of term, and rewards day, there will be no tuckshop (as per usual arrangement) on this day.

Lately, there has been significant misbehaviours on the school bus runs. While the students have been spoken to, and are reminded on a regular basis, a few students are choosing not to follow the rules, which reflects poorly on them. The school bus runs operate separately from the school, however we do endorse the Code of Conduct for Safe Bus Travel. While I am on the topic of buses, please remember to notify the school if bus travel arrangements change. All too often children are collected from school and the bus teacher is not informed. We need your support to keep your child’s where about known.

Congratulations to Lachlan McFadzen on your successful application for Scholarship at Sarina State High School. Well done – we are very proud of you!

Year 5/6 head off to camp early Monday morning. We wish them a safe and enjoyable trip, and we look forward to hearing all about your adventures out west.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Green Thumbs…….

Last rewards day, the Prep/1 children decided to plant a vegetable garden for their homework reward. Thanks to the wonderful support from Mrs W, Mr and Mrs Keir, Mr Dunn and Mrs Loren Hauwert the project came to fruition. “Have a Dig” nursery kindly donated all of the seedlings and the children lovingly cared for their garden for a term.

The children’s hard work has paid off and they are now enjoying the produce they have grown. We have already made egg and lettuce sandwiches and Greek salad will be next on the menu. It is wonderful to see the children learning about sustainability and also including their knowledge’s in other learning areas including recount writing in English and their Media studies.

Happy Gardening.......
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Food For Thought

Sore Loser Syndrome

For some kids the pressure to win a game is just too big. When a competitive child loses a game they might throw a tantrum or they might gloat when they win. It must leave some parents wondering if their child should play sports at all!

Playing sports helps kids stay active, learn new skills and make friends. It teaches them about teamwork, responsibility and competition. Kids should be able to enjoy all aspects of sports – not just the final result.

Focus on how your child improves with each game. They will learn that you can have a good game despite the score.

Some kids will refuse to play if they don’t think they’re very good. It takes time and effort to improve skills and build confidence. So encourage them to keep playing.

Children also need to learn that it’s not about being the best at everything they do. In fact, this isn’t even possible. If your child complains that they aren’t the fastest runner in the team you can reply with a positive: “You might not be the fastest but you are really great at kicking the football.” When you do see bad sportsmanship let your child know it’s okay to be upset but it’s not okay to act the way they did. Then let them know what to do next time: “It’s not okay to shout at your team mates. Take three deep breaths next time you feel angry.”

-- Chappie Di

Please promote AFTER SCHOOL CARE!
The bare minimum to even consider continuing the service passed term 4 2016 is at least 7 students in attendance each week day afternoon. The average (over the past month) of 4.6 Monday, 9 Tuesday, 4.4 Wednesday, 3.2 Thursday and 4.4 on Friday. It is open to any school aged child – government rebates apply. Child love PCYC!
School Disco

Swayneville State School student council disco on Friday night – 2nd September, was a lovely evening. It was great to see families out together, and enjoying a night of good clean fun – and well, it must be said – some very ‘funky’ dancing! That dance off was amazing.

Money raised by student council will go towards sending next year’s school leaders to the Grip Leadership Conference. Money raised through the catering will go towards P&C fundraising efforts.

Events such as these do not just happen. There always needs to be the willing hands behind the scenes to make it happen. Our thanks to Chappie Di and the student councilors for organizing the event, and the parents who prepared, cooked and served the hot food. Additional thanks also goes to the teachers and teacher aides who willing donated their time.

Awards

Certificates presented to students who participated in Optiminds.
Year 5/6
Dakota Makings: persistence & work ethics.
Katie-May Jones: huge improvement in spelling.

Year 3/4
Cordell Kissier: Star of the week - completing work properly.
Amen Mooney: super listener award.

Year 1/2
Zander Palmer: persistence & never give up attitude in maths.
Blake Dale: improvement in handwriting tasks.

Prep/1
Riley Sondergeld & Eli Hauwert: expressive reading.

Music
Mariade Dean & Kirralee Anderson: good listening.

Sportsmanship awards
Senior: Lachlan McFadzen
Junior: Dayna Hauwert

100 Bee Stamps.
Nathaniel Catlin.
Queen Bee: 3/4.