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Hello everyone,

The 6/7 students all arrived home safely on Friday. A wonderful experience that will provide lifelong memories. A special thank you to the ‘way above and beyond’ efforts of Mrs Tromba and Chappie Di.

Firstly a correction from last week’s newsletter. Our Netballers were trained by Hannah Robertson and Mrs Moren this year! My sincere apologies.

Thankyou to the mums/dads who have been able to help out with swimming supervision. The organization and requirements that sit around an efficient and low risk swimming lessons is significant, but really worthwhile. Thanks too for all families who have paid their swimming fees.

Next week has a few ‘events’ for the school. Firstly, next Monday the 20 October is a pupil free day. This is a government mandated day which schools in Central Queensland are using for moderation. Swayneville will be combining with 7 other schools and we will be hosting.

On Thursday 23 October, the school will be undergoing a School Discipline Audit. We are well prepared. As part of the process however, the auditor will make random calls to parents to solicit various perspectives. Who is contacted is at the discretion of the auditor. All staff will also be visited, and the P&C rep is also interviewed.

Free Dress Day on Friday 24 October for CQ Rescue.

Recently, chewing gum has been ‘smuggled’ into school. Chewing gum is not welcome at school or school events, and packets will be confiscated.

See you at the P&C meeting on Friday!

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

BRISBANE CAMP

We arrive at the airport to leave Mackay at 8:35am. We arrived in Brisbane at 10:00am. We had to wait for a bus to go to the pedestrian footbridge walked half way and then back. Off to the Maritime Museum at for a tour of all the boats and ships and what were inside. Walked to find somewhere to have lunch. Back on the bus and spent all the rest of the day at the Science center. Got to the accommodation and made our beds then dinner-desert. Had to write a diary entry every night about what we did that day.

Got up at 6am to have breakfast and then off to the Port of Brisbane tour that was huge and full of shipping containers. Had a bit of morning tea then went to the Bogga Road Goal that was scary and awesome at the same time. Back on the bus to go to the Police Museum, that was interesting to see. Back on the bus back to the accommodation and got straight into the pool. Had dinner-desert, then shower, diary then quiet games then bed. Other school was there and they were really noisy.

Woke up at 6am to have breakfast to leave for the Planetarium at look into space at what all the planets are. Had quick snack while hurrying to the Suncorp Stadium to look into all the places that the footballers go and were people sit when there is a game and what they have to do before a game. We did not go to the Parliament House because of booking difficulties. So we had lunch near the museum to go to the Lego House to make go carts, we went to the accommodation, played a game, dinner, quiet game, bed.

Most of us got up at 6am then got the rest up to have breakfast then leave to the Toohey Forest Education Centre for the day of activities. We explored micro and macro organisms. Building electric circuits’ to make lights go on and off, a busser to make a noise and to do the extension tasks. We had lunch. We got up close and personal with native reptiles and what they do during the year. Drove back to the accommodation and we were sharing with another school. We had dinner-desert then played spotlight for about 2hrs. Then boys had a movie tonight, while girl were dancing. Shower, quiet games and bed.

Rise and Shine: 6am and went and had breakfast. We collected lunch for the day and hopped on the bus and went to the Queensland Museum, looked there for a bit. Then we walked to the museum to go to the Lego House to make go carts, we went to the accommodation, played a game, dinner, quiet game, bed.

Important Dates:
17 October – Postponed until 31/10 SWD high school transition morning.
17 October – P&C meeting 1:00pm @ library.
20 October – Pupil Free Day
23 October – Discipline Audit
18 & 20 November – 6/7 Transition days (bus available)
7, 14, 21 November – Prep Transition mornings.
Orientation days in December for 6/7 (transport by parents)
5 December – Graduation Dinner for the year 6 and 7 students.
10 December – Presentation Night @ 6:30pm
11 December – Rewards Day + Report Cards
12 December – Final day of term.
Bus Run from Sarina

The need for a bus run coming to Swayneville School from the Sarina township/beaches area was something that we looked into earlier in the year, but were unable to get off the ground. However, there have been quite a few people speak directly to Jim Vassallo (Vassallo Buses), making enquiries about a possible run. Jim dropped into the office this morning to have a yarn with me regarding getting this up and running.

To that end, he will be making contact with those families we know who may be interested. Hopefully we will be able to establish a service this time round.

If Jim doesn’t get hold of you directly, please let the office know (telephone or email is fine) and we can pass it on to him.

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Student Council Fund Raiser

CQ Rescue is conducting an awareness and fundraising campaign. Student Council has identified this as a cause that our school can support. To that end there is a Free Dress Day on Friday 24 October.

Gold Coin Donation. Blue and yellow are the CQ Rescue colours, if students want to come in theme.

Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceausi@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
What is a Flood Watch?
Flood Watch is a service that will be provided by the Bureau of Meteorology to notify the Queensland community when there is an increased risk of riverine flooding. It joins the best of our rainfall and flood forecasting capabilities into a single product.

Flood Watches will be available from 15 October 2014, allowing Queenslanders to make the best decisions this summer and make the most of our great climate. Flood Watch replaces and improves upon the previously issued Preliminary and Coastal Rivers Flood Warnings.

What information is in a Flood Watch?
We will issue Flood Watches for specific catchments e.g. Fitzroy or Burnett. They will contain short, general statements about the developing weather situation, including forecast rainfall totals. We will indicate which catchments are at risk from flooding, how to find rain and stream level observations, and how to access updated Watches and Warnings.

For example a Flood Watch could read as follows:

"Very heavy rainfall associated with severe tropical cyclones is expected to develop over the catchment area from late Thursday. Widespread daily totals of 100-200mm are expected on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with locally higher totals likely. The rainfall is expected to move south over the weekend.

River level rises above the minor flood level are likely across the watch area from Friday onwards. Catchments at risk include the clans, Macintyre, Barcoo, Maragua, Russell, Johnstone, Tullo, Maroo, Herbert, Black, Burdekin, Bohle and Ross Rivers, and Blenhiem Creek."

How will Flood Watch work?
We aim to issue a Flood Watch up to 48 hours before any flood producing rainfall. If at any time during this period the likelihood of flooding increases, or there is an imminent threat of floods occurring, a Flood Warning will be issued. It is important to note that a Flood Watch may not always precede a Flood Warning.

Flood Warnings are firm predictions of flooding, based on a combination of flood forecasting models and other techniques. Flood Watches are based on forecasts from weather models and the current state of the catchment. If the weather situation doesn’t develop as anticipated, and it becomes clear that there is no further danger of floods occurring, the Flood Watch will be cancelled.

What does Flood Watch mean for me?
It is important to remember that a Flood Watch is not a warning of imminent flooding. The aim is to provide an early advice of a developing situation that could lead to flooding. There is some uncertainty attached to a Flood Watch, but it can help you prepare. Even the smallest of actions, taken early, can reduce the impacts of flooding if it occurs.

A Flood Watch notifies people living or working along rivers and streams to monitor the latest forecasts and rain and stream level observations. You should also prepare to move livestock, yourself and your possessions to higher ground if flooding develops.

How will I get Flood Watches?
Flood Watches will be provided through emergency services, local government and the media. Flood Watches will also be available directly from the Bureau of Meteorology through:
• its website at: www.bom.gov.au/floodwatches, and
• the Bureau’s Telephone Weather Service. All of Queensland’s FloodWatches and Warnings are available for the cost of a local call on 1300 859 219

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For general information about the Bureau of Meteorology’s flood warning services please contact:
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