Welcome to Week 7. The 1/2 class have been incredibly busy in the last few weeks. We have been able to learn new skills and continue to develop others. Maths and Reading rotations are still one of the favourite things in this classroom.

Science is really exciting at the moment. We have looked at different dry and wet foods, looked at how the food changes when it is hot or cold, the students are having a great time. This week we made banana bread and there was enough for the staff to have with their cups of tea on Thursday afternoon. Lucky them! We are also continuing with our dance unit with Mrs Hamblin. This dance unit is helping us with our fine and gross motor skills. We are learning about the different ways our bodies move when using specific muscles. This has helped with the way that we sit in our chairs and hold our pencils. Our handwriting is also coming along well with daily handwriting tasks. We are becoming handwriting experts.

Hello everyone,

Tremendous personal and team successes have been achieved by our students this week. Check out the results of the OptiMIND teams and our High School Scholarships. While not all our students who participated were recognized by being awarded a place, they certainly hold pride of place in our eyes for having a go.

Congratulations to the Rock Pop Mime students who performed at the Seniors Morning Tea last Thursday. Once again, these students performed very well, charming the audience. Parent support in transporting the children was very much appreciated.

Teaching staff are meeting with teachers from Koumala State School in the afternoon, to participate in Moderation. Moderation is a chance for teachers to meet teachers from beyond the school gate and allow them to confer regarding student assessment. The intent is to ensure that judgements are being made against criteria, and that A – E judgements are consistent.

School disco (with lip sync performances) plans are well underway. The children are having some difficulty with choosing appropriate songs so staff are working to simplify the process. We will let you know the adjustments as soon as possible.

Cooking utensils sent to the Blue Mountain Camp Draft catering have been returned to the school, and are currently sitting in the library waiting for collection.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)
Food for Thought

Gossip

Gossiping is something that we have probably all done at one time or another. Do you enjoy having the latest bit of news to share with others? You might ask, ‘What’s wrong with a bit of gossip?’ You might feel it’s quite harmless. The opposite is true. Gossip is extremely damaging. It has been known to destroy relationships. Long term friendships have been destroyed by a few carelessly spoken words. In the case of Facebook gossip there have been people who have committed suicide because of things that have been said about them. In many cases the story that has been passed around turns out to be untrue, and yet it has still caused immense emotional pain. It has been said that gossip can sometimes cause more pain than a physical wound. The next time that you feel tempted to pass on an interesting story about someone else, stop for a moment and consider the amount of pain that your few moments of enjoyment might cause. Treat others the way you want to be treated and refuse to pass on gossip.

A message from Chappy Di.

2015/6 Sarina High Scholarship Award Winners

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP –
Jesse O’Connor (Swayneville State School)
Jaelee Spencer (Swayneville State School)
Tim McFadzen (Swayneville State School)

CULTURAL/CITIZENSHIP SCHOLARSHIP –
Lucy Hamblin (Swayneville State School)

SPORT SCHOLARSHIP –
Ellen Schwarzrock (Swayneville State School) – Netball

OptiMINDS Success

Congratulations to the 14 students who participated in the OptiMINDS competition on Sunday. Both teams performed very well. They were already winners. Not only were they prepared to have a go, but they were greatly blessed in having mums and dads who encouraged and worked beside them. Our Language and Literature team scored very well, but did not gain a place. The Science and Engineering Team won first place and then to top it all off, they also won Spirit Of OptiMINDS. An invitation to compete in Brisbane has also been extended. This is the 3rd year in a row that Swayneville has won the Spirit of OptiMINDS!! Thanks Miss Stark for leading this for the school, and to all the teachers who backed in on sharing the additional workload. Great job everyone.

Year 3/4 are collecting empty match boxes and plastic bottle tops and would appreciate any donations.

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The eKindy program is a comprehensive ‘at home’ kindergarten program for children in the year before Prep. The program is supported by a qualified early childhood teacher and covers 15 hours of Kindergarten for 40 weeks a year (school terms only). The program aligns with the early years learning framework and the Queensland kindergarten learning guideline.

**The waiting list for 2016 is now open.**

Children must be born between 1 July 2011 and 31 July 2012 and meet the eKindy eligibility requirements. Children born in July 2012 will require primary school principal's approval to enroll in Prep year.

All children must fit into one of the following categories:

**Distance:**
- their residence is at least 16 km by the most direct route by road from the nearest centre-based service catering to kindergarten-aged children.

**Medical:**
- they have a medical certificate stating they are unable to attend a centre-based service for more than 10 consecutive weeks due to their health.

**Travelling/Itinerant lifestyle:**
- the child’s principal place of residence is likely to change at least twice during the registration year due to the parent’s work; or the child will have to spend a period of at least 10 weeks, or a number of periods of at least 2 weeks that total at least 10 weeks, away from the child’s principal place of residence during the registration year.

More information can be found at: https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/ekindy/Pages/ekindy.aspx

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**Awards**

**Year 4/5/6**
- Jakob Cousins & Jesse O'Connor: excellent on task behaviour & work ethic.

**Year 3/4**
- Fletcher McFadzen: doing excellent work in all areas especially writing.
- Reeflen Clark: super listener award.

**Year 1/2**
- Koden Crawford: amazing work in maths & science.
- Charlie Carey: amazing work ethics.

**Prep/1**
- Adam Breen: improved writing.
- Sarah Clarke: learning o'clock time.
- Donohue: 86. Jackson: 68.
- Queen Bee: Prep/1.
- P.E. award.
- Lucy Hamblin: great sportsmanship.