Hello everyone,
What a good start to the school year we had today! Limited tears from the grown ups, and some from our kids who were coping with all the changes in their lives. Obviously our staff have been back for a while, but having all our students come on board is what Swayneville is all about. We welcome our new prep students and our new families, and all familiar faces. Our newsletter is distributed each Wednesday.

This first newsletter for the year is a bumper one. There are many attachments and things to attend to, that we request that you put aside time to deal with them all.

Attachments:
1. Student details. Please check over to ensure that the information we have on file is correct. Please only return any corrections / changes.
2. Invoices: This year, the school has endeavored to anticipate all known expenses and include them in the initial invoice for the year. Payment of this invoice provides your child with the texts and resources needed for the year. If a payment schedule needs to be negotiated, please let the office know.
3. P&C membership forms: The P&C call for help during the election fundraiser went out yesterday. Attached is the membership form which provides insurance coverage, and a voting position in the P&C.
4. Private tuition opportunities – tennis, keyboard and guitar.
5. Student Resource Scheme Form to be filled in, signed and returned to the office.

--- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

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**Swayneville Swag**

**OPERATION 2015**

Thanks for all the preparation that parents have undertaken to have your children ready for this year. Most children have supplied the full complement of exercise books and school equipment needed for the year. This makes such a huge difference to the smooth operation of classrooms. Looking forward to seeing those last few items come in.

The election has put the state into a whirl wind of preparatory action. The P&C are fund raising on Saturday. Plans are for a cake stall and a sausage sizzle. Any help towards these efforts are much appreciated. Please refer to the note that went home yesterday.

Homework will not kick off until next week. As a result of a conversation held with the P&C at the end of last year, staff have sat down together and have negotiated a streamlined approach.

- Mon – Thurs nights only. No homework during last week of school term. Week 9 of each term will be catch up week.
- Work distributed Monday, collected Friday.
- No assignment work to be done for homework.
- All students are expected to hand in well completed homework. There will be a term by term reward for 100% on time completion.
- Each class will have reading homework. How this looks will differ according to classrooms / age groups. Reading will need to be done each night.
- Spelling and number facts need to reviewed nightly.
- There will be written literacy homework for two nights, and written numeracy work for the other two nights.
- Children welcome to work in advance and hand work in early.

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**Important Dates:**
31 Jan – State Election + P&C fundraiser.
3 Feb – NRL motivation talk
5 Feb – Day 8 student census – determines funding + staffing
5 Feb – Prep Parents’ afternoon meeting with Mrs Arnold from 4pm – 5pm.
6 Feb – Tuckshop will start
6 Feb – AFL launch
13 Feb – P&C meeting 1:00pm at the library
13 Feb – Investiture of school leaders during parade.
17 Feb - GRIP Leadership conference (for School Leaders)
3 April – Good Friday + Start of 2 week break.

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After School Care

How fortunate is Swayneville School in having access to After School Care! Our carers are here and ready to go!!

PCYC Mackay School Age Care (SAC) Program aims to provide a caring environment where each child can develop his or her physical, intellectual, social and emotional skills to become a competent and confident individual – all in the familiar environment of school. The SAC program has been developed to cater for the needs of the Swayneville community, and staff are committed to provide the highest quality care to implement sound educational principles to meet the needs of their children and their families.

Whether the care needed is occasional, routine or daily PCYC will be able to support families. Before school and vocational care will be supplied according to demand – so please have those conversations with us.

Fee Assistance is available through registering for the Child Care Benefit, and additional claims can be made through the Child Care Tax Rebate (this is up to 50%).

Meet the staff: Natasha Cameron, Michelle Cameron and Tegan Philpott.

Swayneville Staff

Staff at Swayneville School has had no unexpected turnover over holidays.

Prep Year One:
Teacher: Mrs Julie Arnold
Teacher Aide: Mrs Beth Richards

Year One / Two:
Teacher: Miss Emma Stark
Teacher Aide: Mrs Jody Matthew (M – T) and Ms Mel Elwin (F)

Year Three / Four:
Teachers: Mrs Lee Schwarzenbach (M, T, W) Mrs Wendy Roberts (W, T, F)
Teacher Aide: Mrs Jacqueline Lamont

Year Four/Five/Six:
Teachers: Ms Jo Tromba and Mrs R Waldron
Teacher Aide: Mrs Kerry Micallef

Music: Mrs Roslyn Barkett
STLaN: Mrs Roslyn Waldron
Special Needs Teacher: Mrs Jo Tromba
LOTE: Mrs Joanne Dohi
GRG purchased teacher: To be advised
Reading Support Aide: Mrs Beth Richards
Numeracy Support Aide: Ms Mel Elwin

Office: Mrs Carolyn Hoare
Cleaner: Mrs Caroline Martin
Grounds (mowing / minor maintance): Mr Glenn Gospel.

We welcome to staff: Miss Merrill Lloyd who will be teaching PE on Monday and Friday.

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Bus Runs

Swayneville School is most fortunate to have 3 bus runs that service the school. Bus Fox (ph:180008090734) coordinates the bus runs for Blue Mountain and East Funnel Creek, Middle Creek and Tara Creek.

Vassallo Buses are currently running a bus service from Sarina to Swayneville, and return. Jim Vassallo is investing heavily in our school by giving our community time to have this run become established. There is a strong need for the run to prove its viability in order for it to continue. So it is a very real case of “USE IT, OR LOSE IT”. Jim is willing to negotiate with families, and I would recommend having a conversation with him.

Swayneville School marks rolls prior to students getting onto the bus. Getting your child home according to your family plans carries considerable responsibility. To that end, unless otherwise advised, your child/ren will be placed on the bus as per standing arrangements. If these arrangements change, please ensure that the message gets to the bus duty teachers. You are most welcome to ring the office, talk to the bus duty teachers on the way out, sending in a bus note (template sent home) with KIT books or homework. Duty of care is something that we take seriously, and would appreciate your cooperation.

Code of Conduct on School buses was also revisited yesterday. Students were sent home with a copy of this document for families to discuss.

Conveyance Allowance Assistance and Bus Travel Assistance for Students of Lower Income Families are available
There are several types of Conveyance Allowance available. These are determined by the type of school attended, distance driven to school or bus route and the type of school bus service (if any) provided in your area.

To be eligible for assistance under the Safety Net Scheme, students must be in one of the following categories:
- Students of families eligible for a Health Care Card,
- Students eligible for a Health Care Card,
- Students of families eligible for a Pensioner Concession Card,
- Students of families receiving Veterans Affairs Pension; or
- Students placed under a Care and Protection Order.

Forms are available from the office.

AWARDS

Swayneville State School holds parade on Friday afternoon from 2:40 – 3:00pm. As this time of the week is not rich learning time, we use it instead to celebrate the week that has been.

Each week during parade, we recognize the behavioural or academic achievements of the student.

Firstly, our teachers present students of their class with Student Of The Week awards. These awards can be for a wide variety of achievements including social, academic or behavioural successes or personal efforts.

Secondly, those students who have been awarded ‘bee stamps’ are recognized. Certificates for every 50 achieved are award.

Thirdly, Jackson and Donohue battle it out to see which sporting house as the highest ‘bee stamp’ tally. Donohue had a rough ride in 2014, so it just may be, … just may be, their turn this year.

Fourthly, is the Queen Bee Award. This highly coveted award …. best class wins a packet of lollies … is awarded to the class who has the highest GOTCHA awards during class time.

Mum, Dad, and extended family are all welcome to sit in on parade. It’s usually a happy event that will finish at 3pm ☺