Hello Everyone,

It seems strange to be writing our newsletter whilst away from school, but ill health in my family and other family demands have required me to take a few days off. Thank goodness that the staff team at Swayneville are so highly capable. During times when I am off school grounds, Lee Schwarzrock or Wendy Robinson are the Teachers In Charge and will deal with emergent situations should they arise. They are our experienced senior teachers.

Special mention needs to be made to our staff who have taken students on camp. It is not a job requirement that staff take students on camp, as it requires 24/7 duty of care and they are not renumerated for it. As such, these precious school memories are very much a gift from the teaching teams and their families. Please encourage your children to personally thank them for their time and effort. It is this dedication that makes our staff special.

Student Disco … a red carpet event no less … is being held this coming Friday night. Details are on the last page. The P&C is providing a sausage sizzle, and we are expecting that our adopt a cops will also be in attendance. Gold coin entry fee please. Also, the monies that the student have raised this year are going towards the games for before school. This money has been expended and we are awaiting for their delivery!

Enrolments for 2014 are encouraged prior to the end of school year.

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

**Important dates:**
- 25 October – Red Day for Daniel (wear a red shirt)
- 25 October – School Disco (6:00 – 8:00pm)
- 31 October – Music – Count Us In!
- 31 October – High School enrolments due to Sarina High
- 6 November – Prep Transition Morning #1
- 9 November – 2 hour working bee
- 11 November – P&C meeting
- 13 November – Prep Transition morning #2
- 14 November – Year 7 transition day #1

The 5/6/7 camp to the Wanpa-Rda Matilda Outback Education Centre could be called nothing less than a ‘most excellent’ adventure. Our days were filled to the brim with a plethora of activities and so many learning opportunities that we just had to stay up late each night chatting while wrapped in our sleeping bags to protect us from the cool outback air.

The Outback Program was tailor-made for us by the kindest, most considerate soul - Mr Tim Berry. Of course, he had his trusty side-kick Mandy who took care of all our food and drink requirements (which was a lot with this growing, hungry bunch!). Also, a HUGE thankyou to Chappie Di and her husband Dion Barnett. We could NOT have done this camp without your wonderful support!

The trip itself started off a little bumpy (hence the motion sickness by a student or two) yet we only needed to make a quick stop or two for lunch and toilet breaks. Each local that saw us only ever had admiration for the feat we were attempting and the behaviour of our camp group (well done everyone!).

Once in Barcaldine we discovered some very interesting things: we were welcomed with open arms, the Tree of Knowledge looks awesome at night,
the Radio Theatre has a VERY loud sound system, the water is very cold even though the days were up around 37 degrees, crawchies love diced bacon in a cup, girls build better rafts (even though the boys raced them better), we are really good with a flint and steel, tipping your horse upside-down is an easier way to clean your horse’s hooves, we can all fit in one airplane engine, 5 boys can sleep in one bunk bed, we can all score in archery, and, the students at Barcaldine State School wear exactly the same uniform as us!

Wanpa-Rda was a wonderful opportunity to build interpersonal relationships and understandings, explore team-building activities, explore historically relevant places, see a wide variety of native creatures, discover bush-tucker and warrior trees, see amazing artefacts and so much more. The students have made it very clear that this was a fantastic camp, as some students were asking by Day 3 of the camp, “why didn’t you make this a two week camp Ms T? There’s so much more we still want to see and do!”

The following poem, written by Amelia during one of our Talent Tasks, shares how we all felt about this amazing journey:

This camp was great, I loved it,
But it’s too hard to pick my favourite part.
I enjoyed everything, the fun and games,
But mostly the spirit and heart.

Parents please note: we are happy to share our photos of camp, just remember to send your child to school with a spare USB!

Thanks for the trust and the experience everyone!
Cheers Ms Jo Tromba 😊

We would like to say a big thank you to the following organisations:
Blue Gem Tourist Park (Ewan & Claire Letts), 925 Anakie-Sapphire Road, Sapphire, for the use of their excellent lunch and toilet facilities.
Longreach School of the Air (also known as the Longreach School of Distance Education), for welcoming us on their guided tour.
The Stockman’s Hall of Fame for allowing us to access their Art Gallery and collections of historical artefacts.
Lachie and Crew from the Outback Stockman’s Show, your skills are amazing, thanks for sharing them with us!
QANTAS Founders Museum, thank you for sharing with us your fascinating collection of machines, articles and information.
Barcaldine Radio Theatre, what a remarkable old building and what a sound system! (And thanks for the snacks!)
A reminder to all year 7 students/parents to organise enrolment interviews with Sarina High School.

Please ring the general office number, 49438111, and make an appointment. There are various times available. Please collect an enrolment pack beforehand so it is completed for the interview.

Student Council’s Red Carpet Disco!
This Friday night 25 October
6pm – 8pm

The children are excited that the much awaited School Disco is finally here. The students have decided that the theme for this disco will be ‘The Red Carpet’. Gold coin entry fee.

Please be advised of the following usual arrangements:
1. Children need to be escorted by a parent at all times.
2. Older children from outside the school are not welcome.
3. As this is a school event, the teachers will be supervising.
4. The event runs from 6-8pm, and there will be food available for purchase.
   - Sausage on bread for $2.00
   - Cans of SoftDrink $2.00
   - Bottle of Water $2.00
   - Poppers $1.50
   - Cakes and slices 50 c

Can you help with the baking? Please drop off at Tuckshop, or bring on the night.

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