Hello everyone, 
Easter is nearly upon us, and with it our first break for the year. Thankyou for the excellent attendance rate this term. Despite the odd bout of illness and the near brush of a cyclone, students have made the most of every opportunity to learn. Thankyou for valuing their education so highly, and for being thoughtful in letting the school know why they were away.

Reward Day is on this coming Thursday – it is always the last day of term. Students attend class as per normal, before we start the full school rotational activities. Anzac Day preparation is one activity, computer application another, while Bunnings will be along to help with the third activity. The Paget Bunnings store is sponsoring the development of an outdoor chess board for the children to use during play time. This will complement the oversized games that the children access in the morning. At this stage, the day will conclude with assembly.

Can I please bring to your attention the Parent Conference that is being held in week 2 of next term? This event is designed for parents and carers of children from birth to year 6, and any interested person may attend. Guest speakers have been invited. There is also no cost to attend. Please spread the word!

Heaps of great events next term! Under 8’s day, cross country, Raise the Roof Big Bash Fundraiser, Mother’s Day Stall ….. enjoy your break! 😊

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)
Parenting Conference

Learning to parent alongside raising your kids can be a tough ask!
Engage with specially invited guest speakers who can support your learning, regarding:
- Developing your child’s small language skills
- Oral language development
- Managing the after school “down-time” to bring kids into realness and independence.
- Parenting behaviours.

Suitable for childcare professionals, parents and carers of children from birth to Year 6.
Open to all interested parents in the Sarina and Child area.

Last week’s award winners …..

Food for Thought

A woman who returned from India gave a speech about her work with some extremely poor families there.

One man thanked her for coming ‘from Heaven to Hell’ to bring him comfort. Why did he say that? It was because he knew that almost everyone in Australia lived in a home that contained more than one small room; that they had beds to sleep in, several changes of clothes, food to eat everyday, medical help when needed, as well as the opportunity to learn so that they could earn a wage. This man had almost none of these things, so to him, living in Australia would seem like living in Heaven.

We do have so very much to be thankful for in this country, and yet so many of us take it all for granted. Are you like that? Take time to have a good think about the blessings in your life. Think about how much you have to enjoy, compared with many millions of people around the world. Try to put aside grumbling and complaining and instead adopt an attitude of gratitude.

A message from Chappy Di.
Bus Runs

Swayneville School is most fortunate to start the year with three bus runs serving our school. There are the two runs that service Blue Mountain area, as well as the East Funnel Creek, Tara Creek and Middle Creek Areas. These are run by Bus Fox.

Bus Fox: 1800 809 734

Vassallo Buses: 07 49431600

The bus run out from Sarina is run by Vassallo Buses. Jim Vassallo is trialling this run, giving our school community a chance to prove viability. Jim is investing heavily in our school, so it really is a case of 'use it, or lose it'.

Please contact the bus companies directly to register your child/ren. Vassallo Buses are also willing to discuss 'best fit' with families and it would be worth the conversation if you have enquiries.

At school, our task is help students make the bus in the afternoon. A roll call is taken each afternoon, and if students have changed arrangements and the school has not been informed, then staff are put into a very difficult position. Unless we are directly notified by parents of a change of arrangements, your child will follow their normal routine. 'Bus Notes' template (photocopy sheet) have been sent home with your child. Parents are welcome to give them directly to the class teacher, Mrs Hoare in the office or staple them in the KIT book (P – 2). Of course, a phone call is also just as effective. Either way, the message needs to get to our bus duty teachers.

A code of bus conduct is applied for travel on school buses. This was sent home with bus students yesterday. Additional copies available.

A letter regarding possible rebates re bus travel for those on lower / limited income is yet another attachment.

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Year 4/5/6
Lucy Hamblin & Lachlan McFadzen: always working at their best & completing all tasks.

Year 3/4
Reagan Bella: being organized.
Connor Appo: super listener award.

Year 1/2
Olivia Hauwert: being helpful in the learning environment.
Lawson McFadzen: having a positive attitude towards learning.

Prep/1
Ella Beling & Zeva Clark: working hard to complete their number book.

P.E. Awards
Tim McFadzen: great running in run club.
Ehlana Tromba: helping younger students in run club.

Japanese Awards
Billy Randall & Jaelee Spencer: excellent speech.

Bee Stamps.
Queen Bee: 4/5/6

Our school community is more than just those who come to our school.

While obviously a school’s primary business is about teaching and learning (and is without doubt focused on children) because of the role that school plays within family life and within the lives of individuals, a school community encompasses a much wider body of people.

On Monday evening, the school hosted a meeting called by the Mackay Regional Council. The purpose was to provide a forum for discussion regarding the Middle Creek Dam Upgrade, and to listen to concerns or considerations that local people wished to voice. For many attenders, it was the first time in quite some time that they had been back inside of ‘their gates’. Compliments were expressed regarding the beauty of the school and the grounds. Swayneville School takes equal pride in its wider community.

If you are interested in finding out further information regarding the Middle Creek Dam Upgrade, please phone the council on 1300 622529 or visit the website mackay.qld.gov.au