Hello everyone,
The vision for Swayneville State School centres around striving for excellence. Striving for excellence in multiage pedagogy, enabling excellence in student engagement to maximise student learning outcomes and operating within a supportive, inclusive, respectful and disciplined school environment. It is this vision statement that drives the work that is done in this school.

The moderation experience with Koumala was beneficial last week, enabling teachers to confirm teacher assessment judgements against the criteria. Knowing that others concur with the judgements being made, serves to confirm that the gradings we give your children are comparable to all other schools. An ‘A’ here at Swayneville is at the same standard as an ‘A’ given elsewhere.

This Friday is also Teacher Aide Day. This day gives the school community a chance to recognise the skills, abilities and flexibility that teacher aides contribute to the daily life of the school. Take our disco for example! Our teacher aides are an essential part of our teaching teams and our teachers would not want to be without them! Thank you Jacki, Beth, Jody, Kerry and Mel for all that you contribute.

The fruit trees have finally all been pruned – and will all hopefully survive. Thanks to the Hauwert family for the donation of hay to mulch under them. The Japanese garden is all planted up – awesome work Garden Club, and the Anzac Garden refreshed. Thanks to the Skein family for fixing the car park lines out the front of the school – and Tanya you are a power house on that book covering!

--- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)
Food for Thought

Criticising Family Members

It is easy to become critical of the ones you spend most of your time with – your family members. If you are spending too much time concentrating only on people’s faults that is when family unity can break down. If you want to have good family relationships or a good marriage you have to accept the fact that these don’t just happen by accident, they need effort and commitment. So the next time you find yourself being critical about someone in your household instead of gossiping about them, allow yourself to be motivated by love and spend time mentally listing their good points; the things you like most about them. Yes, there are times when differences of opinion need to be talked through but don’t do this while you are angry, wait til you’ve all calmed down and discuss things quietly.

A message from Chappy Di.

Year 3/4 are collecting empty match boxes and plastic bottle tops and would appreciate any donations.

Father’s Day Stall

Dedicated And Devoted – DADs are worthy of celebration. To support our students learn how to handle money, and give them the joy of buying something just for Dad / Grandad, the P&C are organizing a Father’s Day Stall for this coming Friday morning.

Gifts to the value of $2 or $5 can be purchased. Initially, each student is able to purchase 2 gifts each only. Once all classes have had a turn, then any spares can be sold at morning tea time.

Please put the money in a named snap lock bag / envelope / coin purse for safe transport. Depending upon the age of your child, teachers are willing to hold the money for safe keeping.

Thankyou Kylie and Jenine for making this happen for our community.

P&C News

Disco Catering Assistance - If you can assist with providing some baking, or with serving at the disco this Friday 4th Sep, please contact Kate Cousins on 0400 249 488 or katherinacousins2003@yahoo.com.au.

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Sarina Festival Lantern Parade.

The Sarina Festival Lantern Parade is set down for Saturday 12th September. This festival has been sponsored, and part of the process has been the engagement of a travelling artist to go into schools to teach the children how to design, create and make these lanterns.

Swayneville School has taken up this opportunity because it fits beautifully with the Technology Curriculum and will form part of your child’s assessment for this term. Of course, it will also mean that the children will also have a lantern for the festival should you choose to attend. Additionally, it should also be immense creative fun!

The Artist – Wanda XXXX – will be in the school Monday – Thursday next week. The Sarina Festival Lantern Parade flyer is attached to the newsletter.

Check out the new ‘toy’ boxes in the playground!

Funded by the 2014 student council, and made by Carl Perna (whose daughter graduated from the school last year), these lockable boxes are helping to manage and store the playground equipment that the children love to use. They also make the equipment much easier for the kids to access/reach.

Thankyou Carl for your efforts on the behalf of the student council! We just LOVE them.