Hello Everyone,

It’s official - Swayneville ROCKS! (I just couldn’t resist). What a massive achievement by students, teachers and parents. As many have said, “Not bad for a small school.” High praise indeed.

The good news stories continue. Callum Street and Braydon Dunbar head off to Mackay District Sports today to put their sprinting abilities against others of the same standard.

Preparation for Optiminds has also commenced this week, with sufficient students for 2 teams committed to participation. Several other students have indicated their willingness to participate - though we are waiting for their return slip. Please mark August 25 in the family diary.

The school has paid for the registration of the school (several hundred) as part of the statewide Optiminds event. On top of this each team also needs to pay a participation fee. This works out at approx $50 per team, with the additional minimal cost of materials. Invoices will be raised to cover these participation costs - at $10 per child.

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Important dates:
6 August - Some staff at PD
7 August – Deadly Australians
12 August – P & C Meeting
16 - 18 August - Camp Draft!
21 August - some staff at PD
22 August - Principal Meeting
23 August - Future Leaders Eco Challenge
25 August - Optiminds Presentation
28 - 29 August - Principal Meeting in Gladstone
6 September - Spring High Tea Morning
12 - 13 September - 3/4/5 Camp

They joined!
They committed!
They practised and practised and practised.
Parents supported, praised and encouraged.
They pushed through the barriers and persevered.
They performed and …. Then they won!!

While the ‘cute’ factor was definitely an element, Swayneville’s inaugural Rock Pop Mime Team really pulled out all stops on Saturday night to entertain the crowd with a polished performance that was both age appropriate, unique, visually vibrant and fun.

Well done: Reed Beveridge, Maddelyn Eames, Lachlan Marsh, Jordannah Moren, Jazmyn Newton, Alesha McKewen, Bodhi Rowe-Bailey, Alysha Cauchi, Alice Hamblin, Jacaranda Rowe-Bailey, Jessie Borg, Ehlana Tromba, Courtney Perna, Lucy Hamblin, Jaelee Spencer, Marissa Parker, Georgia Beveridge, Jakhobi Moren, Claire Perna, Amelia Swords and Jade Tomlinson.

What a wonderful team effort!

Thanks Mrs Arnold for the memories! ☺
It is planned that the Rock Pop Mime Performance will be part of our Presentation Evening (11/12) at the conclusion of the year. To that end, could all performers please return their costumes to Mrs Arnold for safe keeping.

It has been suggested that we compile a collection of the photos and footage of the evening. To that end, would you please send to the school anything that may be of interest.

Lions Club are so grateful to everyone who made it such a wonderful night. What a huge amount of local talented young people out there. Big thanks has to go to so many people. Council above all else for the donation of the site, Council Staff for all the parking assistance, Tony fantastic lighting and music, DJ’s who gave so much on the night engaging all the young performers at the end of each performance. Judges, who were amazing and on such time limits to get results out to the crowd.

Acknowledgement to the teachers who showcased the wonderful work they are doing in their schools, challenging these gifted children to give it their all, and the artistic background props. I am sure we, as a community, can see the effort that the schools have put into their students and the pleasure it bought us all on the night. All schools worked so hard to the timeframe allowed and the night ran like clock work...... Team work was brilliant. Thank you all.

It was a great whole of community event that took place and we as Lions take great pride that we were part of such a wonderful event. Schools I am sure are also proud of your gifted teachers and students and wonderful that youth of our city were first to perform in the new shell. As Lions we were proud volunteers once again and happy to have shared in such a talented night. Look forward to another "Rock Pop Mime Concert".

Regards Marlie on behalf of all the Lions.
RSPCA - E.M.U. visit

On Friday, last week, the school was graced with a visit from the RSPCA Education Mobile Unit. The intent was to educate children about the work of the RSPCA and how the children can responsibly care for their animals. The EMU had interactive displays, as well as educational videos. All students visited the van, with entry being funded by the Mackay Regional Council.

AWARDS!

Prep/1

Yr 1/2
Alesha McKewen - Reading award. Charlie Goulder and Katie-May Jones - working hard all week.

Yr 3/4/5
Lucy Hamblin and Zach Tomlinson - great work all term.

Yr 5/6/7
Jamilah Anson - for being thoughtful and helpful. Sarah Hamblin - being responsible and reliable by always doing the right thing.

200 Bee Stamps.
Lucy Hamblin.

Reading Eggs Awards.
Jakhobi Moren and Lachlan Marsh.

Queen Bee: Year 1/2

On the 6th August Sarina State High School has a large open day and Career’s day, we are calling our S.H.I.F.T. Day (Shift the way you are thinking about your future). It is a day for the High School students to visit Trade displays and discuss possible career paths as well as receive information regarding their subject selections for the coming year.

On the afternoon of Tuesday 6th, we will have the opportunity for Year 7 students and their parents to visit the school to view the displays between 4 – 6pm. Food will be available for sale. Then from 6 – 7pm we will have an information evening on enrolment into Year 8. Parents and students will view a presentation and they will then be given enrolment packs.