Hello Everyone,

It has been lovely to catch up with parents at each of the class meet and greet sessions. The Year 4/5 meet and greet is now scheduled for Thursday afternoon 23 Feb @ 3:15pm. Parent involvement in the school is very welcome, as teaching and learning partnerships between the school and home maximise student learning.

Parent meetings are being scheduled for students who are needing Individual Learning Plans, Individual Curriculum Plans or Educational Adjustment Plans. Teachers are requesting/scheduling meeting with parents of students who are affected.

Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) capture how the family/school are supporting students to succeed at a C level. A ‘C’ level grade is important, as ‘C’ indicates that they are achieving the desired learning outcomes for their grade. The Department requires these plans for students who are working on year level curriculum, but are not obtaining a ‘C’. The plan is to support them to obtain a ‘C’ and as such are mainly short term documents.

Individual Curriculum Plans (ICPs) are more extensive. These plans allow for an adjusted curriculum level, for those students who are not ready for learning (or are well above learning) at their grade level curriculum. Going onto ICP is significant, and parental input is vital.

Sadly, our school is currently at risk of not having a functioning P&C. This has significant implications for the school. Our current band of parents have been doing the ‘heavy lifting’ for the parent body for many years, and are needing a break. While they are happy to remain active members, they need you to take your turn. A good school is made through hard work and effort. Please step up to the challenge.

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Important Dates:

13 – 17 Feb – Interviews regarding Individual Learning Plan, or Curriculum Plans
17 Feb – School Dental Forms due back at school office.
23 Feb – Y4/5 parent afternoon, C block @ 3:15pm
24 Feb – Investiture of 2017’s School Leaders @2:30pm
1 – 3 March – Principal Conference (Brisbane)
22 March – School Performance Tours
23 March – Cross Country (date #1 – alternative date in case of rain 29/3)

Monday this week marked the beginning of my time here at Swayneville. I am so excited for the year ahead and being able to work with so many wonderful students and staff. We are settling nicely into our new classroom and routines. Not everything is in place but we are making progress each day.

Students have begun reading and discussing “My Girragundji” for our English unit, with a great response! Number and place value has been our focus in Maths, moving on to fractions and decimals next week. Food And Fibre Production is the topic of our Technology unit with tie over into Art. “A Hat for Ivan” provides a basis for discussion during our Health lessons relating to our personal and cultural differences. In Science, students will become wildlife warriors as they research and create an information report on a native Australian animal. Captain Cook and his fellow explorers have been our focus in History this term.

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Our Learning Objectives: 1. Reading and writing must make sense! 2. Students know what they know, and know what they need to know next!
The P&C's AGM and first general meeting of the year was held last Wednesday afternoon, and I would like to thank those people who attended.

With a huge amount of thanks and well wishes, the outgoing executive committee consisting of Jo Tromba, Sally Nobbs, Loren Hauwert and Leanne Carey stood down from their positions. A special thanks for the years of service by Leanne.

Unfortunately, the election of a new committee only resulted in the position of President being filled. In order to continue a P&C Association, at least two executive positions need to be occupied, and thus an acting secretary and treasurer were appointed.

Similarly, the tuckshop subcommittee consisting of Melanie Hamblin, Sharon Boswood and Simone Hauwert were thanked for their ongoing support throughout the year, however only Sharon Boswood was elected as a tuckshop convenor for 2017. In order to keep tuckshop running on a weekly basis, especially after term one, we will need another volunteer, or two to take on this position.

The excellent news is that the positions of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Tuckshop committee, are all easy-to-do roles. For the treasurer, we have a very user-friendly accounting package called Xero, which includes bank feeds, and training will be provided to you. If you would like more (obligation-free) information on what’s involved for a particular position then please feel free to contact me for a chat prior to the next meeting, which will be held at the new time of 1pm, Friday 10th March in the school library.

The attending members also made the decision that only a very limited number of fundraisers and activities be completed this year, with the Blue Mountain Campdraft catering event in August our main fundraising event for 2017.

As mentioned previously, your input into the school through this forum is greatly valued, so please come along to a meeting or two throughout the year.

-- Loren Hauwert, Swayneville P&C Association President

Food For Thought

LEADERSHIP 1.

On Valentine’s Day 2017, the Swayneville student leaders attended a GRIP Student Leadership conference at the MECC. It was a great one-day conference that used participation, loud, spontaneous, age appropriate games and resources that included clips from the Zootopia movie, to highlight individual strengths and weaknesses in leadership. The conference also challenged students to step outside their comfort zone to ask questions of students from other schools and then identified how we all work best in teams using one another’s strengths to achieve the best outcomes in the school and other environments.

This made me think about the school P&C and the positions that are not yet filled on the committee. I wondered who in our community has strength in administration and is able to take on the role of Secretary for the P&C this year and who has strength in bookkeeping and might be able to take on the role of Treasurer? These are key positions and need persons with leadership qualities of COURAGE: To fulfill responsibilities and stand up for convictions in spite of being afraid.

FAITHFULNESS: By being thorough in the performance of duties and being true to words and promises. GENEROSITY: Realizing that I have time, talents and treasure and freely giving these to benefit others. PERSEVERANCE: Having a continuing effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure and opposition.

If you think this might be you, please let the new President of the P&C, Loren, know and she and the other members of the P&C will welcome and walk alongside you to help you learn the role and work with the other members of the team to support our school students.

-- Chappy Di.
SOCCER 10/11/12 Year old BOYS and GIRLS

On Monday 6th March 2016 at the Alligator Creek State School Oval, the Sarina District will be holding its trials for the purpose of selecting a 10, 11 and 12 year old teams (born 2005, 2006, 2007) to compete at the Mackay District Carnival on Friday 10th March at the Lions Soccer Club – Beaconsfield Road, Beaconsfield, Mackay. (Boys and girls)

Time
The Sarina District Trials are from 4:00pm to 5:00pm with a possibilities/probables match to conclude proceedings. If a sufficient number of quality students attend, then a team of 12 to 14 players will be announced at this time.

Requirements:
- Open to students who have a sufficient skill level to participate at this level.
- Rules Knowledge: good understanding of rules regarding acting half duties and play the ball area, different penalty infringements such as over-stepping, dropped ball and forward pass.
- Player Tactics/positioning: knowledge of different attacking and defensive movements, attacking options available regarding running channels, timing of substitutes.

Register interest at the school office or by emailing admin@swayneviss.eq.edu.au by March 3.