Hello Everyone,

Swayneville State School is pleased to announce that the school office now has *ETPOS facilities.* We are now able to offer these facilities to parents who are making school payments. Cash out is not an option, and we do have a $5 minimum payment limit. Obviously, we have a great deal to learn and work through - but we welcome the change and are delighted to update our facilities in this manner.

Unfortunately, tuckshop orders cannot be paid through EPTOS. The paper bag / envelope system still stands.

On Friday morning, our *first Arts Council* for the year will be held. Robo-Tec will be first up in the day. Most families have paid the $7 per child fees. Late payments can still be made.

Weather permitting our *cross country* will be held next *Monday afternoon.* As water is still running off the hills any serious rain between now and Monday may see the Cross Country postponed to our third reserved date. Information regarding the cross country is further on in the newsletter.

Look forward to seeing as many of you as we can next Monday evening at 5:00pm. The meeting is held in the library. This coming month, the P&C are prioritising project for the year.

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

**Year 1/2 News Update**

We are pleased to welcome Miss Nicola Street into our classroom. Nicola is studying the second year of her Bachelor of Education at James Cook University and we are fortunate to have her join our team for ten half days for the next ten weeks. Please make her feel welcome when you see her in our classroom.

This term has been an exciting and positive learning time for years one and two. We have been focusing on the enjoyment of picture books including those from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

Although reading for enjoyment and practicing appropriate listening skills has been a primary focus the children have been discussing the ways a variety of authors develop characters in picture books by the use of illustrations.

Each student chose a picture book and presented this to the class with an emphasis on speaking clearly in sentences, making eye contact with the audience and explaining how the author showed the feelings of the chosen character using words and images.

Yours in reading,

Year 1/2 classroom

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2. Students know what they know, and know what they need to know next!

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**Important dates:**

13 March - Planned date for Cross Country - POSTPONED
15 March - Arts Council Performance "Robo-Tec"
18 March - Cross Country date #2
18 March - P&C Meeting 5:00pm in the conference room at the back of the library
19 - 20 March - Principal Meeting
22 March - Principal Meeting
22 March - Sarina District NETBALL Trials
25, 26 March - Parent/teacher interviews.
28 March - Rewards Day
Weather permitting; Swayneville’s annual Cross Country will be held next Monday 18th March, 2013. The event is to promote fun and fitness amongst our students but also serves as a selection trial for participation in the Sarina District Cross Country. Students who finish in the top 5 for their event will be considered for selection in the Swayneville Cross Country Team to compete at the Sarina District Cross Country on Wednesday 24th April. Automatic selection is not guaranteed if participants walk the course or are not deemed fit enough to go onto the next level. This year we are trialling a new starting time of 1:00pm. The cross country will start with a warm-up then conclude around 3:00pm. Students will run distances according to age groups:

- Grades P – 1 (5 & 6 year olds) will run a 500m race
- Grades 2 – 3 (7 & 8 year olds) will run a 800m race
- Grades 4 – 5 (9 & 10 year olds) will run a 2km race
- Grades 6 – 7 (11 – 13 year olds) will run a 3km race

Ribbons for 1st – 3rd will be awarded to students who finish in the top 3; all others will receive a participation ribbon. The Cross Country Champion in each age group will also receive a certificate. All students will receive an ice-block for their hard work.

Parents are more than welcome to attend the event and cheer on competitors.

Yours in Cross Country
Mrs Howorth

Check out our website! We are using it more and more…. events, newsletters, school documents etc

EOI [Expressions of Interest] for the relief TA position are welcome. Please send your resume to the school office. Preference will be given to those applicants who have their TA certification.

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From the sport’s desk …

Helena has a goal …

One of our year 2 students has a big plan. She has teamed up with Mum, and a few others to raise money for the Leukemia Foundation, through the world’s greatest shave.

Helena is hoping to raise $250!

Anyone who is so inclined is welcome to leave a donation through the office.

Helena and her mum have left behind a receipt book.

What a great goal to have… helping to help others.
How would you like your newsletter delivered?

With the school website up and running, there is more than one way of accessing the weekly school newsletter. Each week the current newsletter is uploaded.

However, the school is also investigating other methods of distributing the newsletter so that families can have a choice around their preferred option. At this stage, the paper copy of the newsletter will continue as is, but as preferences are established, then our distribution methods will change.

Starting this week, Chappie Di will be ringing all our families to personally ask if they would like an email copy of the newsletter, and if so, to what address. (This also provides you with an opportunity to get to know Di.) More than one address per family is quite OK, and please let Di know if there are other members in the community who would like to be part of the email service.

Parent Teacher Interviews:

While they are always available upon request, the teachers have put aside time on the Monday and Tuesday afternoons in week 9 (the 25 and 26 March) for the end of term catch up. If you would like to meet with a teacher to discuss your child’s progress, please ring the school and make an appointment through Mrs Hoare in the office.

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AWARDS

Prep/1
Every student in prep/one have read 20 home readers!!!
Jordannah Moren, Hannah Tromba, Bailey Perna, Maddelyn Eames, Lachlan Alway - 20 gotchas.

Yr 1/2
Izabel Stead - being a good friend.
Katie-May Jones - working consistently.

Yr 3/4/5
Peersen Mooney - being a learner.
Ellen Schwarzrock - beautiful handwriting.
Jayden Balderson - developing good work habits.
Jaelee Spencer - working well in class.
Mrs Robinson presented a special citizenship award to Blake Holmes, yr 7 as she had noticed him doing kind things for other people around the school this week.

Yr 5/6/7
Taylah Swords, Joshua Lindley, Braydon Dunbar, Aiden Perna, Claire Perna, Rhyse Mcgrigor, Adele Malayta, Blake Holmes, Jade Tomlinson - 20 gotchas.
Kia Walker & Amelia Swords - great maths teamwork.
Jasmine Wright - for her work in money maths.
Jade Tomlinson - for being a thoughtful classmate to her peers.

Queen Bee - 5/6/7

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