Hello everyone,

What a lot of things we have had this past week to celebrate! There is the tremendous sponsorship by Bendigo Bank to cover the cost of the buses used to get the children to swimming. There was the delight in seeing past Swayneville children receiving awards at the Sarina State High School Presentation Night. PCYC (after school care providers) passed the full accreditation program despite being a service less than 12 months old. Then, well then - even though it took a while to get to air – the wonderful news report on 7 local news celebrating the achievements of our OptiMinds finalists. Not bad for a small school! Well done everyone. 😊

Our transition programs are a significant body of work during term 4. Our incoming preps are lovely. We have had 18 expressions of interest, and to date most turned up for the first morning. The Year 6 into High School program will conclude later this month with the orientation day, when they attend high school for the day and are put into their classes. How quickly the primary school years fly. Student enrolment numbers are always something that we need to monitor as it effects staffing and class composition. Please advise the office or your class teacher if you know that your children may be leaving the school at the end of the year.

On a different note, you may have noticed the absence of Mrs Matthews from the Year 1/2 room. Jody is experiencing ill health, and is unlikely to return before the end of the year. Her return is anticipated in the new year, so we wish her all be best as she tackles this turn of events.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Reminder: Year 6 Graduation Voucher letters were due back last week. Also, Year 6 Graduation Dinner RSVPs are also required.
$3200.00

Sarina Bendigo Bank Award P&C with Grant.

Costs are forever increasing, and with fundraising being an ongoing effort, it is with great thankfulness that the P&C acknowledge the recent awarding of $3200 dollars during the latest round of grant distributions.

Helping every single student in the school, this grant was accessed to cover the cost of paying for the buses that take the children to swimming each week during term 4. This is an annual significant cost that eats into the fundraising efforts of our P&C. To have Sarina Bendigo Bank support our school in this way is an enormous support to the Swayneville Community and will enable the P&C to work towards other big picture goals – such as covering our tennis court.

Thanks to our P&C President - Wendy King - for going along on Thursday night and representing our school. ☺

Published to all schools by the Director General of Education:

OptiMINDS challenges students to think, create, and communicate

Congratulations to those students who recently competed in OptiMINDS. We had many successful Queensland schools, including Hermit Park State School who produced an outstanding performance in the Social Sciences division — receiving both ‘Queensland State Champions’ and ‘Australian Champions’ in their division. There were 172 teams competing in these finals.

Another notable achievement came from Swayneville State School, who received the 2015 Spirit of OptiMINDS Award. They were one of seven teams that were awarded this honour out of the 118 school teams who competed in the finals. It is fantastic to see representation from this rural area — 10km west of Sarina. Congratulations again to all Queensland teams who competed.

Dr Jim Watterston
Director-General

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Food for Thought

Changes –

At this time of year many of us are facing these. Some people are entering the workforce for the first time, some are changing jobs, moving schools or moving to another town. All of these situations can make us feel very anxious. Even the thought of what a new year might bring can cause people to worry. If you are feeling a bit apprehensive about your future, can we suggest that instead of worrying about what might or might not happen, develop a more positive attitude, an excited anticipation of what the future holds in store for you. If there are going to be big changes in your life, see these as perhaps an opportunity to meet new people, to make new friends and to enjoy new experiences. Worrying will steal your enjoyment of life. Have nothing to do with it. Instead start looking forward to whatever this next chapter of your life might bring.

A message from Chappy Di.

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