On the first day for the 2013 school year, the school took delivery of 17 boxes all stating "your earn and learn reward has arrived".

During 2012, so many of you collected the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers, and diligently stuck them on the charts and posted them in our office. I also know that many of us twisted the arm of many friends and family to send their stickers our way.

It has paid off. Your efforts have gifted the school several thousand of dollars worth of hands-on materials - all items that would quickly drain a small school budget.

Items include: 4 x class sets of small magnetic whiteboards, 2 sets magnetic letters, 4 lego kits (including base boards), stop watches for small group activities, 3 x free standing hundred boards with rotating numbers (great for counting and number patterns), set of 6 x 250mL bottles of poster paint for each class, 4 sets goggle eyes, styrofoam cutter, a portable data projector that turns any surface into an interactive whiteboard (can’t wait to try it!) and a large set of construction sticks for the prep room.

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
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!
Staffing has remained constant for 2013, with some realignment of work roles so that we can manage with the government belt tightening measures.

Year 5-6-7:
Teachers = Mrs Jodie Tromba + Mrs Roslyn Waldron.
Teacher Aide = Jacki Lamont (McLoughlin)

Year 3-4-5:
Teachers = Mrs Lee Schwarzrock + Mrs Wendy Robinson
Teacher Aide = Susie Anderson

Year 1-2:
Teacher = Mrs Carolyn Mayne    Teacher Aide = Jody Matthews

Prep - Year 1:
Teacher = Mrs Julie Arnold        Teacher Aide = Beth Richards
Intern Teacher = Mrs Belinda Fountain

Special Needs Teacher = Mrs Tromba
Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy = Mrs W.
Guidance (on needs basis) = Mrs Karen Chase
Chappie = To be advised
LOTE = Mr Horimoto

Admin = Carolyn Hoare
Cleaning = Caroline Martin
Grounds = Merv Murray

Meet the new LOTE teacher.

Mr Taku Horimoto will be our LOTE teacher (Japanese) at Swayneville this year. Mr Horimoto is an itinerant teacher that visits several schools in the area, and is based at Sarina State School.

A native speaker of Japanese, and a fluent speaker of English, Mr Horimoto will be taking both year 6 and year 7 students in a combined class on both Monday and Friday mornings, from 9:00 - 9:45.

Belinda is in her final year of study at CQ University Mackay completing her Bachelor of Learning Management degree, where she is specialising in the Primary strand of teaching.
She lives at Sarina and has worked in a variety of jobs in the Sarina district since moving here 11 years ago.
Belinda will be a regular visitor to the classroom throughout the year, and while being coached and mentored by Julie, will be a valuable member of our teaching team.
Belinda has two children of her own.
Auskick Anyone?

NAB AFL Auskick is the Australian Football League’s key introductory program for primary school-aged boys and girls and their families. Through our WEEKLY COACHING PROGRAM, you’ll learn the skills of the game through appropriately modified activities and rules, play football in a fun and safe environment, and make plenty of new friends too!

Over 1800 participants were involved in the Auskick program throughout Mackay and the Whitsundays in 2012! Participants will enjoy 8 weeks of AFL coaching (fully accredited coaches), and receive fantastic benefits which include: 2013 AFL Auskick backpack, Football – Size 1 – Fuchsia (Girls) Yellow (Boys), cap, drink bottle, pump, pencil set, footy cards, footy card album, activity book, rainbow shoelaces, essentials guide, NAB Ladder magnet and insurance!! Your local AFL club affiliated to your school is the Sarina Demons with juniors from U7s to U13s.

Swayneville SS AFL Auskick Centre
Sign on & 1st Session: Wednesday 6th Feb, 2013
Time: 1.00pm – 1.40pm during Lunchtime (every Wed for 8 weeks)
Venue: Swayneville State School Oval
Cost: $60 for children aged 5 (in 2013) to 12 yrs old.
For more information contact: AFL QLD Mackay office on 4951 0622
Or AFL Development Officer Dion Obst on 0424 156 248
Visit www.aflauskick.com.au to register!

Thought about TENNIS lessons?

Alan Harris Tennis School holds tennis lessons at the School on Thursday beginning 07 February with Lefty. The lessons are open for grades 1-7. Costs are $8.00 per lesson or $60 per term.

If your child or children are interested in doing tennis lessons the forms are attached to the newsletter and are available from the office.

Awards:

How our reward system works:

In the classrooms a ‘gotcha’ systems works. When a child is caught being good, their ‘gotcha’ is recorded. 50 ‘gotchas’ earn a certificate on parade. To support this teacher compliment the ‘gotcha’ program with their own classroom system.

During Parade on Friday afternoon (2:40 - 3:00) teachers also distribute special awards to individual students to recognise something praise worthy that has occurred within the classroom.

Bee stamps are given out a lunch time, for those caught being good. The school captains weekly count the number of bee stamps. The class with the most bee stamps for the week wins “The Queen Bee” award …. and the packet of lollies to share around the class.

Rewards Day, is a curriculum based hands-on activity day for everyone who has behaved well during the term. Rewards Day are usually the last day of term and are sooo much fun!