Hello everyone,

Our school community is mobilizing for the Blue Mountain Camp Draft and the personal efforts, generous donations of time and energy are rallying! Swayneville School has an awesome community spirit, and we thank our community for your support of this event. Looks like we are in for a dry, but cool, event. 😊

Recently, there was an incident of bully on one of the school buses during the run home. While over a course of time, many strategies were applied to redirect the inappropriate behaviour, things unfortunately escalated this day. Bullying is not acceptable. Students on school bus runs however, are not under the authority of the school. Parents are encouraged to report all such incidents firstly to the bus driver, then to the bus company who will apply disciplinary measures. As a principal, I appreciate being alerted to what has happened, and am willing to support liaison with other schools if necessary.

Transitional work to prepare students moving into High School has already commenced. The School will soon be hosting Sarina High School Students for the morning, while the extended transition program for student with disabilities is due to start soon. Most Y6 students will participate in the term 4 program. All this is after the 4/5/6 camp – which serves as a reminder for payments to be made before the end of term. A payment plan is negotiable. 😊

School photo envelopes are being sent home with the newsletter today. 😊

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Year 3/4 have learnt these facts and will learn many more in our-

Endangered Species: Marine Turtles
Science Unit this Term.

By carrying out investigations and researching books and websites we are looking forward to building onto our knowledge of marine turtles. In a few weeks we also hope to have a visit from a volunteer of the Mackay Turtle Watch Association to help us learn more. One unusual fact that Yr 3/4 already know, is the reason that a clutch of eggs will hatch out as all males or all females. If you’re not sure, ask someone from Yr3/4.

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Important Dates:
- 12 August – Community Meeting hosted by Swayneville
- 13 & 14 August – Principal at Peer Review Training
- 14, 15 & 16 August – Blue Mountain Campdraft
- 20 August – Seniors Morning Tea → Rock Pop Mime performance
- 23 August – Optiminds Performance
- 4 September – Father’s Day Stall Gifts $2 or $5
- 4 September – School Disco @ 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- 14 September – School Photos

Due to the Camp Draft, TUCKSHOP menu has changed this week. Hot Dogs @ $2.50. Please indicate if you would like cheese. Drinks and iceblocks as usual. No sweets. Orders to office on Thursdays please.

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

Complaining and Arguing

Food for Thought: Earlier in the year I heard a speaker talking about the year ahead. The audience were challenged to consider giving up two things in their lives that may be having a negative effect on them. This made me think of a couple of things that almost all of us are guilty of doing – complaining and arguing. If you think that this doesn’t apply to you, try to get through just one whole day without saying something negative either to someone or about someone. You’ll be amazed at how hard that is. If someone or something is upsetting you, make the decision to not keep talking about the issue – without fuel the fires of anger will subside.

Why not give it a try and give up – complaining and arguing.

A message from Chappy Di.

With an attitude of gratitude we express thanks for:
- Tanya covering those library books.
- Adam sorting the busted mower.
- Brad and Lee for line-making the oval’s soccer and footy fields.
- Mrs Dorl for her work with students to create the Japanese garden.
- Carl – who is in the middle of creating outdoor toy/equipment storage boxes.
- Bron, Jacki and Beth for their support with the school show display.

It has been fantastic to see our students of all ages actively participating in our Garden Club! We have had many of our students from 4/5/6 helping our younger students learn how to set up our hydroponics garden; how to water the plants (instead of yourself); identify weeds to be pulled out of our vegie patch; and harvest seeds from our Sunflowers. We continue to enjoy picking and eating our very own strawberries and are about to enjoy picking some of our first cherry tomatoes. YUM! If you have any suggestions, seeds or feedback regarding our Garden Club please feel free to drop in and have a chat with Ms T. Happy Gardening 😊
Keeping you in the loop:

Our Students With Disabilities have been very fortunate to receive a little extra attention and support from visiting professionals who are experts in their fields (such as Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Speech and Language Therapists and Advisory Visiting Teachers for the Physically Impaired). Thanks to the ongoing support from these professionals our teaching staff are able to offer differentiated instruction to our students and explore how best to meet their specific learning needs.

However, to achieve this, phenomenal amounts of documentation and support from home are required to ensure students’ diagnosis and then systemic recognition of their individual needs are met. We are fortunate to be a small, family-oriented school and it is the care and consideration of each other that helps our school family achieve so much for our students. We are currently preparing for certification of verification – a long, involved process.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to work with us - to help, do, support or even just offer a nod of understanding or a word of thanks or a smile. It is all appreciated and it is all worth it because our kids are worth it.

- Mrs T (Special Need Teacher) & Mrs W (Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy)