Hello everyone,

Check out the photo above! It is of four of our 2014 school leaders receiving their scholarship awards. With over 170 year 7 and 8 students moving into Sarina State High School this year, Swayneville State School has more than a fair share of the most sort after scholarships. We are so proud of Georgia, Jakobi, Claire and Braydon. As staff, past students are always ‘our kids’ and we watch their progress with interest.

The Principal conference was well worth my time. Excellent presentations around the latest in educational research by renown speakers, and key messages from the Director General and the Deputy Director General of Education brought together a strong and visionary direction for Education Queensland. Thankfully the food poisoning did not affect myself. I also had the chance to catch up with Carolyn Mayne – a recent Swayneville teacher who now is the principal of Orion State School.

Did you happen to notice the cement rail sleepers behind the library? Thanks to Carolyn Hoare and a connection to someone in Aurizon, these 30 cement sleepers were delivered. They are intended for the carpark, so that the school can better demarcate the parking spaces. Thanks so very much to our kind sponsors.

I am aware the school bell’s time clock is behind by 4 minutes. Unfortunately, there are access issues that needs to be resolved before this can be attended to. While we are not losing teaching and learning time, it is annoying, so the problem will be resolved as soon as possible.

A few reminders: Firstly spoons and forks need to be packed with the children’s lunch if they need them. Secondly, children are not allowed on the play equipment before and after school unless supervised by their adult please. -- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Parents and caregivers must send children to school every school day under Queensland law unless there is an acceptable reason such as:
- illness
- doing work experience
- competing in school sporting events.

If your child is going to be absent from school, you must let the school know why the absence has occurred within two school days of their return. If possible, it is best to advise the school beforehand.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for reasons such as:
- birthdays
- shopping
- visiting family and friends
- if they sleep in
- looking after other children
- minor check ups or care, such as hair cuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

Establishing good routines around school can assist with regular school attendance. These include:
- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively
- send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term from Prep.

Parents are required to seek attendance exemption of absences for more than 10 days. Exemption guidelines are available on the Department of Education and Training website.

Our Learning Objectives: 1. Reading and writing must make sense!

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Sarina Range Playgroup

We would like to welcome you to join us for playgroup on Wednesdays anytime from 9am at the Colston Park CWA hall starting the 18th February.

Come and enjoy a cuppa and let the children do some craft and painting.

For any further information please call Sally Nobbs on 49504 187
Out and about in Phys Ed at Swayneville State School

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Swayneville students, parents, staff and community for welcoming me to your school this year. The students are working well and are buzzing with excitement on Phys Ed days. Term 1 is in full swing providing many offerings for our students. All classes have commenced a Developmental Sports Program which is a series of sequential and developmental motor skills which concentrates on the basic skills of locomotion, ball control, throwing, tracking and trapping, kicking and striking. This program has been designed to complement the existing sport skill development areas of the Physical Education curriculum. The program is highly beneficial to our school as it differentiates for our multi-age classes.

Over the forthcoming weeks, Sarina & District Primary School Sport will be holding sport specific representative trials. A selection of highly skilled U12, and U11 students from our school will be invited to trial at these.

Yours in Sport,
Ms Merrill Lloyd

PE.
Zander Palmer: for perfect hopping and encouraging others.
Bodhi Rowe-Bailey: outstanding skipping - 103 jumps on long rope.

Bee Stamps:
Donohue: 67. Jackson: 75

Queen Bee: 3/4