Hello Everyone,

As most of the ‘big news’ is on the other pages, I will use this space to cover off on the smaller items that need to be included.

Firstly, our tuckshop convenors would like to announce that the End of Year Tuckshop Luncheon has been cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

Secondly, the school would like to take the time to recognise the significant contribution of its volunteers. We are planning to dedicate time during our Award Night, but should you or someone you know who should be recognised be unable to attend that evening, we would love to catch up with you at some point – such as our final parade on Thursday 12 Dec @ 2:40, or please just drop into the office to collect our gift to you.

Swimming Carnival is on Monday 9th December. Buses will take the children too and from the school during school hours. Parents are most welcome to attend. Lower school children (P – 3) are 9:30 – 12:00, with the senior school children (4 – 7) attending between 11:30 – 2:30. This gives a cross over of 30 minutes, when a BBQ lunch can be purchased. Drinks can be purchased from the canteen at the pool. However to help catering, would you please return the order slip?

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Essential Read!!

Though it feels a little like counting the chickens before they hatch, the following announcements are cause for celebration.

1. We are anticipating an enrolment of 24 preps in 2014. Since the commencement of the preparatory year into Education Queensland, this is the first time that Swayneville School has had a full cohort of prep children. Given the distribution of children across the other grades, I have been able to advocate for the provision of a purpose built building to house the prep children. Thanks to the support of our Facilities Manager, we have negotiated past the refurbishment of one of our existing buildings, and a new purpose built prep building will be constructed/brought onto site. It’s been signed off – so it will be happening – hopefully prior to Christmas. As things are very much in the beginning of this journey, I cannot answer questions regarding placement etc. This building also comes with an establishment grant to help resource the room for the children.

2. Over October and November, the school has been asking for information regarding possible enrolments or transfers of our students. The number of students within the school are set to increase to a point where I am most confident that a fifth class will be needed, and hence another teacher. As I would rather start the year as we plan to finish it, with the agreement of the region, we will commence the year with 5 classes. Prep, 1/2, 2/3, 4/5, 6/7. After discussions with staff, another experienced early phase teacher (but new to small schools) will be coming on board.

3. Adele Malayta and Callum Street have been successful in their application for scholarships with Sarina State High School. Adele won a Cultural Excellence Scholarship, while Callum won a Sport Scholarship. Well done, School Captains.

4. The School Operation Audit, which was held last week, has returned most positive, with processes being well established and of sound practice. This time is also a chance to catch up on changes to legislation. One small, but important change, that must happen immediately – is the gathering of your consent in order for the school to source textbooks, joining fees etc. There is a form being sent home with the newsletter, that needs to be signed & returned please. Participation is not mandatory, but if this form is not signed then it becomes the responsibility of the parent to source the listed materials. As the school can purchase in bulk, it will be cheaper to sign on.

Important dates:
29 November – Sarina SHS Band visit 1:30pm
29 November – Creative Generation nominations close.
5 December – Sarina SHS Orientation Day for enrolled Y7 into Y8
6 December – Current Y5&6 2014 leadership election
6 December – Year 7 Graduation Dinner
9 December – Swimming Carnival
11 December – Awards Night (All invited!)
12 December – Rewards Day & reports sent home.
13 December – Clean Up Day. Last school day, 2013

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Creative Generation - State Schools Onstage 2014

We are looking for students in Year 4-7 who would be interested in participating as dancers in the Creative Generation - State Schools Onstage 2014.

Students from our school have been a part of this fantastic event in the past and we would like to provide this opportunity again in the year that the concert is celebrating its tenth anniversary.

The Creative Generation concert takes place in Brisbane on Saturday 19th July, with dancers needed at rehearsals from Wednesday 16th July. (The first week of Term 3.)

Please be aware that the school will be unable to send any staff and you will need to be present to supervise your child, as well arranging your own travel and accommodation.

Please read the information below and use this link http://education.qld.gov.au/community/events/creativegeneration/ to visit the official website.

Massed dancers are those students with an interest in dance, with musicality and enthusiasm, who are capable of performing a variety of simple movements in straight lines with minimal formation changes. Some cannon and directional changes may be involved in the choreography, and in general the level of dancer catered for will be beginner to intermediate level.

Massed dancers may be invited to perform in two or more items, including dances involving more than 600 students.

We have many students who enjoy expressing themselves through the Arts.

If you are interested in your child/children (Yr4-7) participating please contact the office before this coming Friday the 29th November.

Tackling Smoking

Mackay ATSICHS Community Health Service Regional Tackling Smoking Workforce were invited to Swayneville 5/6/7 class last Friday.

In Health we have been looking at ways of being safety conscious, including making informed decisions about managing risk.

We have investigated the possible risks inherit with internet usage: such online gaming, Facebook, chat rooms, as well as the laws and effects around inappropriate use of electronic devices for such things as sexting.

Last Friday, we focused on the effects of smoking. As Indigenous people take up smoking at an earlier age, smoke for longer and make few attempts at quitting, this learning opportunity was addressed through our partnership with ATSICHS. Same message -- just a different perspective.

Passive smoking was also covered.

Thanks Chris and Tina for your presentation. The ‘tar’ in the ‘lungs’ example was very effective.
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