Hello Everyone,

It has been great to see Mums and Dads floating around the school as you come in to support your children with their dental care. This is a classic case of reluctant smiles.

NAPLAN testing is next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It directly affects grades 3, 5 and 7. Alternative arrangements are being made to look after the year 2, 4 and 6 students while the tests are being conducted. It is expected that all students in 3, 5, and 7 will undergo this testing. However, parents do have the right of withdrawal, and adjustments can be made for those who need that consideration. These arrangements need to be in place by the end of the week, so please contact the office so that the paperwork can be signed off on.

As per usual, the staff are preparing a breakfast like snack for year 3, 5 and 7 students on the morning of the test. This will be available between 8:00 – 8:30am. Donations of eggs would be appreciated.

The Cookie Dough fundraiser is underway for the P&C, with order forms going home with today’s newsletter. Absolutely the most convenient way of having fresh baked biscuits, there is a large variety to choose from. The dough can be kept in the fridge for months, and can also be frozen. Please return money with orders to the office by 21 May. Wendy King is coordinating this fundraiser if you have any questions.

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Important dates:
8 May – Arts Council 2:00pm $6
9 May – Free Dress Day
9 May – Mother’s Day Stall
13, 14, 15 May – NAPLAN testing
20 May – Under 8’s Day
21 May – Cookie Dough orders due.
22 May – 7&8 enrolment evening Sarina SHS
26 May – Book Fair Week
26 – 29 May – Principal Conference
13 June – Cookie Dough pickup
NAPLAN testing

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.
Our Learning Objectives:
1. Reading and writing must make sense!
2. Student know what they know, and know what they need to know next!

Swayneville Swag

Awards

Yr 6/7.
Jakhobi Moren-for having a positive attitude in all work areas.
Jasmine Wright-for trying to stay on task all day.

Yr 4/5.
Chris Todd: working hard in all areas.
Ehlana Tromba: working hard in maths all week.

Yr 2/3.
Reagan Bella: never giving up on any task.
Alice Hamblin: outstanding attitude to learning and knowing 800 sight words.

Yr 1/2.
Matthew Lockie: for great sentence writing.
Jack Clarke: showing persistence in all areas of work.

Prep.
Zander Palmer: student of the week for trying hard and never giving up.
Henry Vonhoff: top effort in everything he does.
Evanlah Skien: friendship award for helping her classmates during pack up time.

50 Bee Stamps. Claire Perna & Shakira Matton.

Bee Stamps.
Donohue - 235, Jackson-254.

Queen Bee: Yr 1/2.

Free Dress Friday!!
Theme: Your favourite sport
Date: 9 May
Cost: Gold coin donation (towards student council)
If you do not wish to participate, please come in uniform.

Book Fair
26 – 29 May.
Brochure being sent home today.

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