A tremendous response to the parent information afternoon, saw 16 out of the 18 families of our prep/1 classroom represented! That is so encouraging 😊 We hope that you found the afternoon a great chance to get to know Mrs Arnold, and to discuss the routines that your child will have. Thankyou Mums and Dads for taking the time to connect with the school.

The information session for the Year 1-2 class was not quite so well attend, but that is probably more due to familiarity rather than lack of interest.

On a far more trivial matter, I need to raise the issue of spoons. Yes - spoons. It is tremendous to see so many students bring healthy food choices such as yoghurt or custard tubs, but please pack a disposable spoon.

Likewise, we have children who are asking for food to be heated. As this is a safety issue, children are not permitted to use the microwave, nor is it logistically possible to assign staff to the task. Please preheat food at home and pack in alfoil, or help the children to understand that left overs will not be heated for them.

Auskick has had a pleasing response. Many children took advantage of the two free sessions, but this week sees the started of the contracted lessons.

Congratulations to Blake and Callum for being selected to represent Sarina at the District Basketball trials. Well done.

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron
(Principal)

Important dates:

22 February - Dental Permission Forms due back.
22 February - ‘Boardies Day’ - Gold coin donation
28 Feb & 1 March - Roslyn at Principal Conference
5 March - Athletics Club Sign On 2:30 - 5:30pm Wally O’Grady Oval
5 March - Sarina District Schools Chaplaincy Committee AGM Sarina SHS
18 March - P&C Meeting 5:00pm in the conference room at the back of the library
22 March - Sarina District NETBALL Trials
15 March - Arts Council Performance “Robo-Tec”
28 March - Rewards Day

Our Learning Objectives:
1. Reading and writing must make sense!
2. Student know what they know, and know what they need to know next!
GRIP Leadership Conference, held on the Monday of this week, was attended by our 2013 school leaders, funded by the fundraising efforts of the 2012 student council. Over 500 students from Mackay School attended the event. Key learnings included:

G = Growth = Leaders should continually grow in different areas.
R = Relationship = Leaders should spend time with others and lead with others.
I = Integrity = Leaders should be the same person on the inside and the outside.
P = People = Leaders should see all people as important.

The children were very privileged to attend, and returned inspired and full of stories about the day. Thank you to the parents who provided transport and supervision for the day -- without your efforts, we would not have been able to take advantage of this opportunity.
Is your child interested in trying out for the Sarina District Netball Team. The aim of these trials is to gain selection into the Sarina District Netball Team to compete in the Mackay District Trials on 22nd March, 2013.

Please note the following information:

DATE: THURSDAY 7TH MARCH, 2013
VENUE: Sarina State School Hall
TIME: 3:30 – 4:30pm
AGE: Born 2001 or 2002 only (Girls only)

- A fully completed medical form and parent permission form must be brought along to the trials and handed to selectors: Nicole Biddle (12yrs) and Jenny Place (11yrs)
- Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.
- Running shoes should be part of the uniform, no steel tags on boots allowed.
- Students are to organise their own transport to and from the venue.

Students selected will play at the Mackay and District Carnival which will be held on Friday 22nd March, 2013.

Sarina Range Playgroup
Sarina Range Playgroup meet every Wednesday of the school term, from 9:30am-11:30am at the Sarina Range CWA Hall, Colston Park. For more information contact Wendy King 49504225

Student Council is hosting ‘Boardies’ day on Friday 22nd February. A gold coin donation will help Surf Life Saving raise more than $1 million to help keep Australia’s beaches and waterways safe. Hope you will join in the fun!