Hello everyone,

It’s time to grab the diary to put in all our date claimers! While as normal, teaching and learning will remain our core business, this term has a host of creative and social events that will keep our school community out and happening. ☺ Our website also have all these dates readily available.

We start this week with the excursion to Whitsunday Voices on the Thursday for Years 3 – 6 (please have the kids here bright and early), and a visit from Brad Huddleston’s – The Dark Side of Technology to discuss cyber awareness with the children. Parent information sessions regarding cyber safety are also available.

Our P&C meeting is this coming Friday afternoon @ 1:00pm in the library. Please attend – our catering at the Blue Mountain Campdraft is on our agenda, and there is information further into the newsletter.

On another note, it is time to gauge parent satisfaction with important aspects of schooling through our annual School Opinion Survey. Each family is entitled to have a voice, so each will receive a unique identification code that will enable you to complete the online survey. This unique code, and an information letter will be mailed home separately. Staff and students complete the survey at school.

The results for our school will help Swayneville to evaluate and reflect on how well the school is going and identify areas for future development. The survey results are also an important part of the school’s annual report. The more families that complete the survey, the more effective and reflective the data is. Your response is completely confidential, and will not be reported in a way that would allow you to be identified.

Internet access can be organized through the school – any of our staff will be able to direct you to a computer and provide assistance as required. ☺

Interested in having your First Aide Certificate updated? The school is hosting a First Aide Course next Wednesday afternoon. Please register your interest with Carolyn (Admin) asap. There is a cost for undertaking the course (between $80 - $110). Open to anyone in the community. ☺

Report Cards went home on the last day of term 2. Our teachers thoroughly appreciate the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with you, so if you would like a parent/teacher interview, please make an appointment through the office.

THANKS FOR THE HELPING HANDS around the school!

Swayneville Swag

We hope you all had a wonderful time with your family and friends over the holiday break. We have a very exciting term ahead of us across all learning areas and we can’t wait to share some of our activities with you! One exciting Art topic will see us exploring the concepts of movement, transition and metamorphosis in our unit of “Dance”. In History we will be examining the early influencers who played a role in establishing our nation. English will examine some of our legendary Australian characters through the eyes of our early authors.

-- from the 4/5/6

Important Dates:
16 July – Whitsunday Voices (Mackay) & Parent Meeting re Dark Side of Technology.
17 July – The Darkside of Technology – class presentations
17 July – P&C meeting 1:00pm @ the library
22 July – Rock Pop Mime practice in Mackay
22 July – First Aide Course @ 3:00pm
24 July – Sarina High School Scholarship Applications due.
30 July – Arts Council Performance “Heave Ho! Off We Go!”
3 August – Music Avia
7 August – Free Dress Day! (Theme to be announced)
14, 15 16 August – Blue Mountain Campdraft
Food for thought .. with a difference

I was asked recently if I am paid to provide the Chaplaincy program at Swayneville State School. My reply was “Yes, not a lot but enough”. Following the High Court challenge and ruling over funding of School Chaplains, the Federal Government now provides a grant to Education Queensland for Chaplaincy in State primary and high schools. That is good news!

However, the sad news is this grant does not cover the full costs of a Chaplain’s wage. Therefore, locally, a considerable amount of fundraising happens to cover the deficit. This occurs through things like raffles, garage sales, fun family evenings and other events. P&C and school family contributions, or corporate sponsorship provide sustaining funds. There are also private sponsorship programs such as -- “Cattle for Kids” or “10 for Chappie” monthly donations – that keep a steady trickle of monies coming in.

If you are able to provide any ideas for Chaplaincy fundraising please let us know. Or if you are able to provide a modest monthly donation to support the service, this would be greatly appreciated also. The student council has a couple of Free Dress Days planned this semester from which donations will be made to the Local Sarina Chaplaincy Committee to support your school Chaplain. I look forward to seeing you there and am very grateful for your support and encouragement.

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Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for your local primary school, secondary school or Early Learning Centre. Last year more than 14,500 schools and Early Learning Centres benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs.

It's simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your local school or at your local Woolworths.
Blue Mountain Campdraft, 2015.

Just a reminder to everyone that the Blue Mountain Campdraft is fast approaching. This year the campdraft will be on the 14th, 15th and 16th August. It is held at the Blue Mountain Campdraft Grounds, “Strathdale”, Blue Mountain Rd Sarina, approximately 25 min from school over the Sarina Range.

For our new families who may be unaware, the catering for this event is the major school fundraiser for the year. Our school runs the canteen and provides all meals for competitors and spectators from Friday night through to Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately last year’s event was cancelled due to bad weather but in 2013 we made over $7000 profit for the weekend.

There are many ways in which you can support this event and our school.

1. Providing a hot meal for Friday night.
2. Provide baking for sweets and desserts.
3. Rostering on to work a shift at the event.
4. Donate goods to help with the catering. (Last year we had donations of items ranging from cartons of soft drink to BBQ sauce and coffee. These donations really helped to increase our profits.)

Work Roster:

To make it easier and for things to run smoothly we need at least 8 crews of approximately 8 people rostered over the weekend. Due to the high quality of food and reasonable prices we have most of the 300 competitors and spectators eat all their meals at our canteen. This means that the more people we can roster on to help, the lighter the load. Each crew would need people to cook the bbq, prep and serve food.

There are camping facilities on site for those of you that may like to camp the night, with toilets and hot showers available. Those of us that camped out previously had a great time and the children enjoyed the weekend as well. It’s a great social event and one that greatly benefits our school financially. The success of this event really does rely on the dedication and team work of our school community and I hope everyone will be able to get behind it and support our school.

If you could please indicate how you may be able to assist with the catering event using the attached form, and return it to school, it would be very much appreciated. We encourage you to seek help from family and friends as many hands make light work. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and if you would like to donate items.

Many thanks,
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Student Awards Friday 26th June 2015
100% attendance certificates were handed out.

Year 3/4
Izabel Stead: always applying herself.
Rori Matthews: super listener award.

Year 1/2
Lawson McFadzen: amazing week in mathematics.
Cordell Kissier: amazing work in handwriting.

Prep/1
Gemma Newton & Brydie Eames: applying themselves all term.

Jesse O’Connor: outstanding Auslan application.

Broundsound Carnival Wrap Up:

Age Champions:
Boys 2004 – Third - Joshua Kocass
Girls 2004 – Second –Jaelee Spencer
- Third – Ellen Schwarzrock
Boys 2006 – Third – Reagan Bella
Girls 2006 – First - Alice Hamblin
- Third – Helana King

Students selected to attend Sarina District Carnival on Monday 20 July at Sarina Athletics Oval are as follows:

Christopher Malaya, Joshua Kocass, Hannah Alway, Tahlaya Maguire, Katie-May Jones, Izabel Stead, Peersen Mooney, Zach Tomlinson, Jesse O’Connor, Nathaniel Catlin, Ellen Schwarzrock, Jaellee Spencer, Lucy Hamblin, Courtney Perna, Tim McFadzen,