Flying to and from Brisbane to be able to attend the Principal’s Conference was impacted by the weather, but the time away from the school was well worth it. With the exception of the schools coping with flooding, Principals from around the state were in attendance. The collective group filled the Brisbane Conference Centre.

Naturally the Department had a strategic agenda and the platform was used to launch two key policies. First the Pedagogical framework and resulting expectations were outlined. All schools in Queensland have a responsibility to ensure that a pedagogical framework suitable for their setting is developed by the end of the year. Swayneville State School started this process during 2012, and are currently refining it.

The second launch was the Parent and Community Engagement Framework. These are guiding principles.

Professor Ben Levin was one keynote speaker. Professor Levin is a world leader in educational change. His current research are in large-scale change, poverty and inequity, and finding better ways to connect research to policy and practice in education.

The second keynote speaker was Dr George Otero, an international education consultant and founder of the US-based Centre for Relational Learning.

We even had ‘quality time’ with John Paul Langbroek, the Minister for Education, and given time to feed into current debates.

--- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Learning to read and writing is all about conveying meaning. As such children are active learners about the interrelated skills of how the different elements of language are used to construct meaning, or decode it. At its most basic level, the 3 interrelated cueing systems of what a letter looks like, what sound it represents and how it is put together with other letters to make words that carry meaning, is the major focus of the early phase.

Significant progress is happening with our year one writers in the Prep/1 room. Look at how they are putting it all together!

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**Important dates:**

- 13 March - Planned date for Cross Country - POSTPONED
- 18 March - Cross Country date #2
- 18 March - P&C Meeting 5:00pm in the conference room at the back of the library
- 22 March - Sarina District NETBALL Trials
- 15 March - Arts Council Performance “Robo-Tec”

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**CHEWING GUM IS NOT WELCOME AT SCHOOL.**

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**Our Learning Objectives:** 1. Reading and writing must make sense! 2. Student know what they know, and know what they need to know next!
Due to the heavy rain and soggy conditions this week, Swayneville’s Cross Country event will be postponed until Monday 18th March. If conditions do not improve by this date we will look at holding the event in the final week of this term on Wednesday 27th March. We will keep you posted on any decisions regarding cross country. Fingers crossed the rain goes away!
Yours in Cross Country
Mrs Howorth

New name for QCPCA

Our state parent body, formerly QCPCA, has changed its organizational structure and is now called P&Cs Qld. The change does not affect how our school P&C operates but will provide more focused support for all state school P&C associations. Our dedicated P&C makes a vital contribution to the school community and always welcomes new members or support from volunteers. Please contact Swayneville State School P&C to find out how you can get involved.

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.

Don’t play in stormwater drains

As the wet weather season continues please take the time to warn your children about the dangers of playing in or near flood waters and stormwater drains.

Queensland Fire and Rescue’s Swiftwater site can help you get this important message heard by your children or listen to flood stories told by young people.
Check out our website! We are using it more and more…. events, newsletters, school documents etc.

Swayneville Swag

It is with pleasure that the school community welcomes Chappie Di! (Dianne Barnett)

Di has been appointed by the Sarina Chaplaincy Committee to work solely at our school, and will be on site two full days a week.

Thank you for the warm welcome to Swayneville SS! It has been great to start getting to know the community and children over the last two days.

I thought it might be appropriate for you to get to know a little about me so that when we do meet you will have an advantage and perhaps feel comfortable to break the ice. Here is the nutshell of me:

I have been married to Dion since 1970 and we have two adult daughters Adrienne and Leda and two grandsons, Gabriel and Deacon, from Adrienne and Dave. Dion and I moved to Sarina from Port Hedland in 2002 and have enjoyed life in the community here since then.

My background is nursing. I studied at the Mater hospital in Brisbane and registered as a nurse in 1972. Since then, I have completed further studies that include Midwifery, Child Health and Christian counselling certificates, a Bachelor of Nursing and two Masters degrees in Remote Health Management and Remote Health Practice. My special interest was working in rural and remote centres and I did hold the position of Director of Nursing at Sarina Hospital and then Director of Nursing for the Mackay Health Service District until 2008. From 2008 until 2010 I coordinated the redevelopment of Mackay Base Hospital.

In 2010 I was in Brisbane for medical treatment for blood cancer and at that time decided I needed a lifestyle change to move from high pressure to high enjoyment. Hence, the move to semi-retirement and working with community and particularly children. I am involved with community radio (My105fm), my grandchildren, as well as working part time at Swayneville SS.

If you think I am able to help you or your family in any way, please give the school a call and/or come and see me. I will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays and will provide any assistance I can.

Chappie Di. (Dianne Barnett)

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LAST WEEK OF TICKET SALES
– for Sarina Surf Club Fundraising Dinner
– Fri 15 March 2013
@ Bob Woods Cultural Hall, Sarina.
‘A Night with Ben Price’ – Aust Got Talent Finalist
+ Local Artists Judah Kelly & Chrissy Nixon.
Booking Ess – Phone 0427 877 874

School Banking!

It has come to our attention that we have not informed our incoming families about school banking procedures. Our apologies.

This is not coordinated through the teachers. Please drop your child’s banking (or they can after 8:30) into the school office on a Tuesday morning - and Mrs Hoare will undertake the banking process.

If you would like to encourage regular saving, then forms for opening a school banking account are available.

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