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Bee Involved …
Calling all parents (and anyone else we can ‘rope’ in)!
It’s time for a working bee.
This Saturday from 8:30 – 10:30. Bring gardening tools, trailers or chainsaws. There is tidying up and fencing to do!
- weather permitting

Hello Everyone,

Busy-ness seems to be the order of the day, but without compromise the focus continues to be on teaching and learning here at Swayneville. Students and teachers are showing signs of end of year tiredness … early to bed and dose up on vitamin time.

This morning was a morning for celebration as we welcomed the our 2014 incoming prep students. It makes us all very aware of just how much our current prep cohort has grown and matured. At this stage, we have a possible 216 preps in 2014 … so we are heading into planning mode! Check out our pictures on page 3.

Included in the newsletter again this week, is the advertisement regarding participating in extra-curricula music lessons in guitar or keyboard. We need 15 children to register with the program in order for it to go ahead.

P&C continue to finish the year strongly. We have a working bee on Saturday morning. While the lst will always be longer than time permits, we are seeing just how much we can get done in the two hours we have allocated. The fencing is the priority. Many hands make light work – so we hope you can give a hand.

The final P&C meeting is scheduled for Monday 11 November @ 3:30pm.

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Important dates:
9 November – 2 hour working bee
11 November – P&C meeting
13 November – Prep Transition morning #2
14 November – Year 7 transition day #1
20 November – Prep Transition morning #3
21/22 November – School Operations Audit
21 November – Year 7 transitions day #2
9 December – Swimming Carnival
11 December – Awards Night (All invited!)

Now And Then

We all have some idea of how things were in the past. We may have listened to our elders tell tales of ‘back in the olden days…’ or ‘in my day…’ or seen images and stories in movies and/or television. Year 3/4/5 have been researching what history Queensland formed over the years since settlement.

We are comparing and contrasting how our ancestors lived, worked and played to how we do it these days. It is interesting to hear students remark how hard it was and how boring things were with fewer material things to use and play with! At the same time, they display pleasing curiosity and eagerness to learn how different it was for their forebears.

The class has also been very fortunate to have received some excellent examples of technology used in the past. These include an old radio, butter churner, telephones, cameras, sewing machines, tools, money and kitchen items. We sincerely thank parents who have entrusted these precious things for the sake of our unit.

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LIFEGUARD TRAINING COURSE IN MACKAY

Surf Life Saving Queensland is offering a limited number of positions free of charge in a Lifeguard training course held over 5 days during the end of year school holidays: 2nd-6th December 2013. To be eligible you must be:

• 17 years of age or older
• Able to swim 400m in less than 8 minutes
• Interested in working as a casual Lifeguard with SLSQ

This course covers the following awards: Bronze Medallion, Cert II in Public Safety, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques, and Advanced First Aid.

For more information or to apply contact: hridland@lifesaving.com.au or (07) 49535116 by 5.00pm Monday, 25th November 2013.
Welcome enrolling 2014 prep students! Your adventure begins....

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Our students have again been involved in preparations for the Music Count Us In which promotes the value of music education in schools. The song “Keep On” was written by a group of students who were selected through a song writing competition. The lyrics of the song encourage children to have dreams and just keep trying for what they want. The idea behind Music Count Us In is that “Music boosts your brain power, builds your team skills and lets you express who you are”. It illustrates the importance music plays in education and in bringing people together in a shared experience.

From the organisers: “We did it! Last week more than 2,150 schools (and more than half a million kids) sang the same song, at the same time, from Adelaide to Albany, Canberra to Coogee, Mount Isa to Mount Druitt, Bundaberg to Ballarat, Launceston to Lord Howe Island, Halls Creek to Humpty Doo. Schools performed on beaches, in the street, in shopping malls, atop skyscrapers, in performing arts centres, in school halls and classrooms, the whole country coming together to celebrate music education.”

Live streaming from Surfer’s Paradise and Melbourne has now been published on You Tube.

http://youtube.com/user/musiccountusin

They are also on Facebook Music: Play for Life and Music: Count Us In

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AWARDS

Prep 1
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