Hello everyone,
NAPLAN continues to be knocked over this week, with today being the second day of testing, with a total of the 3 out of the 4 now completed. Only the maths test is left to be done. Tuesday was the heaviest day with Language Conventions and Writing both on the one day, while this morning saw the Reading Test completed. Important — yes! Point in time — also yes. Thanks for ensuring your children have been in attendance. ☺ Thank you to staff for the willing hands in cooking a bonus breakfast for our NAPLAN kids.

Excitement is building for our major forthcoming events. The Big Bash – Raise the Roof Fundraiser is an event set to be an enjoyable event. While the aim is to raise money to put a solid roof over the tennis court, it should also prove to be quality entertainment given the cricket competition, live band, dinner and kids entertainment. I will be there! Hopefully I will get to catch up with you all throughout the course of the day. Thanks Wendy, Vashi, Glen, Leanne and team for the tremendous work that you have done in preparation for the event.

The Mother’s Day stall was a real hit with the kids, and we also hope – with our Mothers! The kids had a real buzz being able to purchase something for mum/grandma/aunty, and had some real learning money about the purchase power of money. While not a huge fundraiser, the Mother’s Day stall is a significant cornerstone of the Community building component of our P&C, and thanks goes to Kylie and Jeanine for organizing and running this event.

By the way, cool weather has been hitting the mountains, and our classrooms are not heated. Having a jumper on hand is a really good idea while our rooms warm up for the day. Please ensure that they are named.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

**Triple Treat**

Year 3 and 5 have a chance to shine through NAPLAN, but next week it is time to celebrate our students Under 8! Our early phase students (P – 2) are being treated to a special morning of celebration on Tuesday from 9:00 – 10:30.

Open to any child from our district aged from birth to through to those in year 2, our morning is going to be packed with hands on activities and attractions. With a merry-go-round, emergency services, Landcare, and heaps of hands-on activities, our morning is set to a busy one. Students/children are required to be supervised by an adult as staff will be busy helping at activities. Tea and coffee will be available, and our Chappie Di will also be on hand, as after all, it is also Chappie Week. 😊

**Bookfair** is also on next week. Students are welcome to peruse and purchase during the second lunch break, though parents are welcome during office hours (8 – 3). Mrs Hoare will be supervising our bookfair, and we thank her for her special efforts. A portion of funds raised are returned as books for our school library. 😊

**Important Dates:**
12 – 14 May - NAPLAN
16 May – Raise the Roof Big Bash Fundraiser
18 – 22 May – Book Fair, Under 8’s Week, Chappy Week.
19 May – Under 8’s Day Morning Activities 9:00 – 10:30
8 June – Queen’s Birthday holiday
10 June – Broadsound Carnival – ½ day – field events. Bus.
12 June – whole of school event Broadsound Carnival. Parents to transport children to and from Sarina Athletics grounds.

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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!
Food for Thought

Planning for the future – it’s something we all do. We plan for the Formal, for holidays, for retirement etc. There’s certainly nothing wrong with looking ahead but sometimes we forget to take time to appreciate the present.

Each new day brings 1440 minutes for us to make the most of. We can waste that time complaining about life’s problems and disappointments or we can be determined not to let anything steal our joy.

If you really think about it – there’s not one of us who can guarantee that we will be around for the next Formal, the next holidays or our retirement. All we can be certain of is right here and now. Appreciate the opportunities today can bring, use your time wisely and look for ways of bringing joy to the lives of others.

If you can be ‘joyful’, it won’t affect whether you have a long life or a short one, but it will certainly give you far more peace of mind.

A message from Chappy Di.
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 49431600

The bus run out from Sarina is run by Vassallo Buses. Jim Vassallo is trialling 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 to 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.

A ‘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.

SPORTING NEWS

Cross Country and Fun Run forms and money is due in now please. We are waiting to place the order for the prizes, and need all forms to be returned. Please have them in by the end of the week.

FACILITIES WORK:
Have you noticed the fresh paint work on our senior toilet block? They were painted over the holidays. Yesterday, new lights were installed down the central undercover walkway, and work has commenced on a light for the carpark. That is so welcome!
New carpet in the music room next week. 😊

AWARDS

Year 4/5/6
Jesse O’Connor & Ehlana Tromba: excellent work in maths.

Year 3/4
Katie-May Jones: working hard in English & Maths.

Year 1/2
Matthew Lockie: huge step forward with spelling.
Evandah Skein: always giving 110% in class.

Prep/1
Charli Milton & Jorgen Jensen: being respectful & showing good manners.

Bees Stamps.

Queen Bee: 4/5/6.