Hello Everyone,

We look forward to seeing you all at the Presentation Night tonight. Our students have been polishing their performances and preparing props. Our night is all about celebrating what our children can do, and recognising individual efforts. It is designed to be a family night, so all are welcome …. though please bring a chair just in case. Additional information is on the next page.

I would like to take the time to commend the whole school community for their commitment in working together for the progress of our students. So many people have put in an extra effort to get things done or support teaching and learning. I would also like to commend the extremely dedicated and highly professional team called ‘Swayneville Staff’ for their unrelenting strive for excellence. Well done team!

I trust that your holiday season will see you with down time spent with family and friends. Merry Christmas.

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

**Important dates:**

**NO TUCKSHOP ON FRIDAY!**

11 December – Surf Safety Session
11 December – Presentation Night (All invited!)
12 December – Rewards Day & reports sent home.
13 December – Clean Up Day. Last school day, 2013
20 January – School Office reopens (limited hours)
23 - 25 January – Staff on pupil free days.

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**Swimming Carnival Wrap Up**

We had a healthy turnout for our annual swimming carnival on Monday where Swayneville students put their swimming skills to work competing in a range of novelty and race events. Our prep to year 3 students kick started the competition between Jackson and Donohue swimming the width of the pool and participating in an aircraft rescue relay. At the conclusion of all junior events the points were very close: Jackson 233 and Donohue 261. Then our year 4 to 7’s commenced their 50 and 25m races with some very impressive swimming. Staff were most impressed by the behaviour and effort of students, especially those who competed in every event. In the end, Donohue were the victors winning the carnival 446 points to Jackson’s 332 points. To conclude the carnival we had a teacher, parent and student team relay. Congratulations to the parents for a well-earned victory beating our top 4 student swimmers and the teachers!

Praise received for our swimming program

This year Swayneville staff participated in a swimming professional development in an effort to enhance our students swimming abilities. The lady who conducted the course, Bernadette Wilson, wrote us a special letter to let us know that our program is being praised beyond our school fence and that the professional development must have worked! She also complemented the school on our dedicated, caring and professional team who go above and beyond. Well done Swayneville staff
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**You’re Invited…**

To our annual Presentation Night. Parents, extended family and friends are all welcome.

11 December  
Sarina Bowls Club

The event is scheduled to start at 6:30pm, and children are asked to be at the venue by 6:00pm so that teachers can organise for each class’ presentation.

The night will have a formal aspect to it, but the primary focus of the evening is celebrating the academic achievements of students and appreciating the performances that they have planned for us all.

Families are requested to bring a plate of savoury food, to share prior the event. Trying to cater for a range of young children, means that our start time is at dinner time – so as we are preparing our students, please join with the Swayneville Community for a free cup of coffee/tea (or the bar at the venue will be open) and the sharing of finger food. It will fill in the gap between drop off and start time, and solve the dinner time problem. 😊

There will be about 160 chairs available. Wouldn’t hurt to bring an extra.

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**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

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**UniFY – University For You**  
**Bigger and Better in 2014**

Due to the overwhelming uptake from 434 participating students in 2013, Central Queensland Region has committed more funding in 2014 to deliver four UniFY projects. Like-minded, high achieving and talented students from across the region will once again have the opportunity to connect in new on-line, higher order thinking challenges via the Brisbane School of Distance Education.

Over the course of the year, more than 700 nominated students with a strong interest or ability in project topics will work with specialist teachers on each of our CQ selected projects. One project will be offered each term, one lesson per week, with up to ten lessons in total per project. All projects include an on-line event with specialist University reps in each of the chosen project areas. To acknowledge their efforts, participants will have their involvement recorded on semester report cards.

2014 UniFY Projects:
- Term 1 – Shape Up (Years 6, 7 & 8) – math investigation
- Term 2 – Critical Thinking (Years 5-9)
- Term 3 – Creative Writing (Years 5-9)
- Term 4 – Scientific Literacy (Years 5-9)

Feedback from students, parents and teachers supports the value of UniFY projects:

*Student from Longreach State High School* - “I particularly like all the different activities that we do and all the different people we get to talk to. The teachers are really nice and make the lessons fun.”

*Teacher from Kin Kora State School* – “The students have been enthralled every lesson and stay for an extra 30 minutes each lesson to continue the projects. It has been so worthwhile for me to see the extra work that they are prepared to put in at home....they are just so involved.”

*Parent from Elmeo Road State School* - “This kind of extra-curricular or extension activity has been invaluable and I believe it has provided my son with deeper knowledge, skills and a keenness for school.”

Information regarding nominations for Project 1 will be received in schools shortly.
I commend this program to you as an excellent method for engaging and extending our talented students.

Regards  
Wayne Butler  
Regional Director  
Central Queensland

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We have had children involved in UniFY throughout 2013. We will be continuing to access this program for our extension classes.
Well done Year 7 students! Farewell ....

Friday night, 6 December was the evening set aside for the graduation dinner for our 10 graduating year 7 students. Thanks to all who made the effort to come and make the celebration a special evening for our students .... one that I am sure will be remembered.

All the best to: Ashlea Catlin, Shauana Anson, Sarah Hamblin, Brendan Balderson, Jayden Ferrington, Rhyse McGrigor, Adele Malayta, Blake Holmes, Callum Street, and Jack Camilleri.

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