Hello everyone,

Term 3 marches quickly on. Plans are shaping up for another massive weekend, and I know that I will see many of you at the Campdraft on the weekend.

NO TUCKSHOP this week, as all cooks and helpers are engaged in preparation for the campdraft.

As you are all aware, there has been a run of illness through the school. At such times we need to get in contact with you as quickly as we can. It is frustrating when our contact details for family and backup friends are out of date. Please let us know (email is fine) if your address or phone contacts or emergency contacts have changed. After all, no one is as good as mum or dad when little ones are not feeling well.

We have been following through on some small details and are now in possession of the year button that hangs on the bottom of the gold, silver and work ethic awards from last year. (Took a while, so we are already preparing for this year 😊 ) Please bring the badges to the office and we will fix it on for the kids.

Swayneville ‘dress’ uniform has been available from Sarina Menswear. However, as this business closed as of the 30th June 2014, Lollypop Lane Kidswear have taken over the lease on their former Shop at 31 Broad Street, Sarina along with the school uniform side of their business. Our uniforms are now available at Lollypop Lane Kidswear. The shop is open Monday – Friday 9 – 4, with extended hours coming soon.

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Our Learning Objectives: 1. Reading and writing must make sense! 2. Student know what they know, and know what they need to know next!

What a bunch of characters!

Time has flown by this term! The students in 2/3 have had a very busy time in the last 5 weeks.

The students have had a fantastic time learning about characters in various texts. The students are becoming quite good at understanding the characters emotions, qualities, actions and thoughts. The identification of these different aspects of a character is very important as they are well underway in looking at retelling the story from a chosen characters point of view. The students are also understanding how to identify the main ideas of a story and putting them onto a story timeline.

The students are also working hard on cementing their knowledge of addition and subtraction with multi-digit numbers problems and being able to identify addition and subtraction problems using money. Both of these tasks have been challenging, but the students are becoming more competent with these tasks.

We also worked hard on a piece of Art work for the Sarina Show. We collaged the school emblem using the different art elements that we learnt about during our Monet unit. The students worked well in small groups and the final product was magnificent! It is now proudly on display in the library.

Important Dates:
14 August – Music Avia
15, 16, 17 August - Camp Draft
21 August – School Discipline Audit – postponed!
21 August – Guest appearance choir & rock pop @ Senior Week celebrations
24 August - Optiminds
10 September – School Photos (envelopes sent home today)
12 September – School Disco

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Blue Mountain Campdraft Catering

Thank you to all the volunteers who have kindly offered to cook meals for Friday night and baking for the weekend. We will be meeting at the school at 3pm Friday afternoon to collect food and bring to Campdraft. Hot meals are best brought in a slow cooker so that they can be kept warm and turned on at the grounds. Please ensure all of your items are labelled so that we can match cookware and containers to their owner. These will be available for return on Monday morning in the library.

We are still seeking some large ice cream containers with lids and these can be left at the office.

For those of you who are coming to watch the Campdraft and help over the weekend. The directions are as follows:

Head up and over the Sarina Range (approximately 27 kms from Sarina). Blue Mountain Road turn off is on your right. Travel along Blue Mountain road for approximately 8.2 km and you will see opened silver gates and a Campdraft sign, turn left into drive way. Rural number is 827 Blue Mountain Rd.

Many thanks to all of you for your continued support of this fundraising event.

Did you know? …

1. That parents are required to contact the school should your child be unable to attend?
2. That students entering or leaving the school grounds outside normal times are required to sign in/out at the office?
3. That exemptions from the Principal are required for absences longer than 10 consecutive days?
4. That attendance is directly linked to learning outcomes?

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Tips for Parents to Manage Technology’s Dark Side
Part 2

Parent must play a significant role in teaching their child to use technology safely. Schools have a part to play too – but what happens in the home is crucial to helping children understand the possible dangers and to keep children safe.

**Strategy 3:** Limit the amount of time for using technology to about an hour at a time. This would include playing video games and social networking. It appears that for children in particular, the brain starts to rewire after about an hour. Have the child then take a half hour break (at least) doing things which do not involve technology. If they go outside to kick around a ball, play with the dog, read a book etc, the child must not take the smartphone with them. Otherwise the child will probably continue using the technology, but just in a different place. Prolonged use can lead to the early signs of addiction, such as not being able to be away from the smartphone or being anxious if they leave the house without the phone etc.

**Strategy 4:** Sit down as a family each day and talk. Many families find that dinner is a good time for the family to be together to share and discuss the day’s events. Again, during this family time, all technology needs to be removed. Mobile phones should be turned off and left somewhere else.

**Strategy 5:** Teach your children to think about what they upload to social networking sites (like facebook etc). Pressing the delete button may remove material from the sender’s screen, but once sent, it remains somewhere on the internet forever. This can have serious consequences later in life. Some people are now finding that they need to legally change their name before they apply for a job. Many employers are now scanning the internet as part of their job selection procedures.

**Strategy 6:** Turn off technology at least one hour before bedtime. This would be the time for mobile devices to be placed in a charging facility (strategy 2) out of the bedroom.