Hello everyone,

At the time of writing, we were anticipating the first orientation / transition morning for our incoming Preps 2016. Always a great excitement for both the school, our current preps, and our incoming students. These mornings, running from 9 – 10:30 on the 4, 11, 18 November are a significant strategy to a smooth start to the schooling experience.

World Teachers’ Day – a UNESCO initiative – was celebrated last Friday. Teachers’ Day not only acknowledges the importance of teachers in providing knowledge to learners, but also reminds us of their significant role in transforming learners into becoming responsible global citizens. At Swayneville our school community is most fortunate to have the high quality and experienced teachers that we do. As a community, we acknowledge and thank you for the work that you do.

Just a reminder regarding the RSVP and payments needed for the Year 6 Graduation Dinner. Numbers are needed to finalize the venue booking.

Thank you for the response ensuring that your children are wearing the school’s uniform hat that meets standards. New hats and uniforms are available through Lollypop Lane.

Wendy King is applying for new bus stop through Transport Dept. Please contact Wendy if you need to have a designate bus stop in your area. Wendy’s email address is marethking@activ8.net.au.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the additional pupil free day at the start of 2016. For more information regarding this one off change, please refer to page 3 of the newsletter.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Music Notes

Along with 2100 other schools, Swayneville took part in the Australia wide “Music Count Us In” event. It was organised by Music Australia to celebrate having music in schools. The successful students in a song writing competition worked with Marcia Hines and John Foreman to compose the song for this year. The key message in the song was keep trying and never give up.

The whole school sang beautifully together just before taking part in another great musical event – Planet Rhythm with John Rattley who is a percussion specialist. He showed us his special collection of drums from other countries and spoke about the role of percussion instruments through history.

He worked with groups of about eight students until all students had a turn and also encouraged staff to participate. Then, because he had enough instruments, the whole school was able to perform together. John facilitated a wonderful experience for students and staff.

- Mrs Burkett (Music)
Student Council Favourite

Each Tuesday, Chappie Di and the Student Council put together a luncheon for the staff. Students learn catering and hospitality skills, while earning money for student council projects. A win-win situation all around!

The above ‘impossible pie’ was proven to be possible, and by Student Council request the recipe follows:

**Ingredients**
- 4 eggs
- 125 grams butter melted
- Half cup of plain flour
- 2 cups of milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup coconut
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla essence

**Method**
- Grease a pie dish with butter
- Heat the oven to 180%
- Put all the ingredients in a large bowl and beat together until well combined
- Pour the mixture into the pie dish and bake for approximately one hour.

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Our Learning Objectives: 1. Reading and writing must make sense! 2. Student know what they know, and know what they need to know next!

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**Mackay Regional Language Network**

We are very proud of our students Jaelee Spencer, Lucy Hamblin, Ehlana Tromba and Christopher Todd who were selected to represent our School at the 2015 Mackay Regional Japanese Speaking competition. The students practiced their speeches very diligently during their lunch times both before and after the Term 3 holidays. This public speaking experience has helped them to develop confidence and self-esteem. The experience of sharing their speech in Japanese offers our students insights of our own English language as we move further into the global community. Having more than one language is an asset; some would say essential.

I had the pleasure of witnessing our students showcase their Japanese language skills at Central Queensland University in the James Cook Lecture Theatre. Our students performed well in their speeches before their peers, Judges and Sponsors with approximately 200 people from North of Proserpine, West of Moranbah and South of Carmila.

Each student who participated received a Japanese Speaking Contest Encouragement Award for excellent Japanese Speaking Skills. They also received an engraved pencil in a chopstick case from the Mackay Regional Language Network.

Thank you very much for your support in our students’ language endeavours as it encourages them to communicate in another language outside their own immediate world.

Yours in Japanese,
Dorl Sensei.

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New start date for the 2016 Queensland school year:

A new start date for the 2016 Queensland school year will see students return to the classroom on Wednesday 27 January 2016 — the day after the national Australia Day public holiday. The previous Term 1 start date of Monday 25 January 2016 will now become an additional flexible staff professional development day. This decision has been made to respond to the fact that students were due to return on the Monday, then have Tuesday off due to Australia Day, and return on the Wednesday. This alteration is very much appreciated by schools allowing staff to have a smoother start with classes.

AWARDS

Japanese
Jaelee Spencer, Ehlan Tromba, Chris Todd, Lucy Hamblin: encouragement award - speaking.

4/5/6
Jacob Cousins: improvement in comprehension activities.
Jesse O'Connor, Ellen Schwarzrock, Jaelee Spencer: excellent persistence & on task behaviour.

Year 3/4
Bodhi Rowe-Bailey & Fletcher McFadzen: acknowledgement of OptiMinds participation.
Reagan Bella: super listener award.

Year 1/2
Olivia Hauwert: great effort in editing her own work.
Hayley Howorth: excellent effort in maths - duration & time.

Prep/1
Ella Beling & Ty Tomlinson: friendship award for helping their classmates.
P.E.
Ty Hauwert, Jack Clarke, Tim McFadzen, Hayley Howorth: trying their best during swimming lessons.

Queen Bee: 4/5/6.