Hello Everyone,
It’s been wonderful to have so many parents pop into the office helping us to get the year organised. We have had many pay invoices for the student resources and gymnastics, others organising medication directions, organising bus requirements etc. Thanks to for those who have returned their data sheets updating the information held on our system.

Our Adopt a Cops dropped in last week, making positive comments regarding the responsible driving and road use around the school. Well done everyone. With the upgrade of the road, Main Roads has been working with us to get the line marking correct and aligned with current legislation. In short, the area in front of the school is now a non parking zone and should be used as a Stop | Drop | Go zone. (The major difference is that the driver does not leave the car). We still have a few issues to work out with the signage around the bus zone, so please keep watch for updates. [Yes, by all means use the car park and escort your children into the grounds.]

The cyclone played havoc with our party plans to launch our new prep building. However, the refreshments still await! This coming Friday afternoon, the parents of our prep students have been invited to attend an information session that starts at 3:15, so why not pop in after parade and have a quick look around before they start?

Thanks to all the hard work that has been undertaken around the grounds over the last 18 months or so, the school experienced no damage during the storm. The tree on the oval should be removed on Thursday.

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)
Great Results Guarantee

The *Great Results Guarantee* is an agreement between state schools and the Department of Education, Training and Employment, and Independent Public Schools and their School Councils, to improve learning outcomes for Queensland students.

The agreement makes schools accountable for improving student performance and encourages schools to engage with their communities around how the extra funding should be spent to achieve the best results at a local level.

The guarantee is that every Queensland state school student will either:

- achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for their year level;
- or
- have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning needs.

Our school has received additional funding from the *Great Results Guarantee* and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes.

We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy. Our planning is fitting into our Annual Implementation Plan, and will complement our improvement strategies.

During the forthcoming P&C meeting (Monday afternoon), this will be put on the table for discussion. P&C meetings are a good forum to have your input. Hope to see you there.

Swayneville State School has successfully won a Ripples of Change grant!

Here is some information on what the grant will go towards at the school:

- installing a drip irrigation system for fruit trees, the veggie garden and butterfly garden
- This will eliminate excess watering and reduce runoff
- The funding will be used to purchase the drip irrigation system.

You’ve done it again Mrs Robinson! Thank you for winning this grant for us, and for being proactive in making “ripples of change” a reality in our school.
Thank you!

**Oval Clean-up**
A big thank you to Georgia, Marissa, Braydon, Jasper and Jayden. These children braved the green ants to drag all the fallen branches off the oval last Friday after the cyclone had been through. Well done! Your efforts are appreciated.

**Battery Collection**
We would like to thank the community for supporting our battery depot. One of the collection containers is almost full and we have spoken to a company who will come to collect the batteries in the very near future. By getting the batteries to the recycling pod, not only do we help look after our environment, we also model great behaviours to the kids, and raise some ‘change’ for the P&C. We look forward to your continued support.

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**DATE:** Thursday 13 March 2014  
**VENUE:** Sarina and District Community Kindergarten, 32-34 Lee Street, Sarina.