Hello Everyone,

This newsletter is a bumper issue! We have quite a few important announcements and attachments to sort through. Please take time to have a thorough read. Our newsletter is our most efficient and detailed manner of keeping the parents and school community up to date. Remember, that whether your newsletter is emailed or distributed to your child, it is also freely available on our website.

We have welcomed 11 new students to our school since the beginning of term. Welcome Shontaine, Jamilah, Andrew, Asha, Kyle, Daniel, Nathaniel, Charlie, Jeremy, Abbey, and Alex.

To help build awareness of what (summative) assessment is taking place within our classrooms across the term, an assessment schedule is attached. Whilst subject to change according to classroom needs, it will provide a guideline as to what, and when assessment is taking place.

May I also bring your attention to the article on tennis lessons on the next page.

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

**Important dates:**
- 19 July - Pastizzi Delivery Date (student council)
- 22 - 26 July - School Opinion Survey Data Collection
- 25 July - Principal Leadership Day
- 26 July - RSCPA visit
- 26 July - Rock Pop Mime Practise in Mackay
- 27 July - Rock Pop Mime Performance
- 7 August - Arts Council
- 16 - 18 August - Camp Draft!
- 23 August - Future Leaders Eco Challenge
- 6 September - Spring High Tea Morning

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**NAIDOC Celebrations**

The NAIDOC Celebrations for 2013, fell within a school week this year enabling the school to be even more proactive in recognising the achievements and struggles of Australia’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Reward Day (end of term 2) focused on building understanding of these cultures, and through the mediums of art and story, foster an awareness of, and deeper appreciation for our indigenous peoples. However, this year we were also able to join in with the Flag Raising Ceremony and luncheon in Sarina.

Offered only to our indigenous students, we took time off class to attend the event. Having our students at the ceremony representing our school, and celebrating their heritage was very special. A very big ‘thankyou’ goes to Ms Astrid Sauney and the rest of the staff at Mudth-Niyteta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Co-op (Miller House), who were very accommodating, and spent time instructing the children. Certainly an event to develop and foster.

Thanks to the parents who helped out on the day - especially given the very tight timelines.
Tennis Lessons - An Opportunity Too Good To Miss

Lefty (Alan Harris), our tennis coach has been coming to the school each Thursday, to provide tennis lessons / coaching for the students at Swayneville School for the last 13 years.

He offers a year round service, using a contractual system that is renewed each term. In other words, parents pay on a term by term basis. Lessons are 30 - 40 minutes long, during the school lunch breaks, and are open to any aged student.

Lefty’s service to the school is our only sport that is taught within the school grounds during school time, but lack of numbers are threatening to remove this opportunity from our school, requiring students to be taken into Sarina during out of school time.

Tennis is a social game for people of all ages. Learning how to play the game will provide your child, not only with a healthy skill set, but also provide them with the confidence to interact socially in this context, for the rest of their lives.

Attached to our newsletter is Lefty’s form for this term.

Sarina Districts Postponed

Due to the wet weather we have been experiencing, the Sarina District Athletics Carnival has been postponed until next week - Tuesday 23rd July to allow time for the grounds at the athletics club to dry out.

Please note these are selection trials for track and field events and students must have permission and medical forms into the school’s office no later than Wednesday 17th July.

The top 3 in each event will be selected to represent Sarina District at the Mackay District Carnival on Wednesday 31st July.

Please be aware that students will need to find their own way to the Sarina and District Athletics Club on these days. If you are having trouble arranging transport please let the school know so transport arrangements can be made.

The 3/4/5 camp and the 5/6/7 camp are going ahead. New students and up to date information will be passed onto your child directly.

School Opinion Surveys

The annual round of School Opinion Surveys are to be completed and returned by the end of next week.

School staff, students and parents are all surveyed so that as a school we are able to determine the ‘pulse’ of how the school is performing.

Only some families are surveyed, using a selection system that is outlined by the Department.

The surveys will be sent home today to the selected families.
**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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**AWARDS!**

**Prep/1**
- Ellyse Burgess - friendship award for being extra kind and thoughtful.
- Matthew Lockie - top effort in completing all his jobs.
- Maddelynn Eames - Student of the week for always being on task.

**Yr 1/2**
- Tarrell Mooney and Reagan Bella - Stars of the week for completing all their sight words.
- Alex Hirsh, Charlie Goulder and Nathaniel Catlin - welcome award for settling into class so well.

**Yr 3/4/5**
- Daniel Hirsh and Kyle Bunn settling in and joining in well in class activities.

**Yr 5/6/7**
- Amelia Swords -20 gotchas.
- Ashea Catlin - outstanding effort in all areas.
- Andrew Hirsh - fantastic effort in settling in. Braydon Dunbar - being a considerate good mate.

**Mathletics awards**
- Claire Perna x 2.
- Georgia Beveridge.

**50 Bee Stamps**
- Callum Street, Jakhobi Moren, Georgia Beveridge, Claire Perna, Kia Walker, Brendan Balderson, Jesse O’Connor, Rhyse McGrigor, Ryan Dennis, Zach Tomlinson, Jessie Borg.

**Queen Bee** = 5/6/7.

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**The Pastizzi orders will be arriving at school at 8.00am on Friday morning for collection.**

**Cattle For Kids** is a fundraising initiative of the Sarina Local Chaplaincy Committee. While some government monies are accessible for the work and remuneration of School Chaplains, most money is raised within the local community, for the local community.

The program works by the committee purchasing a calf (or having one donated) and ‘boarding’ it free of charge with a grazier. The mature animal is then sold.

Would you like to be part of this initiative? Then please contact Stan Grinter on (49561047).

For those who are Catholic:
The Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) preparation program will be beginning on Wednesday 14 August at 5:15pm at St Michael’s hall. Please collect a note from the school office or download it from the school website.

Confirmation photos are available to look at in St Anne’s Office.

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