Year 3/4 SNAP Into Learning

Greetings from the Year 3/4 classroom. We are very pleased with the way the children have settled into our class routines. They are following our class rules and adjusting to our various group rotations extremely well.

In Mathematics we are working on different number aspects and the telling of time. The photos show the class ascending the music room stairs to consolidate their knowledge of ascending/descending numbers and using the Number Gators we made to represent bigger than/smaller than signs.

In English we are concentrating on persuasive writing, looking at the associated vocabulary, techniques and the correct use of grammar.

Science this term is about the classification of animals and the adaptations they make for survival. Aspects of climate, vegetation and sustainability will be explored in Geography.

The number of students completing their homework has also been pleasing and we hope that this dedication continues.

Hello everyone,
How delightful it was in having so many friends and family members attend our (admittedly somewhat squashed in) leadership investiture! A special thanks to Council Greg Martin for his attendance and attention in helping to make this a special event. We welcome to their new positions:

School Captains: Jesse O'Connor, Jaelee Spencer
Vice School Captains: Tim McFadzen, Lucy Hamblin
Donahue Captains: Ellen Schwarzyock, Joshua Kocass
Jackson Captains: Zach Tomlinson, Courtney Perna
Tamiah Sauney and Jakob Cousins have taken on Student Council Leadership roles.

Our school leaders were sent to the GRIP Leadership conference where they joined other students from across the larger Mackay area. Funded by the efforts of the previous school leaders, this conference provides students with instruction regarding the demands and knowledges of leadership. Their report is further in. Thanks to Mrs Micallef and Chappie Di for transporting and escorting them.

While this event was happening, I received some news regarding our Sarina to Swayneville bus run. Unfortunately, due to the limited take up of this opportunity, the bus run is not proving viable and will need to cease this coming Friday (20 February). While deeply disappointing, we do thank Vassello Buses for being willing to invest in our school and wider community and for keeping it going for as long as they did.

Students are welcome within the school grounds from 8:00am, where we have supervision in the undercover area. After School Care is operating and is very reasonable. This service is yet another case of “use it or loose it” so hopefully this opportunity may assist where the loss of the bus run impacts families.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)
After School Care...... it really is affordable!
Did you know that with Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR), you could pay as little as $1 per child per session? The most that you will pay is $10 per child, per session – up to a total of CCR of $7500 per child per year?
Did you know that CCR is not income tested … and all families are entitled to access it?

After School Care @ Swayneville School is affordable. Please talk to Michelle on 0409495230 or Karen on 49423035 for more detail.

Swayneville Community – if we don’t use it, we could loose it!

Like you, giving our kids the best educational tools is something close to our hearts.

The Daily Mercury has partnered up with Staples™ to give you the opportunity to win a $5,000 classroom makeover for your school, fuelled by products from the Staples™ Education Essentials range.

Start collecting as many daily tokens as you can from the Daily Mercury between Saturday 14 February to Monday 16 March. Please drop them off at the office by Monday 16 March.


The Sarina RSL and The Variety Club Presents
CLASSIC HIGH TEA

A Classic High Tea will be held at the Sarina RSL on Sunday 8th March, beginning 10am.

Lots of prizes in the multi draw raffle.

Dolphin Heads Resort has generously donated the main, lucky door prize of accommodation for two.
Enjoy the sound of the ocean and a stroll under the stars for a relaxing time together. Dinner for two?

Get together a group of friends and book a table for a fun day.
A fashion parade courtesy of Target to enjoy. Live music.

Raise the Roof – Big Bash Fundraiser

Please set 16 May aside for a day of competitive cricket, followed by dinner and live music.

More information to come!

Swayneville State School

952 Sarina Marlborough Road
Sarina QLD 4737
Phone: (07) 4956 4530
P&C contact: pandc@swayneviss.eq.edu.au
Principal: Mrs Roslyn Waldron

Email: the.principal@swayneviss.eq.edu.au
Web Site: swayneviss.eq.edu.au/wcmss

Our Learning Objectives: 1. Reading and writing must make sense! 2. Student know what they know, and know what they need to know next!
S.T.A.N.D. Up For Others

Our newly invested school leaders attended the Generosity Responsibility Integrity People (G.R.I.P) Leadership Conference aimed at student leaders in the Mackay Area. Attending the full day at the MECC, the students learnt about what leadership calls you to do.

Jaelee says, “We learnt to plan for leadership by writing in our booklets, which were supplied by the organisers.” Tim expanded further by saying, “They used acronyms to help us remember what we learnt. We were told that we had to S.T.A.N.D. up for others.”

Stand up for others, and share.
Time, Treasure and Talent – take the time to play with others, listen to others, help others.
Always be a leader not just when you wear the badge. Just because you have a badge doesn’t make you more special than others. Anyone can learn to be a leader.
Negotiate with others, develop plans and work towards agreement.
D - Decide and do. Work as part of a team, and pay ‘it’ forward.

Our school leaders had fun too! These included:
- Loud noises to promote school pride
- Opportunities to address the 500 people in the audience by going onto the stage.
- Mixing with unknown and unfamiliar faces to develop social skills while reflecting on learning.

Mrs Micallef and Chappie Di were kept busy doing the driving and taking the photos … and somehow this man called Crazy Karl Brown became an instant hit by really engaging the kids through the use of humour.