



SWAYNEVILLE SWAG

AS WE GROW, WE SHALL LEARN

Principal's Address

by Kel Chadburn

Can you believe we are at the pointy end of week 6 already!

As always, we are super busy at school, with students starting and completing assessments, lots of community events happening which our amazing P&C are engaged in and of course, the eagerness of students as they practice and refine their track and field skills for the upcoming sports days!! So much is happening which is a timely reminder that attendance is absolutely vital so your child doesn't miss any of the opportunities we have on offer here at Swayney.

BROADSOUND ATHLETICS DAYS

This year our combined sports day will be held at the Little Athletics Fields on **Thursday 8th June** and **Friday 9th June**. Please take note of the day and age groups participating on each day.

Thursday 8th June 2023

- 9 years - 12 years (2013 – 2010)

Friday 9th June 2023

- ALL students attending (Prep – Year 6)

Please note that students will require private transport to and from the sports days. We will have staff on site for both days, however if your child is absent from school, please let the school office know as per our absentee process.

Further information regarding event schedules and canteen availability will be sent home to parents as soon as it is received at school.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Last Friday our whole school participated in the Walk Safely to School Day program. It was so lovely to see all our students and staff join in the 'walk' around our school oval and boundary then enjoy a scrumptious breaky deal – prepared by our awesome P&C. Students also had a visit from Sergeant Aaron from the St Lawrence Police to speak about road safety. Thank you, Sergeant Aaron, for sharing some hot tips on how to keep safe on our roads.

P&C APPRECIATION DAY

Last Friday we joined with our P&C to celebrate and thank our amazing volunteers who work tirelessly in the background to provide the students of Swayneville SS with great opportunities and services each and every day. A big thank you to our Executives; Simone Hauwert (President), Michelle Flynn (Secretary) and Kate O'Keefe (Treasurer & Tuckshop convenor) for hosting such a beautiful and yummy morning tea on our school grounds.

Congratulations to all our volunteers especially those who have ticked off the 10 years and 7 years of supporting Swayneville State School P&C. What an achievement. We are so grateful for our P&C and invite any new families (and existing families who may not be members of this group) to join our P&C and together take our school to the next level. *For membership forms, please come see the office 😊

Term 2 Week 6 – 24 May 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Sorry Day - Fri 26 th May
Blue Mountain Dog Trials - 26 th to 28 th May
SSHS Erudite Program - Wed 31 st May
Prep/1 Afternoon - Thu 1 st Jun
Queensland Day - Tue 6 th Jun
Bookclub Issue 4 Orders due - Thu 8 th Jun
BroadSound Sports - Thu 8 th & Fri 9 th Jun
P&C Meeting - Mon 12 th Jun @ 1.30pm
SSHS Erudite Program - Wed 14 th Jun
EOT Rewards Day - Wed 21 st Jun
Report Cards Go Home - Wed 21 st Jun
Mackay Show Holiday - Thu 22 nd Jun
Last Day Term 2 - Fri 23 rd June
NAIDOC Week - 3 rd to 9 th Jul
First Day Term 3 - Mon 10 th Jul
National Farm Safety Week - 20 th to 25 th Jul
School Performance Tours - Tue 1 st Aug
SWSS Playgroup - Tue 8 th Aug
Blue Mountain Campdraft - 18 th to 20 th Aug
Scholastic Bookfair - 21 st to 25 th Aug
Year 4 Cape Palmerston Holiday Park Camp - 24 th to 25 th Aug
Prep Vision Screening - Wed 30 th Aug
Year 5/6 Action Challenge camp - 4 th -8 th Sept

Every day Counts!
Presence + Participation = Success
Attendance Rate = 92%

Please email newsletter items to:
admin@swaynevilless.eq.edu.au

AIP SNAPSHOT

Priority 1: Deliver meaningful and rigorous, clear and engaging curriculum.

→ *Creating consistent school-wide planning process ensuring curriculum entitlements are met, documented and the records maintained. Consistent feedback for fronting in planning documents.*

Have you heard your child talk about Sounds Write?

This year we have implemented the Sounds Write, an exciting and highly successful approach to the teaching of reading, spelling and writing utilising a linguistic phonic approach. All students from Prep to Year 2 actively participate in whole class sessions of Sounds Write with their classroom teacher and supported by Mrs Lorkin (STLaN) and Ms Danae (Inclusion Teacher). Students engage in a range of hands-on fun activities learning how to decode sounds to create meaning.

As a whole school approach, we have embedded Sounds Write as an intervention program to assist students in the upper grades (year 3 -6) with broaden and sharpen their skills and knowledge in the areas of reading and spelling.

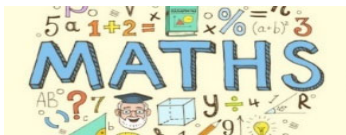
You would have noticed that our home reading looks a little different this term as well, with students taking a different selection of reading books home, that are not levelled as such. Rather, students now take-home reading books that will assist with the identified focus that is needed for individual students to build and strengthen particular skill areas. While the books may have changed the rigour and purpose associated with Home Reading remains the same. Please continue to listen to your child read, or read with your child and sign the home reading logs that are sent home. Have a great week 😊

Classroom News

Year 3/4



This term our 3/4 class is working on analysing and writing traditional stories. We have looked at various stories including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stories, Asian stories, and others from around the world. We are now in the process of writing our own traditional stories which will include a moral to be learned. The format for our stories will include an orientation where we introduce the main characters and setting; a complication where a problem occurs; a resolution to the problem; and a conclusion where the moral to the story is revealed.



For Maths, we have already completed an assessment on number patterns and sequencing. Our next Maths assessment will focus on time. We are practising our analogue clock reading skills as well as calculating duration of time. Students need to have a solid foundation of time related knowledge such as: "how many days in a year" and "how many minutes in an hour" etc. Following this unit, we will undertake our next unit on chance and probability.



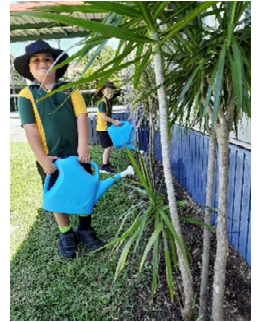
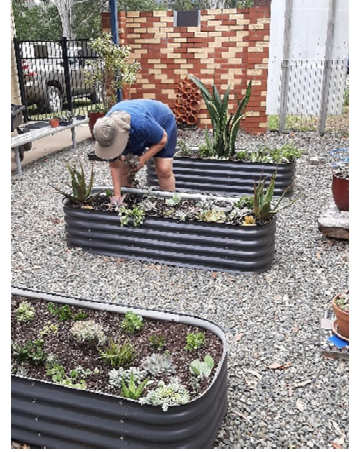
We have been studying Biology this term in Science. We have been examining the life cycles of animals and how the survival of all animals is related to one-another. We have been looking at the diets of various animals and how these evolve through the food chain up to Apex Predators.





A very big thank you to AJK Contracting, Mackay for their donation of a trailer load of premium potting mix to use in the succulent beds. We are very grateful for their support. Check them out for your gardening soil and landscaping needs.

And an even bigger thank you to Leonie Ralph, a parent and local succulent expert, who donated all the succulents, the additions to the soil mix, and hours and hours of her time. We are extremely fortunate to have such passionate, knowledgeable and talented families in our school community!



Growing and having fun in Gardening Club

Chappy Chat

22.05.2023

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Volunteers needed!!!

Chappy Marg is not here
next week. Can you run our
Brekky Club on Tues 30th May?
Let the office know so we
can still deliver brekky.

Thanks.

Chappy Week this week.
Congratulations Swayneville Kids
you nailed the brief! So good to
see so many "Happy Chappies"
around the school we raised
\$96 towards the Chaplaincy
service



E-Safety Commission

is here to help, if you have questions about online safety
and cyberbullying.

Check out their website, especially the parents section.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Parade Awards 12th May 2023

Prep/1

Harlow - For great speaking in front of the class.

Arlia - For great speaking in front of the class.

Elsy

Eloise

1/2

Zaidyn - For always having a very high work ethic and positive attitude to your own learning.

Matilda - For always having a very high work ethic and positive attitude to your own learning.

Cody - For having a high work ethic & being super helpful and well mannered.

3/4

Nate - For working diligently, being polite, and always trying his best.

Ethan - For always following the 4 bee rules.

4/5

Ryan - For

Ellie - For always offering to help others with their work & projects.

Connor - For being a Super Listener.

5/6

Alyssa - For taking on challenges.

Will - For great effort in class.

Kind Is Cool: Tala, Mavis, Chelsea & Joshua

Donohue: 97 Jackson: 98

Queen Bee Award: 1/2

Principal Award: Luke & Brooklyn

Music Award: Brooklyn & Henry



Parade Awards 19th May 2023

Prep/1

Maverick - For settling into school well.

1/2

Jordan - For excellent improvement and effort in Reading Comprehension Assessment.

Jenna - For being an active participant in lessons and giving everything a go with improved work ethic levels.

3/4

Ma'harlee - For continuing to work to the best of her ability everyday.

Rubee - For great effort in her English assessment.

4/5

Ruby - For being a Super Listener - working hard and ignoring distractions.

Jimmy - For working really hard on his HASS assessment.

Dallas - For working really hard on his HASS assessment.

5/6

George - For asking great questions.

Joshua - For awesome work in Maths.

Emily - Teacher Aide award - for great work in symmetry.

Kind Is Cool: Cheston, Leland, Lauren, Saul & Jayden

Donohue: 244 Jackson: 236

Queen Bee Award: 3/4

Principal Award:

Music Awards: Roy & Issabella





Last Friday we celebrated P&C DAY!!! We held a lovely morning tea in the school gardens where we enjoyed each others company and recognised our members that have been with the P&C for 6 or more years.

Congratulations to the following members:

- Leanne & Dave Carey
- Tania & Paul Vonhoff
- Michelle Moren
- Sharon Boswood
- Glenn & Vashti McFadzen
- Simone Hauwert
- Loren Hauwert

This weekend our P&C are excited to be offering our catering services again this year for the Blue Mountain Dog Trials, which is a great community event. Our amazing volunteers will serve competitors and spectators for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Thank you to our parents for offering a helping hand over the weekend.

RECYCLED BATTERY FUNDRAISER

Great news!!! We have received an amazing \$715.50 from our last load. Please remember DON'T DUMP IT RECYCLE IT and help support our school.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Sports Carnival, cheering on our Swayney kids.

From your P&C team



News Flash
There will be NO tuckshop
Friday Week 6 & 7.

Thursday Special
Meat Pie or Sausage Roll With
Popper & Cookie **\$7**

MY SCHOOL CONNECT

We are joining the world of social media! Send us a friend request today! We will add updates, events and stories about the amazing work that happens at SWSS every day. **Please send consent forms back** asap. If you have any concerns please speak to the principal.



Just a
Reminder!

A hand pointing up with the index finger extended. A red string is tied in a bow around the tip of the index finger.

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Are you a parent?



To find out more, please contact:
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Child Development & Design Better
Interventions

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Australian parents
of 3 - 12-year-old children
to participate in a survey about
parent and child self-regulation.**

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