Hello everyone,

Congratulations to our students who represented the school at the district cross country in Sarina yesterday. Our students performed admirably, and special recognition needs to go to Jacaranda Rowe-Bailey who made it into the Regional event. Awesome work Jacaranda. 😊

Schools are busy places and ours is no exception. Mother’s Day stall and P&C meeting this coming Friday, NAPLAN next week, topped off with our Big Bash Fundraiser, then Under 8’s day and our school book fair. Heaps to keep us all busy! We are chasing a few bits and pieces that you may have access to. Donations of the following are appreciated (to the office):

- Bottle tops and other things suitable for threading
- A sauce bottle
- Golf sticks – suitable for putting
- Old golf balls
- Bales of hay

A helping hand on the morning of Under 8’s Day would be very much appreciated. Set up starts at 7:00am.

Parents of children in Prep – 1 are asked to check their children’s ports to ensure that a change of clothes is available. Children experience toileting accidents from time to time and this preemptive measure helps relieve concerns. The school usually holds some change of clothes on hand, but all have been utilized, but not washed and returned. Any donations of second hand uniforms etc would be much appreciated to replenish our stock.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Important Dates:

4 May – AEDI data collection starts
8 May – Mother’s Day Stall. $2 and $5 gifts available.
8 May – P&C general meeting in Library @ 1:00pm
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

We are all hard at work in the Year 3/4 classroom. The Yr.3’s are continuing preparations for the upcoming NAPLAN test and both grades are working on new units of work for Term 2.

Although this will be the Yr.3’s first experience with NAPLAN, we feel they will be familiar with the format of the tests and be ready to ‘give it their best shot’. They are looking forward to the special breakfast at school to get them off to a good start.

Following the visit from Starlab in week one, we are working on a Space unit in Science and in English we are enjoying reading and writing about the delightful, yet sometimes disgusting ‘The Twits’ by Roald Dahl.

The History unit this term is Gallipoli, which is very appropriate, with this being the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign. Along with lots of maths, and some health and visual art activities we will be extremely ‘busy bees.’
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2. Student know what they know, and know what they need to know next!

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Food for Thought

Conflict – why is there so much of it? As long as humans have existed, it seems that there have always been those who respond with anger. It is all too easy for us to criticise the violence that we hear about in our television news programs – wars, assaults and sometimes even murders, but we need to ask ourselves if we too are part of the problem.

All of us have the potential for either conflict or peace living within us. In every situation we find ourselves in, we have to choose to do deal with others in either a hostile or peace making manner.

What about you? How do you react when someone disagrees with you? What about when someone accidentally bumps into you in a crowd or holds you up in traffic? Being around angry people is never pleasant, so please take a truthful look at your behaviour and make the commitment to choose peaceful solutions from now on.

If you are an angry person, I can guarantee that you are not a happy person, so if you need to make changes, realise that you too will benefit from your efforts. Try being a peace maker as you deal with conflict.

A message from Chappy Di.

P&C NEWS
"Raise The Roof" Big Bash Fundraiser:
..... Saturday 16th May from 1pm til late

Do you want to save $5 per child for a Kid's Activities Armband?? If so make payment of $10 per armband directly to the P&C Bank Account BSB:- 124982 A/C:- 22049368 A/C Name:- Swayneville State School P&C Association (use your Surname & the word 'Armbands' as the payment reference) no later than Wed 13th May, or to Mrs Hoare at the School Office. These armbands will be $15 on the day.

Please join us to assist with raising funds to provide an additional covered area for our school. Bring your family and friends for an enjoyable afternoon and evening. All members of the wider community welcome!

The day will kick off at 1pm with a Cricket Competition, Bar & Food Stalls. Kid's entertainment (incl. jumping castles) will run from 4pm-8pm - $10 for an Armband pre-paid, $15 paid on the day. Live band "Black Coral" from 6pm-10pm.

Final Cricket Team Nominations due now!!!! Call Glenn on 4950 4150 ASAP to secure your place ($35 per team, limit of 8 teams).

NOTE:- The bank details in the original flyer that was sent home were incorrect! They were the old account that has been closed. If you have already attempted to transfer funds these will have been returned to your bank account. The correct bank account details are BSB:- 124982 A/C:- 22049368 A/C Name:- Swayneville State School P&C Association. Please use your Surname & the word 'Armbands' or 'Cricket' as the payment reference.

Call Wendy on 0418 756 493 if you have any enquiries re the event.

Mother’s Day Stall:
..... this coming Friday morning.

The P&C have put together a Mother’s Day Stall to help our kids purchase something special .. all by themselves … to give Mum and Grandma.
All gifts are $2 or $5. Please send along your child’s spending money in a named envelope so that the teachers and P&C members can help guide purchases. 😊
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 helping 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.

'Buss 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.

Cross country certificates handed out.

Year 4/5/6
Nathaniel Catlin: always following the 4B rules.
Lachlan McFadzen: significant improvement in maths work.

Year 3/4
Xavier Anson -Kissier: good effort in home reading.
Hugh Cousins: super listener award.

Year 1/2
Ella Wright Cole & Ryan Lovell: tremendous effort all week.

Prep/1
Gabby Boswood & Gemma Newton: excellent writing.
Bee Stamps.

Queen Bee: 4/5/6.

SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

Sarina and District Tennis Fixtures are looking for players. Feb – Nov. Fixtures on Thursday morning, Thursday night and Saturday.
Phone: Alan Harris Tennis on 0435 823866 or email sarinatennisclub@gmail.com

MACKAY DISTRICT 12 Years & Under SCHOOL SOFTBALL TRIALS. There is no Sarina trial for softball as this is a trial trials where students trial directly with Mackay and District. 7th May.
Please contact the office for further details and forms.

12 Years & Under MACKAY & DISTRICT SCHOOL’S SPORTS COMMITTEE RUGBY UNION SELECTION TRIALS. These trials are a direct nomination by schools and there is no Sarina District Trials. Tuesday 26th May 2015 4.00 – 5.30pm. Please contact the school office for more details.

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