Hello everyone,

This is our last official newsletter for the year, as next Wednesday night we will be meeting together for Presentation Night! Yet another school year draws to a close and it is time to take stock of just how much our Swayneville students have progressed.

Our Year 6 students had their orientation day at High School yesterday, making their way to and from their new school independently. Our students often draw comment regarding their high standard of behaviour, and this week has been no exception. Congratulations to our Year 6 students on their forthcoming completion of their primary school years, and we wish them all the best for the next stage of their education. Enjoy your Graduation celebration!

Changing the topic, I would like to make special mention of Leanne and Michael Mogford from Mackay who own the business “The Ice Box Bloke” (www.theiceboxbloke.com.au). Our P&C decided to purchase a large esky to use during catering for events such as the swimming carnival. For the money allocated, The Ice Box Bloke gave our P&C such a good deal, that 2 eskies have been purchased! This sponsorship is very much appreciated, benefitting our community for years to come.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

We have worked hard on making gains in our academic growth this year, but did you know we've also explored many social and emotional learning opportunities? Throughout this year we have investigated factors that influence physical, social and emotional growth and development.

This includes learning how to recognise and implement strategies for managing change. We examined influences that strengthened our identities. We have grown in our understandings on how emotional responses vary and, perhaps most importantly, how to interact positively with others in different situations. You are growing up beautifully !/!

-- Ms Tromba, Mrs W. & Mrs Muallef.

**Important Dates:**
- 4 December – Swimming carnival; 6 year graduation dinner
- 9 December – Presentation Evening
- 10 December – Rewards Day + Reports
- 11 December – Last day of school for 2015 – “CLEAN UP DAY”

**School Watch**

Help us keep an eye on our school these holidays! There have been numerous school break-ins in our general locality, where significant damage has been done. If you see anything suspicious please don’t attempt to intervene, call the School Watch number – 131 788 or the police on 000. Let’s work together to help keep our school secure.
Our annual swimming carnival takes place this Friday 4th December. Organised by our HPE teacher – Miss Nicole Biddle, it is the culmination of the 7 weeks of swimming lessons the students have been undertaking this term. The carnival will be divided into a junior (P – 2) and senior (3 - 6) carnival, minimizing sun exposure and time out of the classroom.

Juniors will swim the width of the pool whereas seniors will swim the length of the pool (25m) in a variety of swimming and novelty events. Juniors will compete from 10 – 11:30am then we’ll have a 30min lunch break, where the P&C will be selling steak burgers and sausages on bread, before the P – 2 classes return to school for the afternoon session. Seniors will compete after lunch from 12 – 2:30pm. The bus will take the first group of students (P-2 and Yr 6 leaders) at 9:30am then return to take the second group of students (3 – 6) to the pool at 10:30am. The bus will return students to school. We do not have access to the pool before 9:30, due to pool requirements. All students are expected to be at school as per normal.

There are 4 students who are affected by the age vs grade dilemma. These children have received separate notes to let parents know of their specific arrangements.

Families are most welcome to attend and cheer on students as they put their swimming skills to the test and try and win points for their house – Jackson or Donohue. The winners will be announced at the conclusion of senior races.

Students are requested to wear sunscreen and bring a water bottle to the carnival. Please note, that all students are required to sit in their sporting house area. Nor are students permitted to access the canteen.

Pre-ordering is required by the P&C, using the usual paper bag method – for everyone please (including mums & dads). The menu was sent home on Monday, as is as follows:

- Steak Burger $5.00
- Sausage on bread $2.00
- Water $2.00
- Poppers $1.50
- Cakes/Biscuits $0.50

Thanks for working with us to have a great day!

Presentation Night Date Claimer
Who: All students of the school, their families and extended family members welcome.
When: Wednesday 9 December
Where: Bod Wood Culture Hall
Time: All students at the hall by 6:00pm, ready for a 6:30pm start.
Please bring: A plate of finger food to share.
Focus: A night of celebration recognizing and demonstrating learning achievements.

HELP is requested from any able body person who is prepared to lend a hand putting out the seating. Please meet us at the hall at 5:00pm.

Our Learning Objectives: 1. Reading and writing must make sense! 2. Student know what they know, and know what they need to know next!
Ms Troy McShannon from Mackay Regional Libraries was invited to our school to advise staff regarding the management of our aging stock in the library. Mackay Regional Libraries readily agreed to lend a hand as part of our developing partnership. Culling the library of damaged books, books effected by foxing or mould, or those that are just plain old and tired has been a task that has not been done for … well, quite some time. (Oldest book found to date was accessioned in 1976!)

The school has had a long term plan regarding reading material in the school. Over the last few years we have been quietly building the reading resources for the senior classroom, and expanding the sets of books for the classroom readers. Currently, a grant application is lodged in the hope of overhauling our home readers (which badly need refreshing). So the next step is the library resources themselves, aiming to make our library books attractive and easily accessible. We want the children to enjoy visiting the library and enjoying a good book.

Many Swayneville students are fortunate to be able to access additional extra curricula activities beyond school – one of which is dance. Congratulations to Abbey, Gabby, Evandah and Jacaranda on their recent awards.