Hello everyone,

Ready for a break? This term has not stopped, but what achievements have been made. With the school photos completed, Rewards Day is the well-earned focus for Friday! Congratulations students and staff for the tremendous, sustained effort that you have consistently maintained throughout the term. Reports on this weekend’s efforts are on the last page.

The first week back at school is the time set aside for the 4/5/6 camp to the North Keppel Environmental Centre. What a destination to learn about environmental science! Mrs T and Chappy Di will be taking care of them with the help of the staff at the centre. We wish them well, and safe travelling.

Could I ask for everyone to please take note of the two short weeks in October. Monday of week one is the Labour Day holiday, and Monday of week three is a pupil-free day. The Pupil Free Day—literally a day without students on campus—will see staff focus on curriculum.

I trust that the spring recess will be relaxing. 😊

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

I scream… You scream… We all scream for Ice-Cream !!!

Prep / 1 have been thoroughly enjoying their Science unit this Term. The unit aims to teach children about the properties of materials and how they change. It has a very practical and real-life setting of the kitchen. We all know that children learn from concrete experiences that are meaningful to them. What could be more interesting than making ice-cream? Needless to say, every child had maximum attention and participation for this lesson. The children followed their pre-researched recipe to create the mix. They drew scientific diagrams, complete with labels of the mixture, before it entered the freezer and compared these to the mixture the next day. After enjoying the fruit of their experiments, they created a labeled flow chart as part of their assessment. Happy holidays and cooking!

Important Dates:
18 September – Rewards Day 3:00pm finish
5 October – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
5 - 9 October – Year 4-5-6 Camp
13 October – Hearing and vision checks available in Sarina.
15 & 16 October – Year 6 Transition days to Sarina High
17 & 18 October – OptiFINALS in Brisbane
19 October – Pupil Free Day (Please keep children at home.)
4, 11, 18 November – Prep Transition Mornings @ 8:50 – 10:30

Reminder that tennis lessons will be on Wednesdays next term. 😊
**Asbestos in Crayons**
Trace amounts of asbestos have been detected in some brands of children’s crayons that have been imported into Australia. The crayon products in which asbestos has been identified are as follows:
- Dora the Explorer Personalized 32 pack crayons
- Dora the Explorer Jumbo crayons
- Arti Crafti 16 piece crayons
- Peppa Pig 8 wax crayons
- Disney ‘Frozen’ Jumbo Crayons
- Disney ‘Mickey Mouse and Friends’ Crayons

**RISK OF EXPOSURE TO ASBESTOS FIBRES**
The traces of asbestos that have been detected in the crayons are fully bound in the crayon wax. Studies have shown that as a result, asbestos fibres would not be released during normal use or as a result of ingestion. This is because the melting point of crayon wax is well above body temperature. Accordingly, these goods are considered to pose a very low risk to humans.

In line with good practice procedures in handling asbestos containing materials, it is recommended that the crayons be placed in a plastic bag, such as a zip lock bag or in the original packaging if possible, for return. Personal Protective Equipment is not required to be worn. More information regarding these products is available in the consumer alert.

**Food for Thought**

**Laziness**

Every day brings opportunities to experience and enjoy a productive life, but many people let their lives just slip by, accomplishing little. These are the people who often complain of boredom and disappointment with life, but they are often too lazy to take the time to investigate ways of improving their current situation.

What about you? Are you making the most of each day or are you unhappy and just wishing that things were different? If there are things in your life that you know you could change for the better, stop wishing and start considering your options. If you need a bit of advice to help you, please understand that you are never alone. There are many wonderful organisations such as the Salvation Army who can help you with relationship or financial advice. Here within our school community, we have Guidance Officers and other support staff, including myself who are available to you.

Don’t waste one more day. Start making the effort to live life to the full.

*A message from Chappy Di.*
Lighting The Way!

What an awesome response from Swayneville School, when 35+ of our children lined up to participate in the lantern parade and light the way to the evening’s show.

The lanterns were so pretty when they were lit, and our moon shone brilliantly. 😊

Thank you Mums and Dads for making the effort to bring the children along. They did enjoy showing off their lanterns, but just as importantly you helped the teachers make a link between what the children learn, and how that applies to real-life. Much appreciated. 😊

Bushman’s Carnival

On Saturday 12th of September 2015 some students from Swayneville State School put their riding skills to the test and competed at the Koumala & District Bushman’s Carnival.

Students had the opportunity to ride their horses in the various events held and have a good time. The event is held each year with much enthusiasm and a lovely way to spend some family time. It was great to see Swayneville students once again out supporting yet another community activity. Well done!

In saddle: Jeccica Lindly, Madeline Kocass, Hannah Alway

Netball Awards.
Courtney Perna: defender of the year.
Ellen Schwarzrock: centre court player of the year.
Alice Hamblin: goal shooter of the year.
Madde Kocass: most improved player.
Lucy Hamblin: best & fairest player.

Year 4/5/6
Tahlaya Maguire & Dakota Makings: persistent in all work tasks & improving work ethics.

Year 3/4
Abbey Smyth: improved results in all work areas.
Jack Clarke: super listener.

Year 1/2
Madde Eames: awesome work in science.
Lachlan Marsh: great achievement in science & maths.

Prep/1
Dayna Hauwert & Gemma Newton: excellent writing.

100 Bee Stamps.
Lachlan Alway, Abbey Smyth, Madde Kocass, Taleah Wright-Cole.


Queen Bee: A tie for 4/5/6 & Prep/1