Hello everyone,

The P&C AGM was held last Friday. Thanks to those who could attend. Wendy King remains the President, Mel Hamblin is Vice President, Glen/Vashlt McFadzen are secretaries, and Leanne Carey is taking on the treasurer role. Thanks to Kylie Cauchi who has held the treasurer role for the previous 3 years. Your efforts have been very much appreciated.

There is quite a bit going on within the P&C in terms of planning for the forthcoming year’s activities. The meeting is the correct forum for all of these discussions and where decisions are made, so please come along. A special meeting is being held this coming Friday to organize the Raise the Roof Big Bash Fundraiser. Library @ 1:00pm. You are welcome to this too.

Mums and Dads, there have been some very close calls in terms of traffic accidents on the section of the road around the drop off point. It is an 80km zone that many heavy vehicles utilize. We do have a one way section that feeds into the stop, drop and go zone. When leaving this zone, cars needs to merge into the lane coming from Sarina. However, cars cannot cross over the solid double line to reach the lane heading back into Sarina. There is a break in the solid line near the stop | drop | go zone for vehicles to cross over the road to use the U turn facility. Please access that U turn facility. I could not imagine the trauma we would have to deal with if our children witnessed a nasty accident.

The Easter break is not very far away, and only those with vision impairment would miss the chocolate available for sale! Many generous families permit their child/ren to bring little Easter eggs or other ‘goodies’ to distribute to their friends. As mean as it sound, please do not bring these to school. It places other families in the unwanted situation of reciprocation, and heightens food allegories and reactions.

Black buttons (large) are needed for our Anzac Craft/ Rewards Day activities. Donations of 2nd hand buttons would be appreciated.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Where has the time gone?

Wow! Week eight of the first term already!

We have been super busy these past few weeks. We have been learning all about the different planets in our solar system and have been learning a little song that we all love to perform.

We are also focusing on Fairy Tales and Folk Tales and are looking at the different ways that pictures and language are important to a story. We have looked at the fairy tales such as Cinderella, The Three Bears and The Enormous Turnip. We are also going to learn about fractured fairy tales, which will be exciting.

We still are looking at healthy meals for lunch boxes and have completed our pet environments. We are working hard and our paintings, and drawings are coming along well. A huge “Thank you” goes to Mrs Hamblin for her artistic flair with helping with this unit. (P.S remember white is not a great colour on these days.)

We, as a class, would also like to thank all the parents for their hard work and contribution to the class this term -- looking forward to continuing this partnership next term. 😊
Food for Thought

At the start of every school year, we have an influx of new people, mostly students and their families but also a few new staff members.

We have all at some point in time been ‘the new person’. Remember how anxious you felt then.

Consider this – the stranger in our school community, you might have chosen to ignore may possibly turn out to be a really good friend, if you just take the time to get to know them.

You can be certain of this – a person who is thoughtful and kind to others is never short of friends so why not make the effort to be that person.

A message from Chappy Di.

A Swag of Tales

Monday afternoon turned into a wonderful History lesson for all students who were lucky to watch “A Swag of Tales.” Students were absorbed in the tale of the people that would live here in Australia back in 1778. The trials of everyday life for people living here were explored in detail using both story and performance. A few lucky students were picked out of the audience to help bring this performance to life. This brought more laughter and cheers.
Swayneville School is most fortunate to start the year with three bus runs serving our school. There are the two runs that service Blue Mountain area, as well as the East Funnel Creek, Tara Creek and Middle Creek Areas. These are run by Bus Fox.

Bus Fox: 1800 809 734

Vassallo Buses: 07 4943 1600

The bus run out from Sarina is run by Vassallo Buses. Jim Vassallo is trialng this run, giving our school community a chance to prove viability. Jim is investing heavily in our school, so it really is a case of ‘use it, or loose it’.

Please contact the bus companies directly to register your child/ren. Vassallo Buses are also willing to discuss ‘best fit’ with families and it would be worth the conversation if you have enquiries.

At school, our task is help students make the bus in the afternoon. A roll call is taken each afternoon, and if students have changed arrangements and the school has not been informed, then staff are put into a very difficult position. Unless we are directly notified by parents of a change of arrangements, your child will follow their normal routine.

‘Bus Notes’ template (photocopy sheet) have been sent home with your child. Parents are welcome to give them directly to the class teacher, Mrs Hoare in the office or staple them in the KIT book (P–2). Of course, a phone call is also just as effective. Either way, the message needs to get to our bus duty teachers.

A code of bus conduct is applied for travel on school buses. This was sent home with bus students yesterday. Additional copies available.

A letter regarding possible rebates re bus travel for those on lower / limited income is yet another attachment.

Congratulations!

Lucy Hamblin and Ellen Schwarzrock for being selected to represent Sarina & District Primary Schools Sports at the Mackay District Carnival.

All the best girls! Enjoy your carnival!!

Our Learning Objectives: 1. Reading and writing must make sense! 2. Student know what they know, and know what they need to know next!