Hello Everyone,

How amazingly quickly the term has past, and holidays are at the end of the week. Still 3 days to pack in teaching and learning though.

A highlight for the week and term will be Rewards Day on Friday. A normal school day in most aspects, teachers use this day to find hands on fun ways to approach the curriculum. More about this special day further in the newsletter.

With Mr Merv Murray’s retirement from our groundscare, we are building in a special farewell to our Rewards Day. Please come and join us for his farewell parade on Friday afternoon at 2:40. The P&C have organised a gift on your behalf, and the children are planning something special. We hope that you can join in with us.

Bunnings is coming to the school to help rejuvenate the brick wall of the tennis court. Their plans have changed, as they will now be coming during the holidays. They will be camping on the oval while the project is being completed.

Have you checked out our new garden? It is in front of the new prep building, near the office. It really softens our front entry. It is full of Australian Natives that have been kindly donated by one of our parents’ business – “Have A Dig Nursery”. https://www.facebook.com/haveadignursery

A massive opportunity has landed in our lap regarding school bus runs – including the strong possibility of a bus run from Sarina. Please turn to the article further into the newsletter to find out more.

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)
At first break today we re-ran the U/6 Boys cross country race due to an error on our part on cross country day. Koden Crawford missed his race and Matthew Lockie was away. The whole school turned up the atmosphere to cheer on the boys as they raced around the course. Congratulations to Matthew Lockie on finishing 3rd and Koden Crawford for his 5th place. Well done and thank you to all U/6 boys for re-running the event which Lachlan “legs” Marsh claimed victory in once again. Congratulations to the school for your positive inclusive attitude. Kids lined the course to help guide the competitors to the finish line.

Rewards Day is a special day on the last day of each term. It operates within normal school hours. We believe that children should be rewarded for hard work and effort, and as most of our children do that regularly, then this is our way of encouraging and recognising that. Recipients of orange cards are redirected to other activities – a session for each card.

The students have a normal first session, then we have three rotational activities over the rest of the day. The hands-on curriculum based activities for this term are:

- Marbles
- Butterfly Garden Pavers
- Craft

In private discussions with our Music Star Tutor, catch-up lessons are scheduled for Thursday and Friday morning this week. This will not impact Rewards Day Activities, so the children will not miss out.

Don’t forget to register for next term (flyer attached)!
POSSIBLE BUS RUN
to Swayneville from Sarina

Due to government rationalization, the bus runs that service our school have been revised, and instead of three buses servicing our bus runs, there will only be two. This change commences next term.

I have taken the opportunity of change to discuss with Jim Vassello the possibility of a privately operated bus run from Sarina to Swayneville, as the P&C and I feel that there may be sufficient interest to make it commercially viable. Jim is prepared to give it a trial if we can collect some real data that makes it doable.

A few things to know. The bus would start and finish at a central point in Sarina – most likely the Bus Stop in Anzac Park near the cultural hall, and would pick students up on the way out. To provide the service of the week, Jim is looking at an on-cost of $205.00. To kick off the service, Jim is prepared to offer a flat rate (thus absorbing costs at his own expense) of $6.50 per day / return run. This is a generous gift to our community, and I truly hope that the trial will prove successful.

We are anticipating 8:20 am pickup in Sarina, and a possible 2:55 pm pickup in the afternoon at this stage.

If this is something that would help your family, would you please return the attached form to our office, as soon as humanly possible.