Hello everyone,

Term 4 kicks off with great attendance and plans for another full term. Please take note of the Important Dates listed in the blue box next to this column. It doesn’t have all our dates for this term, but given the busyness of the end of the year, the date claimers may prove useful.

Swimming kicks off next Wednesday (week 2) with the school’s swimming carnival scheduled in week 9. Swimming costs, like most things, have increased. Our school earnestly endeavours to provide this opportunity within our curriculum, and is heavily subsidized by the P&C and the school. Invoices will be sent home with the newsletter, so please keep an eye out for them. Students will need to pay prior to the commencement. Please turn to the final page for further details.

Numbers may seem a little down this week, but most of our 6/7 students are on camp in Brisbane. Flying out Monday morning, to date all is going well. We welcome our new families – the McFadzen and the Kocass, who are being well received by Year 1–5 classes. Abbey is back too!

‘Holidays’ saw major work being completed around the school by members of our P&C. Thanks to the Beveridge family for the tree clearing, bobcat work and spreading the sand in the junior play area. Thanks to the Keir family for the new sculpture that will central to the welcome at the office entry. Thanks to Lawrie Ellis and my Waldron men for concrete base to the new wall. Many hands make light work.

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

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Netball Awards

At the very end of term 3, the Sarina District Netball has their breakup and awards. Our Swayneville School Team picked up a few awards!

Goal Shooter of the Year – Georgia Beveridge

Best and Fairest - Georgia Beveridge

Most Improved – Jakhobi Moren

Best Centre – Ellen Schwarzrock

Best Defender – Denim McDonald

Denim McDonald was adopted by the school to be part of our netball team. She has asked that her thanks be passed onto the school for letting her be part of the team.

Top job Netballers! Thanks to Mel Hamblin too, for her work as coach.

Important Dates:
6 – 10 October – 6/7 school camp in Brisbane.
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.
This Sunday 31st August Sarina Surf Life Saving Club will be throwing open their doors and rolling out the welcome mats as part of Surf Life Saving's annual Surf Club Open Day. The Open Day is a wonderful opportunity to visit your club in your community @ Sarina Beach.

Our club is open between 9.30am & 11.30am, welcoming new and existing members.

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Family Portrait Fundraiser

LAST CHANCE... Forms must be returned to the school office by this Friday 10th October and payment made to P&C bank account or school office. Photos are scheduled for Saturday 25th October at C&K Kindy on Hoey Street in Sarina.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop orders are to be placed in the mailbox in the school office on Thursday in preparation for serving on Friday at first break. Please note that we prepare hot food based only on the orders submitted in order to minimise waste. If you don’t place an order, it is highly likely that there will not be any excess hot food available for purchase.

We are in need of some further volunteers for our Friday tuckshop service. Our menu is a simple one involving heating of frozen items such as pies, crumbed fish, chicken nuggets etc. If you are able to assist with a 9-11am shift once per term or by providing home baking, please contact Kate Cousins on 0400 249 488 or Wendy King on 0418 756 493.

Uniforms

All new uniform items are now available from Helen at Lollipop Lane at 31 Broad Street in Sarina, Ph. 0407 677 466. There are still a few second-hand uniform items available from the school office.

Next Meeting...

The meeting has been moved back a week. Now on 1pm next Fri 17th October in the school library. We will be finished in time for parade. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tuckshop is ON THIS COMING FRIDAY

Please use a brown paper bag to write orders on, and ‘post’ the order at the office by Friday morning.

6/7 return on Friday. They are arriving at on the 4:25pm plane from Brisbane (assuming no delays). Please be there on time ... the kids will be looking for you.
Swimming this term

Starting next week, students will be undertaking 8 weeks of swimming instruction at the Sarina Swimming Pool. Lessons are part of our school’s Health and Physical Education program and an important life skill we are committed to providing for our students. The 7 lessons and swimming carnival allow students an opportunity to build and develop swimming skills before showing them off at the annual swimming carnival on Wednesday 3rd December 2014. With the help of our generous P & C we have been able to get the cost of travel, pool entry and staffing for the program down to a low $40 per student – that’s $5 per 45 min lesson! Exceptional value for 8 weeks of swimming instruction given regular swimming lessons are anywhere from $10 - $25 per half hour lesson.

Your help is required:
Our younger students in years P-3 will require some additional support in the water during their lessons. They swim from 11 – 2:40pm (see timetable below). If you are able to assist in the pool either on a weekly basis or even for a short period of time, please put your name and times available down at the office. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated and most beneficial to our students. To ensure our older students meet the requirements of the swim and survive program, we need to borrow 4 or more lifejackets. If you are able to lend 1 or 2 for a period of a month please drop them off at the office with your name on it.

What to bring:
Children are not to wear their togs to school, thanks. The children will change at school. (This way we maintain hygiene and ensure children have all the necessary underclothes needed.) Please pack towel, togs, sunshirt, thongs, hairbrush/comb, and optional google. All children will be supplied with a swimming cap that the school will manage.

Swimming timetable
9 – 9:45 6/7 class
9:45 – 10:30 4/5 class
11-11:45 2/3 class
12 – 12:45 1/2 class
1:55 – 2:40 Prep class