Hello everyone,

We have the fantastic honour of being the lead school during the Sarina Anzac Day Service, this year. Students have already made special Anzac Day Poppies in honour of the march, and have also created extra to support the Tourism Committee’s centenary commemorative efforts. Your family participation is strongly encouraged. More information about our participation in the community event, is further in the newsletter. The Swayneville School Anzac Parade will be on Friday afternoon starting at 2:30. This has necessitated bring the P&C meeting forward to 12:00pm.

Attached to the newsletter is the permission form for the School Dental Service. This free service is open to all children in the school, however – the permission slip MUST be returned by 1 May, in order for your child/ren to access this service.

NAPLAN is being administered on May 12, 13, 14. These nation-wide tests are for students in year 3 and 5, and facilitate system wide analysis on the progress of students, our schools, and our system itself. A report is issued directly to parents by the governing authority. Students with a verified disability are automatically exempt, and parents also have the right of withdrawal. (Both require paperwork).

There is no denying the importance of NAPLAN (and we do need to take it seriously), but is also good to keep in mind that it is a point in time test, and does not measure the full value of a student nor the school. If you have anything that you would like to discuss regarding NAPLAN, then please make an appoint to see your child’s class teacher or myself – we are happy to discuss it with you.

Finally, we need to farewell Sophie McDonald (prep) and Billy Randall who leave at the end of this week. We wish them well at their new schools.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

**Important Dates:**

- **24 April** - P&C Meeting – 12 pm-2pm in Swayneville Library
- **24 April** - School Anzac Service @ 2:30pm
- **25 April** – Anzac Day. Swayneville leads this year!
- **27 April** – Swayneville Cross Country – 1:40 pm start
- **28 April** – Parent CONFERENCE 3:30 – 5:00pm
- **4 May** – AEDI data collection starts
- **8 May** – Mother’s Day Stall. $2 and $5 gifts available.
- **12 – 14 May** - NAPLAN
- **16 May** – Raise the Roof Big Bash Fundraiser
- **18 – 22 May** – Book Fair, Under 8’s Week, Chappy Week.
- **19 May** – Under 8’s Day Morning Activities 9:00 – 10:30

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**Swayneville Swag**

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**Improving Reading Fluency and Automaticity**

The Prep and Year 1’s are working very hard on their individual sight words this term. Many of the children have set individual goals to learn many more words. We practise our sightwords daily in two forms. First we do our rapid recall rams on the Smart Board. Secondly we play fun whole body games to make our learning memorable and exciting. When asked what the best part about learning sight words is, the children responded:

Aquellah “I love fly swat. It’s the best because you get to swat the words like flies”.

Jaxon “I like to build the words with blocks the best. It’s fun to search through the blocks looking for the letters. It makes a loud noise.”

Ella “I like playing the pathway game. You have to step on the words the parent or teacher calls out and then walk on them to go outside. It’s like crossing a bridge”.

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Parenting Conference

Learning to parent alongside of raising your kids can be a tough affair.
Engage with specially invited guest speakers who can support your learning, regarding:
- Developing your child's oral language skills. Oral language underpins all learning situations!
- Managing the school 'downstairs' to change bullied into resilient and independent.
- Raising a child.

Suitable for childcare professionals, parents and carers of children from birth to Year 9.
Open to all interested people in the Sarina and district area.

REGISTRATIONS: 4956 4530 or admin@swayneviss.eq.edu.au

Cross Country

The school cross is set down for Monday the 27 April @ 1:40pm.

Parents and family are welcome to attend to cheer the children on. Students however, must remain in their house tents.

Children are asked to wear their House shirts with their sports uniform, and have their own water bottle on hand.

School Uniforms

Swayneville State School has a uniform policy that is fully endorsed by the P&C. All students at the school required to wear the correct school uniform. While there will always be the odd day or two when this may not happen, it is required that students wear clothing that is at least in the school colours, sandshoes or black leather shoes on their feet, and have the school black broad-brimmed hat. Nail polish or false nails are not to be worn. Jewelry: studs or sleepers only, signet rings or other expression of religion by principal permission only.

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Autism Assistance Dog

Various students within the school are faced with challenging disabilities. Hugh Cousins deals with autism, and is currently the proud recipient of an Autism Assistance Dog. An Autism Assistance Dog has the same legal rights as a Guide Dog, and in due course will be accompanying Hugh to school. While Hugh and ‘Bailey’ are in training you will see Bailey being orientated to the sights, sounds and routines of school life. ‘Bailey’ will not be a distraction in the classroom and staff will receive training.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE
Main Parade - Sarina Cenotaph - Broad Street

The main parade for the Anzac Day Service will be held this coming Saturday on April 25th with the service due to commence at 10:30.

All Swayneville Students are encouraged to participate in this event and be part of the march. Students attending are requested to assemble around 10:00 on the southbound half of Central Street. We usually assemble near the old Mitre 10 building, but as we are leading the school section of the parade we may be a little further towards Broad Street. Students are requested to wear dress uniform, with their school black broad brimmed hat, and have a water bottle. They are welcome to wear the poppy that they made during Rewards Day.

Student Captains and Vice Captains will lead the school and participate on our behalf during the parade. School Sports Captains will assist by forming the rear guard, carry our new ANZAC banner and assisting with the younger students.

After main parade Special 100 year Celebration:

Family Fun Day commences in the car park Sarina RSL Club and the Mitre 10 block next door.

Food Stalls - Burgers, Kababs, Chips, Ice-creams, Slushies, Cold Drinks, Entertainment: Chrissy will be playing in the car park from 12-4pm
Bar will be operating in the carpark from 11.30am-4pm
Water Slide, Jumping Castle, Merry go round and face painting 11:30am-2.30pm Mitre 10 block next door.

FAMILY FUN EVENT

CRICKET FROM 1PM
Limited space to view this event. $10 per family non-ticketed event. Gates open 9:30am. Full payment at the gate. $5 per person. Inquire on 4956 4510. Playoffs to be played on another date.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 6PM-10PM
by band “Black Coral”

KIDS FUN FROM 4PM-8PM
Jumping Castle, Face Painting and more for the kids.

Sales available for comments across. $3 for purchased, $1 for the day. Payments by cash, cheque or at school office.

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