Half way through the term already - and Easter Break on the horizon! Term 1 is always very focused on establishing routines and boundaries, and helping the children learn to relate to each other in their classroom context. Time within classrooms is very focused on making the most of the teaching time available.

The school did however, take time to have the required Fire Drill on Monday. Needless the say, we will be working on our response time throughout the year, but the children managed the ‘surprise’ very well.

Appropriate behaviour in the toilets (boys and girls) have been an area of special focus this week, as we deal with undesirable behaviours and learn healthy habits. Dads - we would appreciate your help with the early grade boys to help them understand how to use a urinal.

I refer to the last page in the newsletter, where we say our farewell to Susie Anderson. Susie’s family circumstances have necessitated the move to full time work, so she will be resigning her position. Susie will be deeply missed by the teaching team. Our current relief TA - Kerri Micallef will be taking on the casual hours that are available, leaving the school in need of a new relief teacher aide.

EOI [Expressions of Interest] for the relief TA position are welcome. Please send your resume to the school office. Preference will be given to those applicants who have their TA certification.

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Launching into Narratives

The year 5-6-7 are currently exploring the power of a narrative to determine how the literary elements combine to make a great read. During our reading of “The Bridge to Terrabithia” we have been exploring how characters are developed, and how the author builds mental images that come alive in our minds.

The students are also exploring the construction of narrative texts, attempting to apply their new knowledge. A lot of time has been spent developing our spelling and vocabulary knowledges, and learning how to build effective sentences that pack in the information. We have discovered that there is a pattern to how language is constructed and we are learning all the specialised vocabulary so that we can discuss the grammar and its usage effectively. We hope to share our narratives “….. and it was all because of a frog!” in future newsletters.

Arts Council Performance is coming in March

“Robo-Tec”

Invoices will be sent to families this week.

Important dates:

28 Feb & 1 March - Roslyn at Principal Conference
4 March - Our new chaplain starts at the school © - Mrs Di Burnett
5 March - Athletics Club Sign On 2:30 - 5:30pm Wally O’Grady Oval
5 March - Sarina District Schools Chaplaincy Committee AGM Sarina SHS
13 March - Planned date for Cross Country
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

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From the Sports Desk....

Swayneville Cross Country
Swayneville’s Annual Cross Country Event will be held on Wednesday 13th March, 2013. The purpose of this event is to promote fun and fitness amongst our students and to prepare our 10 – 13yr old students for the Sarina District Cross Country Selection Trials to be held on Wednesday 24th April. In the event of rain we will postpone the carnival until the following Wednesday. We anticipate Swayneville’s cross country event to start at 9:00am and run until around 11:00am. Students will run distances according to age groups and are encouraged to wear house colours on the day.

Run Club
In order to prepare for this event we have started a run club. All students from Prep – 7 are invited to join the Swayneville Run Club, which will run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 – 8:45am. Run Club will be cancelled if it is raining or if the ground is too wet with an undercover alternative program being run in its stead. Participation is encouraged as students can then see their fitness improving and we’ll have evidence of our 10 – 13yr old students participating in a training program – a requirement of Sarina District to participate in district cross country.

Yours in Sport
Mrs Howorth

Sarina Range Playgroup
Sarina Range Playgroup meets 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

Sarine & District Netball 2013 Season
Junior Competition Start Up Day & Sign On
Thursday 28th February at Sarina Netball Courts
Compulsory parents meeting at 3.30pm
Start up games/training 4pm - 5pm
Senior Sign on will follow from 5pm - 6pm
Registrations must be paid in full at sign on and prior to any player or official playing or training.
Costs:
5 - 7 year olds (2008 - 2006) $77
other Primary School ages - $120
High School students - $130
Seniors - $140
Coaches/Umpires - $35

AGM Tuesday 5th March
2013 at 6.30pm at Sarina Leagues Club
All Welcome
Contact Kate Craig 0409 642 124 for more information

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We need to part our ways...

As much as there are times when we wish that the ups and downs of life would just disappear, they cannot be avoided.

It with great sadness, but with complete understanding that a change in family circumstances has required our long term teacher aide - Mrs Susie Anderson - to decide to resign from the school to take up a new full time position. Mrs Anderson has been part of the 3-4-5 teaching team, but has worked with students across the school.

Susie’s last day at the school will be this coming Friday. The following week will see our teacher aides spread across the school, until our casual teacher [Kerri Micallef] comes on board.

Enterprise bargain agreements come into play during transition times like these, and as such fine tuning of the use of TA hours needs to be closely examined. To maintain continuity and meet the needs of the school, Miss Lamont will move from the 5-6-7 room into the 3-4-5 room as her hours allows for better support within that room. The 5-6-7 room will not miss out - Ms Micallef will be with them, though her time will wrap around LOTE.

“Quality means doing it right when no one is looking.”
— Henry Ford

Thankyou Susie Anderson for being a quality Teacher Aide. You have been an important element in our teaching teams.

Awards:

Prep/1
Hannah Tromba - friendship award.
Cordell Kissier - student of the week.
Rori Matthews - top effort in all her work.

Yr 1/2
Jessica Lindley - working hard in all areas.
Bodhi Rowe-Bailey - working hard in maths.
Reeflen Clark - great helper in class.

Yr 3/4/5
None - due to Mrs Robinson being away.

Yr 5/6/7
Year 7 leaders were presented with GRIP certificates of attendance.

Queen Bee - 5/6/7

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