Hello everyone,

It was a special moment Tuesday morning when the ‘mailman’ delivered a large pile of envelopes to the 4/5/6 and the year 3/4 classroom. These children wrote a thank you letter to the Winchester Foundation to thank them for their support to attend Whitsunday Voices. It was a huge, but beautiful surprise for the 4/5/6 class to receive an individualized handwritten response from Beryl! Beryl – thank you – you made their day!

Our winning OptiMINDS team has decided to accept the invitation to the OptiFINALS in Brisbane next term. As you can appreciate this is not a small financial burden on parents, and so sponsorship has been sort. On Monday, Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited generously donated $500 towards costs. Then on Tuesday Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal Pty Ltd also donated $500! On behalf of those involved with the OptiMINDS Challenge, please accept our sincere thanks.

The P&C have had a very busy – but profitable month and it is time for another meeting this week - Friday 11th September, 1pm in the Library. The P&C gratefully acknowledge the efforts of Kylie and Jenine in preparing for and running the father’s day stall, as well as Kate and all supporting cooks and servers who worked at the disco.

Even though we are nearing the end of term, assessment is still in full swing and will be right up to Reward’s Day. If you are wishing to check in with your child’s teacher, please make an appointment. In this way, teachers are able to put time aside to give you their full attention.

Teachers are happy to show you how your child is progressing, how the assessment process works etc. 📅

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Who's Up For a Sleepover?

Last Friday, following the disco, members of Year 3/4 participated in the annual Sleepover. The Sleepover is a reward to those students who completed and handed in all of their homework this term. It was pleasing to see an increase in number of students taking part this year. Activities included playing Spotlight, Pictionary and the Chocolate Game (by far the most popular!) The evening ended watching a movie and children bedded down for an uneventful night’s sleep. Congratulations to those children completing all their homework and we look forward to more homework completions next term!
Food for Thought

Gossip

Gossiping is something that we have probably all done at one time or another. Do you enjoy having the latest bit of news to share with others? You might ask, 'What’s wrong with a bit of gossip?' You might feel it’s quite harmless. The opposite is true. Gossip is extremely damaging. It has been known to destroy relationships. Long term friendships have been destroyed by a few carelessly spoken words. In the case of Facebook gossip there have been people who have committed suicide because of things that have been said about them. In many cases the story that has been passed around turns out to be untrue, and yet it has still caused immense emotional pain. It has been said that gossip can sometimes cause more pain than a physical wound. The next time that you feel tempted to pass on an interesting story about someone else, stop for a moment and consider the amount of pain that your few moments of enjoyment might cause. Treat others the way you want to be treated and refuse to pass on gossip.

A message from Chappy Di.

School Photos

The school photos for 2015 are being taken this coming Monday. While it does take time out of the classroom, it is special to capture memories of your child’s growth through their school days. Envelopes have already been sent home. Additional payment envelopes are available at the office, as are envelopes for family portraits/group shots. As a private company manages all this, they do require payment to be in the envelope, and the envelope to be at the school on the day. This year, the photo session will occur after the company has been to Koumala, which means that the photos will be taken during the middle session. Teachers are happy to straighten hair and shirts to make the kids look presentable. 😊

We ask that all children wear their formal school shirt, their black shorts or skirts, and black shoes and socks.

こんにちわ! Konnichi wa!

Mackay Regional Language Network Speech competition – 29th October 2015
I am pleased to advise that four students will represent Swayneville State School in the Annual Mackay Regional Japanese Speaking competition Years 5-9. The competition will be held at Central Queensland University.

The students entering this competition are: Jaelee Spencer, Lucy Hamblin, Ehlana Tromba and Christopher Todd. Over two hundred students from Proserpine, Moranbah, Koumala and the Mackay Hinterland will attend this prestigious annual event. There are some awesome Japanese prizes to be won! The students have been practising their Jiko Shokai じこしょかい (Self-Introduction) speeches very diligently and we are very proud of them. They have learnt a lot!

I am looking forward to seeing our students showcase their Japanese language skills.
Thank you very much for your support in our students’ language endeavours.
Ganbatte Kudasai = Good Luck! · Mrs Joanna Dorl (LOTE teacher)

Home-based business grants program

The Queensland Government is offering grants to stay-at-home parents to establish or grow home-based businesses as part of Queensland Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow. Funding of up to $5,000 (excluding GST) will be provided to each successful applicant in two stages. Any stay-at-home parent who operates or plans to operate a home-based business can apply. Applications close 24 September 2015. Please visit https://www.dtesb.qld.gov.au/small-business/home-based-business-grants-program for more information and the online application form.

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Sarina Festival Lantern Parade
(Ray Edwards Oval – Hoey Street)
The Sarina Festival Lantern Parade is set down for Saturday 12th September. Working with teachers, Artist in Residence - Wanda Bennett has been at Swayneville to teach the children how to design, create and make these lanterns. The kids have had a ball creating these lanterns and are keen to participate in the parade. For the parents and children that are participating in the lantern parade the map below is where the children will walk carrying their lanterns until they reach the performance area at the goal posts - See lines in yellow. Students participating in the parade are asked to gather at the main gate @ 6:00pm for a 6:30pm parade. Mrs Bennett and Mrs W. will be there to meet you – with the Moon! Don’t forget to bring your lantern! We will have a battery operated tea-light ready for you.
At the end of the parade the children will be directed to sit down at the sides of the projection area which will be flagged off with bunting tape. It is anticipated that the program will take an hour.

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

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AWARDS

Year 4/5/6
Courtney Perna, Lucy Hamblin, Chris Malayta. Jacaranda Rowe-Bailey: all tasks completed by due date.

Year 3/4

Year 1/2
Frankie Cameron: increasing 3 reading levels.
Dallas Robertson: amazing effort in all learning areas.

Prep/1
Jorgen Jensen & Zander Palmer: working on task.

P.E.
Tim McFadzen, Josh Kocass, Chris Malayta: helping pump up balls in their lunch hour.

Queen Bee: 4/5/6.