Hello Everyone,

Welcome to Swayneville School! It has been wonderful to connect with our students again, and to welcome our new families and staff.

This column is used each week to pass on key information, but as the start of the year requires me to address so many organisational matters, this newsletter will be filled with items that will help inform our new families and get the year off to a smooth start.

Our newsletters are sent to families each Wednesday via either the oldest student in each family, or via email. This week we have opted to send home a paper copy to everyone as there are several attachments that need your response. Firstly, you will find attached your details as we have them in the system. Please check them for accuracy and currency – only returning them if changes need to be made. Secondly, we have attached the invoices for gymnastics and for the resources needed for your children. – which we buy in bulk to bring the price down. Thankyou to those who have already paid! Government paper work requires a ‘student resource scheme participation agreement form’ to be signed to say that you agree to using this cheaper option. Please also return this signed, if one was attached to the newsletter for your family.

Unfortunately we have no-one to act as tuckshop convenors. So until someone steps up to this position, (it is not onerous) there will be no tuckshop until further notice.

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

What an amazing week!!!

I am sure you have noticed the BIG change in our small school. In just one week we have had a building installed, stocked, resourced and ready. This Tuesday marked the first days teaching in our new G Block. The 2014 class of Preps enthusiastically explored their new surrounding and made the most of all the new resources. I would like to thank the staff and many parents who assisted and offered to support us during this busy time - It was greatly appreciated!

There is an open afternoon with light refreshments this Friday from 3:15 until 4:15 for families from other classes and the wider school community to view the building. We greatly appreciate that you are giving us our space until Friday so that the Preps can settle in to their new environment and routines without distraction.

Important dates:
31 Jan – First parade @ 2:40. Auskick launch
31 Jan – Viewing of new building + Refreshments
7 Feb – Induction of school leaders on parade.
10 Feb – P&C general meeting 3:15 in library
12 Feb – Principal Leadership Day
18 Feb – GRIP conference for school leaders

Our Learning Objectives:  1. Reading and writing must make sense!  2. Student know what they know, and know what they need to know next!
What’s On For Kids? These programs are all ready to go!

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS COMMENCE!

We have had sufficient enrolments in the externally run Music Stars music program to commence lessons next week – Friday. Music Stars offers keyboard and guitar lessons in a small learning group, during school time. They are open to all students in the school. Lessons are 30 minutes long, and will operate on a rotating timetable so that the children are not missing out on the same lesson. Rosters will go home with your child.


TEEN LHSS:LESSONS:

The Alan Harris Tennis School is another externally run coaching clinic at the school. Our tennis coach, Lefty, has been visiting the school for many years, conducting tennis lessons during Thursday lunch times. Again, open to all grades, Lefty runs the instruction on a term by term basis. We are most fortunate to have access to this program as it removes the need for ‘another run into Sarina’ and caters for our students onsite. Information attached to the newsletter.

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RUN CLUB: Part of the school fitness program, Run Club is organised by Mrs Howorth. All students join in. Monday and Wednesday mornings 8:30 – 8:50am

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* organising the baking of sweets for the week
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FROM THE SPORTS DESK

2014 is shaping up to be a BIG year in sport! In term one; students will be participating in a gymnastic program for prep to year 7’s administered by Activated Group Australia certified instructors. Students will be exploring gymnastic movements using their bodies and a variety of apparatus supplied by the Activated Group. This program is outsourced as it provides students with the use of equipment and expertise that the school cannot provide. It comes at a cost of $35 per student for 9 weeks of gymnastics instruction. Invoices will be sent home this week. We have used this group in the past and had excellent reviews from students and parents, which includes accolades of the fabulous equipment the students are exposed to - i.e. parallel bars, vaults, wedges and trampolines. Gymnastic lessons will be held on Monday and students need to be prepared with a hat, water bottle, sneakers and preferably their house shirts for ease of grouping. Parents who would appreciate a payment system to manage the financial load of multiple students in the family, are welcome to enquire at the office.

Swayneville’s annual Cross Country also happens towards the end of this term. In order to prepare for this event we are encouraging all students from Prep – 7 to join the Swayneville Run Club, which aims to prepare the body for up and coming carnivals/sports trials and increase general fitness. Year 5 – 7 students who wish to represent Swayneville at the Sarina District Cross Country will need to participate in Run Club as evidence of participating in a training program – a requirement of Sarina District Sport.

School Buses: There are three bus runs that service the school. They are not managed by the school. For access, please contact:

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Management of Bus Travel is taken seriously by the school. Students travelling on buses are met by a teacher in the morning and supervised until 8:30 when the classrooms open. After school, they are put into their bus lines and rolls are marked. Unless we are told otherwise, students will be put onto the bus as per usual arrangements. It is essential that the school is informed of any change of arrangements. Bus notes can be sent to school or please ring the office. The Code of Bus Conduct was sent home with students yesterday.