



Swayneville State School

Enrol Now for 2026



Contact us
4943 5333



Enrolments Open
Prep – Year 6

Discover the heart of learning at Swayneville State School – where our amazing staff, beautiful campus, and small country charm creates big opportunities!

AS WE GROW, WE SHALL LEARN

Principal's Address

by Danae Thompson

Greetings Swayney Families! Week 4 brings a myriad of excitement as the term keeps moving fast and our end of year celebrations begin planning. As we are still in an optimal learning window, attendance is imperative. Please support us to support your child in coming to school **everyday!** If you are having difficulties, please reach out.

STOP DROP GO – reminder our designated pick up and drop off point is the undercover area at the stop drop go gate. In the afternoon, students being collected by car will wait until their car is visible at the line up before moving. Parents collecting their children need to do so at the undercover area. Playground area is out of bounds before and after school for all children. I appreciate your assistance in helping keep our children safe.

Y5 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES are scheduled for next Monday @ 9am. A special parade will take place for our whole school to listen to our brave Y5 students share their visions and aspirations for leadership at Swayneville. Good luck kids.

DAY FOR DANIEL - This Friday we acknowledge and support the **'DAY FOR DANIEL'** day. I encourage you to please **wear red** and bring a **gold** coin that will go towards helping support safe education programs in schools.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY – it's always a blessing to be surrounded by amazing teachers who do what they love and love what they do. SWSS is very privileged to have a dedicated team, and we thank and honour their work in educating young minds. Please extend a thank you to a teacher this Friday.



SWAYNEVILLE SS

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR

Get set for Prep 2026

Transition & Parent Information Sessions
8:50am - 11:15am

Wk 2 - Monday 13th October
Wk 3 - Tuesday 21st October
Wk 4 - Wednesday 29th October
Wk 5 - Thursday 6th November



What to bring:

Closed in shoes, water bottle, morning tea in a lunchbox & hat

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

For more information please contact (07) 4943 5333 or email principal@swaynevilless.eq.edu.au



Swayneville Swag

Term 4 Week 4 - 29 October 2025

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

2026 Prep Transition Day 3 – Wed 29 th Oct
Swimming Lessons – Wed 29 th Oct
Student Leadership Speeches – Mon 3 rd Nov @ 9am
Swimming Lessons – Wed 5 th Nov
2026 Prep Transition Day 4 – Thu 6 th Nov
Remembrance Parade – Tue 11 th Nov @ 11am
Swimming Lessons – Wed 12 th Nov
Swimming Lessons – Wed 19 th Nov
School Performance – Ghana Beat My Drum – Tue 25 th Nov @ 1.45pm.
Swimming Lessons – Wed 26 th Nov
Swayneville P&C Cricket Bash – Sat 29 th Nov
Yr 6 SSOS Orientation Day – Tue 2 nd Dec
Swimming Carnival – Wed 3 rd Dec
Yr 6 Graduation – Fri 5 th Dec
End of Year Spectacular – Wed 10 th Dec
Report Cards Emailed – Fri 12 th Dec

Everyday counts!

Presence + Participation = Success

Preloved Uniforms
Wanted!

Donate, Reuse & Give back

It's the perfect time for a clean out!!

Our uniform shop is in desperate need of your second hand uniforms. If you have any that no longer fit or aren't being worn we'd appreciate them.

All proceeds from the sale of uniforms goes to the P&C and supporting your child's education.

Please drop all donations to the school office.

Thank You!

Every day counts

MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It's important that children are at school all day, every day

OK reasons to stay home from school

- sick
- natural disasters

It's NOT OK to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even 1 day can make a difference

1 day off school each fortnight = Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before

Good attendance begins in Prep It's where good habits begin

ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Each 1% increase in school attendance may result in 2-3 NAPLAN score points

What parents can do

- Promote the importance of school
- Get to know the teacher
- Go to school events
- Read the school newsletter
- Be responsible at home
- Supervise homework
- Ask about your child's day
- Volunteer to help at school

Get involved in your child's school

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS



Classroom News

1/2 Class

Hi families of year 1/2,

Term 4 has begun with lots of excitement and wonderful learning in our Year 1/2 classroom! The students have settled back in beautifully and are already showing great enthusiasm across all areas of their learning.



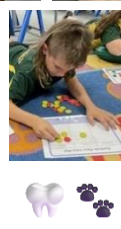
In Maths, we have been exploring **number, colour, and symbol patterns** and creating our own unique designs. Students have also been forming **skip-counting groups** using 2s, 5s, and 10s, which has been a fun way to strengthen their understanding of number sequences. We've been practising how to **order numbers correctly**, both from smallest to largest and largest to smallest, as well as **finding missing numbers** within a sequence. This work has extended to numbers up to **120 and 1000**, helping students build a strong foundation for number knowledge and place value.



Our Science learning this term has focused on **materials and their uses**. Students have been investigating how different materials can be chosen for particular purposes, such as carrying an object or creating something that is **water resistant**. Soon, they will begin planning and making their own creative designs using what they have learned about material properties — a hands-on project we are all looking forward to seeing come to life!



In English, our focus has been on **poetry**. We've been learning about what makes a poem interesting and enjoyable to read, exploring features such as **alliteration, rhyme, rhythm, repetition, and sound patterns**. The students have loved listening to and creating their own playful and imaginative verses. In **Drama**, we've continued our unit on **'My Place'**, where students have been exploring their role in the community of **Sarina**. They have been thinking about different places that are important to them, imagining who they might be in those spaces, and how they would act. Students are now preparing to soon begin **creating and performing their own short dramas**, showcasing their creativity and growing confidence.



Other Highlights

We have also been enjoying our **Show and Share** sessions, where students have had a wonderful time presenting and talking about their **favourite animals or pets**. It has been a great opportunity for them to practise their speaking and listening skills while learning more about each other's interests. Additionally, we had a special visit from our friendly **Sarina Dental Team**, who taught us all about how to keep our **teeth strong and healthy**. The students loved the visit and took away some excellent tips for good oral care.

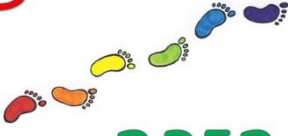
It's been a fantastic start to Term 4, and we are so proud of the effort, curiosity, and enthusiasm the students have shown in their learning. We look forward to seeing their continued growth and creativity as the term progresses.

PREP Transition Day - 2026 Future Preppies

 Welcome 
To Our School!



STEP
INTO
PREP



SWAYNEY TUCKSHOP MEAL DEALS

MEAL DEAL 1:

Pie, home baking & popper \$6



MEAL DEAL 2:

Sausage roll, home baking & popper \$6



MEAL DEAL 3:

6 x Chicken Nuggets, home baking & popper \$5



ORDER THROUGH MY SCHOOL CONNECT
BY THURSDAY 7AM.

Swayneville P&C News



Many Hands Make **LIGHT** Work



Cookbook Pre-Orders

Our much-anticipated **Swayneville Cookbook** is almost here! Pre-order forms will be handed out this week — keep an eye in your child's bag so you don't miss your chance to secure a copy. **Price:** \$50 per book

Cricket Bash – Friday 29 November

It's nearly game time! Registrations are now open for our upcoming **Cricket Bash** on **Friday 29 November**. Gather your team, get your forms in early, and be part of a fantastic day of community fun and friendly competition.

Save the Date – “Sway in the Cane” Cocktail Gala

Mark your calendars! Our next big social night, the **Sway in the Cane Cocktail Gala**, will be held on **Friday 16 May 2026**. More details to come — it's set to be an unforgettable evening!”



Saturday 29 November | Swayneville State School

A fun, family-friendly day of social cricket, food & festive cheer!

Event Highlights:

- Mixed 8-player cricket teams (all skill levels welcome)
- Kids' games & activities throughout the day
- Bar & BBQ open all afternoon
- Feast Box Dinner — marinated chicken wings, steak, potato salad, coleslaw & dinner roll
- Raffles, Blind Auction, Bauble Draw & 50/50 Jackpot!
- Music, movie on the big screen & good vibes all night

Team Registration: \$120 per team

Teams must register & pay by 15 November

♦ Spectators welcome!
Free entry — meals & drinks available to purchase.

🕒 Gates open 2pm | First game starts 3pm

📞 Contact: Kate 0400 712 550

SPECIAL GUEST!
Justin Hodges & Ben Maher

Stubby Coolers & Glowsticks
Food, Drinks & Bar Available
Free Outdoor Movie after the Cricket

2025

Blue card changes effective Term 4, 2025.



Volunteers helping with Swimming will require a blue card.

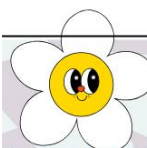
Blue card changes are coming from 20 September. These changes include:

- parent volunteers **will require** blue cards if:
 - services or activities do not include their own child
 - they attend overnight excursions or camps
 - close personal contact may occur with another child (such as assisting with toileting, bathing or dressing).
- external businesses providing services in schools or to children will need a blue card.

For more information about the upcoming changes, visit the [Queensland Government website: https://www.qld.gov.au/law/laws-regulated-industries-and-accountability/queensland-laws-and-regulations/regulated-industries-and-licensing/blue-card-system-changes](https://www.qld.gov.au/law/laws-regulated-industries-and-accountability/queensland-laws-and-regulations/regulated-industries-and-licensing/blue-card-system-changes)

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TERM 4 WEEK 4 2025



Playgroup got a little bit spooky this week! Some fun dress ups!!!



Ice-Block sales have begun again!! Every Friday!!!
\$1 Zooper Doopers
\$2 Icy Poles

ARE YOU AWARE THAT THE ESASITY COMMISSION HAS ANNOUNCED CHANGES TO SOCIAL MEDIA AGE RESTRICTIONS AFFECTING CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE?
MORE INFO AT:
WWW.ESASITY.GOV.AU

Email: margaret.rowlands@suchaplaincy.org.au

How to contact Chappy Marg



By phone: Mondays and Tuesdays
call the school number: 4943 5333



Day for Daniel

Join Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day.

Friday 31 October, 2025

WEAR RED educate DONATE



Come to school dressed in Red on Friday 31st Oct

RECOGNISE



"I feel yucky"

REACT



"Run to find help"

REPORT



"Tell someone"

TALK

to the five grownups on your safety network until you get the **HELP** you need

GOLD COIN DONATION

It's all about keeping kids safe!

Register your school or early learning centre, or workplace today!

DanielMorcombe.com.au

IMPORTANT information on keeping kids safe

You have the right to be **SAFE** and you can get **HELP**

Kids Helpline
1800 55 1800
Emergency
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Check out our FREE videos and resources at DanielMorcombe.com.au

#DayForDaniel #KeepingKidsSafe #RecogniseReactReport





BUDDY'S BRILLIANT STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Parade Awards 20th October 2025

- Prep** Henry - For outstanding fluent reading.
1/2 Sonny - For doing amazing reading and spelling during reading and sounds write lessons.
03 Matilda - For displaying an excellent learning attitude in Math and being an amazing listener in class.
4/5 Jack - For being an active learner all week.
06 Nathaniel - For being a responsible learner during our science experiments.

Buddy Brilliance: - Be Safe: 'Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself'.

- Prep Johan
 Year 1/2 Rowan
 Year 3 Beau
 Year 4/5 Arlo
 Year 6 Conway

Buddy Besties: Brooklyn, Amber, Nathaniel, Henry & Logan

Sports Awards: Ashton, Arlia, Corbin, Tim & Bryce.

Premier Reading Challenge: Bentley, Charlotte, Ashton, Charli, Meika, Cartia, Bailey, Logan, Isabell, Liberty, Bentley, Kirani, Koby, Jack, Sonny & Chelsea.



Parade Awards 27th October 2025

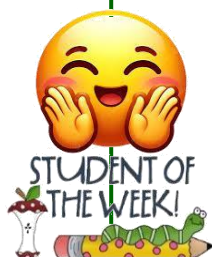
- Prep** Cartia - For working really hard during sounds write lessons.
1/2 Reve - For always giving their learning a go with a positive attitude.
03 Zaidyn - For being a positive class member who tries his best in all learning areas.
4/5 Gabriel - For participating well in all lessons.
06 Taysha - For facing change with positivity and maturity.

Buddy Brilliance - Being Respectful: 'Use polite words and calm voices'.

- Prep Lawson
 Year 1/2 Cody
 Year 3 Luke
 Year 4/5 Hunter
 Year 6 Harrison

Buddy Besties: Vivienne, Harrison, Wyatt, Cody & Lawson

Sports Awards: Oliver, Brydie, Jordan, Chelsea & Eden





Swayney Little Buddies

PLAYGROUP

Halloween Party




















Thank you Julie & Aiden for the yummy treats you shared. We loved them!!

Join us on Facebook!

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.

<https://www.facebook.com/Swayneville-State-School-106617364898337>



Swayneville State School

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Please remember to message the school on 0466 364 460 early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

Attendance – All day, Every day – Participation + Attendance = Success.

- all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
- Swayneville SS monitors, communicates and implements strategies to improve regular school attendance.
- if you are having trouble getting your child to school or if you need help (lunches/uniforms) we can help.
- truancy can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
- attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.
- if your child is away please let the office know via phone call or text message



EVERY DAY COUNTS!

School Absentee SMS Line: 0466 364 460



Swayneville P&C

Second Hand Uniforms



Contact Karissa
on 0439987166
to make a
purchase.

\$5 each

Shirts ✓

Girls skorts & skirts ✓

Boys shorts ✓

Winter jackets and pants ✓

If you have any pre-loved uniforms you'd like to donate please drop them into the office. Thank you!

Thank you for your support!

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**WHY
FIT IN WHEN
YOU
WERE BORN TO
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OUT?**



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Need to contact us at Swayneville State School?

Email: admin@swaynevilless.eq.edu.au
principal@swaynevilless.eq.edu.au

Phone 074943 5333

Admin 0466 364 460

Principal 0466 437 114

Community News



FREE

DON'T MISS THIS NIGHT OF LIGHT JOY & LAUGHTER

Light PARTY

Come and Celebrate the Light with some family fun:

- Awesome FREE activities and candy
- Food trucks & stalls
- Live music & entertainment
- Dress up in your most fun, positive costume!

A FREE, FAMILY FRIENDLY ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN!

THANKS TO MACKAY CHURCHES AND BUSINESS SUPPORT

BLUE WATER QUAY RIVER STREET, MACKAY

FRI 31 OCT 4 - 9PM

SCAN AND LIKE LIGHT PARTY MACKAY

Please join us for a...

CHRISTMAS

Hoy & Cent Sale

Saturday, 22nd Nov

Doors open @ 12 for a 1pm Start

Adults \$7
Children Under 12 yrs \$3

Nebo/Sarina Range QCWA Hall
1994 Marlborough Sarina Rd

**Delicious Afternoon Tea.
Lucky Door Prize &
Multi Draw Raffle**

Thank you for supporting QCWA
Nebo/Sarina Range Branch

Important changes coming to legislation around children under 16 using social media platforms. Click this link for more information: [Social Media Minimum Age](https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions-hub?utm_campaign=2510_edu_news_oct&utm_id=15bd8c99aa8ad641087ad936f3aabb9db&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eSafety_edm)

[hub](https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions-hub?utm_campaign=2510_edu_news_oct&utm_id=15bd8c99aa8ad641087ad936f3aabb9db&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eSafety_edm) - https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions-hub?utm_campaign=2510_edu_news_oct&utm_id=15bd8c99aa8ad641087ad936f3aabb9db&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eSafety_edm

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Social media age restrictions hub

The Australian Government is protecting young Australians at a critical stage of their development, through world-first social media age restrictions taking effect on 10 December. Find information in this hub to help you understand and prepare for the change.

Information for young people

Explore advice for under-16s, including what to do with existing accounts.

Information for families

Find resources and conversation starters for your family.

Information for educators

Use the resources and information to help your students with the change.

Which platforms are age-restricted?

Find out which platforms currently meet the assessment criteria.

Register for a webinar

Live information sessions for parents, carers and educators.

Frequently asked questions

Find out the facts about how the restrictions will work.

About the legislation

Learn how eSafety is implementing key measures under Australia's Online Safety Act.

Regulatory guidance for online services

Guidelines for industry on reasonable steps to comply with legislation.

Assessment guide for online services

How platform providers can check if they are likely to be age-restricted.

Commitment to Children's Rights

How we will uphold the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Stakeholder consultations

Read about discussions with industry, researchers and the public.

Awareness campaign

Learn about the Australian Government's national campaign.