Hello Everyone,

While at Swayneville State School we are all about teaching and learning, it is also very rewarding to see staff and students experience successes in extra curriculum events. Our kids have done us proud - once again - this time displaying inspiring team work and positive can do attitudes resulting in success at Optiminds.

The Cookie Dough fund raiser has also been successful, with $550 dollars raised. The Dough will be available for pickup on the new date of 30 August from 2:30pm (parade time). The delivery date has been moved forward due to the Federal Election on the 7 September. I just may use my dough to cook for the bake stall. © Wendy has spare tubs ordered if you would like some.

A massive amount of work is happening behind the scenes with teaching teams deeply involved in the Regional requirements regarding Explicit Instruction (EI). All teachers with the school have visited a Lighthouse School for a chance to observe and work with other teachers who have been working very closely with one of the key leaders in the field - John Flemming.

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Important dates:
21 August - some staff at PD
22 August - Principal Meeting
23 August - Future Leaders Eco Challenge
25 August - Optiminds Presentation
28 - 29 August - Principal Meeting in Gladstone
30 August - Free Dress Day - Spring Colours For Spring!
30 August - Cookie Dough Delivery
6 September - Spring High Tea Morning
6 September - School Photo Days
7 September - Election Day Cake Stall
12 - 13 September - 3/4/5 Camp

Congratulations to our Optiminds team who have put in a magnificent effort over the past two weeks to complete the Science/Engineering task for Optiminds, which was presented last Sunday at the Whitsunday Anglican School in Mackay.

Their challenging task was to construct a tower which stood on four 375ml aluminum cans and be able to withstand three hits when struck mid height by a pendulum.

Our team successfully constructed, tested and then demonstrated their tower to the school parade last Friday. Despite a couple of mishaps with the tower during their presentation, they impressed the Optiminds judging team who awarded them the Spirit of Optiminds Award (division 1). This means that while the performance did not win the event, the Swayneville Team demonstrated the spirit of the Optiminds Challenge -- team work, creativity, and the application of scientific principles.

Well done team! Your school is very proud of you!

Opti-minds Team: Jessie Borg (3), Amelia Swords (6), Aiden Perna (6), Jade Tomlinson (6), Jakhobi Moren (5), Jack Counter (3), Georgia Beveridge (5).

A special thankyou to Mrs Mayne who has given her time and energy to coach the team.
Our Learning Objectives:
1. Reading and writing must make sense!
2. Students know what they know, and know what they need to know next!

Free Dress Day on Friday!
Spring into spring wear a rainbow of colours!
Gold Coin donation
1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes
(including teacher)

Please wear enclosed shoes, sun safe clothing and dress colourfully. 😊

Swayneville State School P&C
invites Sarina residents and community members for a beautiful High Tea at Sarina Motor Inn on Friday 6 September 2013.
Put on your best outfit, grab some friends and join us for this perfect opportunity to dress up and socialise in style.
- Mystery Chair and Lucky Door Prizes
- Mini Cent Sale with Prizes to be Won

Contact person: Amanda Borg
Tickets can be purchased from the Office at Swayneville State School.

RSVP 30 August 2013
0418 504 118

Swayneville P&C ELECTION Day

Bake Sale

Remember to hand your forms in to the school office by Friday 30 August 2013. Let us know what assistance you can provide to support this fundraising event.
Building Resilience

Growing is can be a lot of fun, but kids have lots of things that they have to cope with too - many of them quite significant. Growing up is a time when kids not only learn academically, but also socially - learning how to get on with others, learning how to give and take rather than demand their own way, and how to be resilient during the bumpy times when the going gets tough. No matter how much as parents we want to be there for them during the day or ‘wrap them in cotton wool’, they also have to learn how to cope by themselves within the familiar environment of school.

Building resilience to cope with life’s ups and downs does take teaching. As a school, teachers use the health curriculum to address resilience strategies. *Bounce Back* is one program that the school accesses, and now, with Chappie Di trained in *FRIENDS For Life*, the school is able to resume its access to this program. Chappie Di naturally works in partnerships with class teachers.

The *FRIENDS* program teaches children and families cognitive, emotional and behavioural skills for managing feelings and coping with life challenges with a positive and resilient attitude. It promotes important personal development concepts such as identity, self-esteem, problem solving, self-expression and building positive relationships.

The Prep/1 class are studying these skills for the later half of this term, with other students accessing the program in small groups etc. It is all part of our student welfare approach.