It has been rewarding for our teaching teams to notice how quickly the classes have been settling into learning. Routines are quickly becoming established, and we thank the Swayneville families for the support that has been given.

Firstly, I must give due credit to two teachers whose name I missed off last week’s newsletter, as I was listing off the class arrangements. Believe me - they will never let me live it down!

Ros Burkett remains onboard as our classroom music teacher. As Ros work across many schools, she is in the school on Tuesday and Thursdays. During lunch time on Tuesday, Mrs Burkett runs the choir. Any students who are willing to participate are most welcome to attend. Choir started yesterday, but there is plenty of room for others.

Jodie Howorth has returned from maternity leave. Jodie manages the Physical Education classes, and is the representative for Swayneville’s cluster of schools, for school sports. Jodie will be starting up the ‘run club’ next week, in preparation for the athletics season. Welcome back Jodie.

Parents of the Prep/1 and Year 1-2 classes are invited to a parent information afternoon. to discuss classroom routines, essential curriculum that will be covered this year, and homework. The Prep/1 teaching team will start the afternoon at 3:00pm, and then at 3:30pm, parents of the Year 1/2 class are welcome to have a chat with the Year 1-2 teaching team. This time arrangement is aimed at catering for families that have children in both classes.

The first P&C meeting will be held on this coming Monday afternoon at 3:15pm. There are many ways to be active within the school, and our P&C members would like to encourage you to be part of this active, vital component of our school. Hope you can make it.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Important dates:
6 February - Auskick free trial @ lunch time.
8 February - Tuckshop starts for the term.
8 February - School Leader Induction Ceremony with Ted Malone
11 February - P&C General Meeting (with possible AGM) 3:15pm in the library
14 February - P/1(3:00) and Year 1-2 room (3:30) parent information sessions.
18 February - GRIP Leadership Course for school leaders
11 March - P&C Meeting 3:15pm in library
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!

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Welcome back to another exciting year of sports. I have returned from maternity leave and am looking forward to inspiring and working with students again this year. The year kicks off with numerous sporting trials throughout semester one, these are listed below. This term School and House Captains will be working with me to prepare for our school cross country carnival where we select 10 – 13 year olds who will represent the school at the Sarina District Cross Country early term two. More information will follow in the coming weeks about this event.

Sports trials are open to students turning 11 or 12 years old this year, some trials are open to 10 year olds. Unfortunately, students turning 13 in 2013 are ineligible to trial for primary school sports. We run 13 year olds through cross country and athletics to see if they qualify for the secondary schools trials. Students who have experience/talent in one of the sports listed below and wish to try out for the Sarina District Team will need to see Mrs Howorth to express their interest and receive more information. Selected students will represent the Sarina District at Mackay District Trials.

**SARINA DISTRICT SPORT TRIALS IN TERM ONE:**
- **Swimming** – 1st February. Students are nominated through clubs/swimming program. (10 – 12 yr olds)
- **Touch Football** – 6th February. Letters went out last week to interested students. (11 & 12 yr olds)
- **Basketball** – 15th February (11 & 12 yr olds)
- **Netball** – 7th March (11 & 12 yr olds)
- **AFL** – 14th March (11 & 12 yr olds)
- **Tennis** – (11 & 12 yr old students selected through school tennis program by coaches)
- **Hockey & Softball** - 25th March by paper nomination only, no trial. (11 & 12 yr olds)
- **ARL** – by invitation only. Mackay Trials 12yr – 19th April / 11yr – 22nd March / Girls – 16th July

**SARINA DISTRICT SPORT TRIALS IN TERM TWO AND THREE:**
- **Cross Country** – 24th April. Selections through school cross country. (10 – 13 yr olds)
- **Athletics** – 12th July Selections through school athletics carnival (10 – 13 yr olds)

Yours in Sport
Mrs Howorth
Respect for others is one of the most important lessons that we want to teach our students at Swayneville State School. To learn respect children need to be able to see the adults in their lives show respect to each other. It is important that parents/caregivers, as well as school staff, show respect when dealing with each other. It is a way that we create a safe school environment for staff, volunteers, students, parents/caregivers and visitors.

People who enter the school grounds and are hostile or aggressive, this includes using abusive or profane language and threats to school staff or volunteers, students or other parents/caregivers, will not be tolerated.

It is an offence under the Education Act for one adult to insult another adult at a school in the presence or hearing of a student. Nor is it permissible to question or correct children other than your own regarding a school matter, nor undermine school processes.

The Education Act provides the Principal with the authority to provide a written direction requiring a person to immediately leave the school premises and not re-enter for a period of time. Conditions may also be placed on a person’s entry to the school premises.

If a member of the school community has an issue or concern the appropriate protocol is to make an appointment with the staff member, outside of student learning times, to discuss the matter in a calm manner. If the matter cannot be resolved the matter should be referred to the principal in the first instance.

All members of the school community are asked to abide by these protocols so that schools can maintain a safe supportive environment for our students to learn.

There have been no issues in our school this year - this is the general reminder that all schools have been asked to include.

Awards:

‘Prep/1
All preps for settling in well.
Xavier Anson-Kissier - settling in so well to a new school.
Remainder of yr 1’s - being great year 1 leaders.
Yr 1/2
Alesha McKewen - settling so well into a new school.
Tarrell Mooney - settling back into school routine.
Yr 3/4/5
Courtney Perna - good listening, being organized and working hard in class.
Joey Holmes - good listening and settling back into school routine.
Yr 5/6/7
Jade Tomlinson - displaying a positive outlook.
Claire Perna - displaying a positive outlook.
Ryan Dennis - settling in well to a new school.
Brendan Balderson - settling in well to a new school.
Queen Bee - 3/4/5.