



Woody Point Special School

2nd June 2017



From the Principal

Leadership Team Update

As you would know from our last newsletter, Ric is currently undertaking the role of Acting Lead Principal State-Wide Special Schools. During his absence, I am acting principal and Samantha McGhie from Burpengary State School has been appointed as Acting Deputy Principal. I'd like to welcome Samantha to our school and I trust that her time at Woody Point Special School will be both informative and enjoyable.



Partnership Agreement with Redcliffe Special

Thank you to the many parents who recently participated in the phone survey about the proposed changes to the partnership agreement between Woody Point and Redcliffe Special Schools. The survey was conducted as part of the ongoing community consultation to determine support for the proposal to move to a primary and secondary model of education across the two schools. The results from the survey are listed in the table below:

| | Woody Point Special School | | | Across Both Schools | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|------|--------|---------------------|------|--------|
| | Yes | No | Unsure | Yes | No | Unsure |
| % responses | 89.9% | 1.4% | 8.7% | 92.3% | 1.3% | 6.4% |

As you can see parent support for the proposal is very high not just at Woody Point but also at Redcliffe Special School. Comments made during the phone survey indicated that many parents particularly like the fact that their children will have the opportunity to transition to "high school" in the same way as their brothers and sisters who do not attend special school and that they support the notion of students moving through the phases of schooling with their same-aged peers.

Some parents indicated that they were as yet unsure if they support the proposal and would like some more information about the proposed changes. In the coming days, I will be making contact with those families to discuss their concerns or questions. As always, if you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact the office and make a time to pop in and chat - I am very happy to answer your questions!

Wacky Hair Day

Today we had Wacky Hair Day and I particularly want to thank our staff social committee who organised this day as a fundraiser for our school Chaplaincy program. It was great to see so many staff and students looking resplendent in their wacky hairstyles. Even Pel got in on the act! We raised \$140 to support Chappy Alan in the great work that he does in our school community - what a fantastic effort! I've included some photos of some of our students and staff in their wacky hair - enjoy!



From the Deputy

Hi Everyone,



I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all. My name is Samantha McGhie (Sam). I will be acting in the role of Deputy Principal for the next 6 weeks here at Woody Point Special School. I join you from Burpengary State School, where I am the Head of Special Education Services. I have also undertaken at number of Acting Deputy Principal stints at this school. During my time at Burpengary, I have the pleasure of supporting students with a disability within inclusive classroom environments. I am really looking forward to getting to know the Staff, Students and their families during my time at Woody Point. Gaining new

experiences, knowledge and sharing my own knowledge will be something I am looking forward to whilst I am here. Please feel free to introduce yourself when you see me walking around the school. Once again thanks for welcoming me into your school and I look forward to working with you all.

Sam

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)



Hi Everyone

My name is Pel and I am the Woody Point Special School PBL mascot. My job is to help students with the 3 whole school expectations of

I can be a Learner

I can be Safe

I can be Respectful

Each fortnight on Parade I help Ric hand out the awards for the students who have been displaying the whole school expectations. I also choose one student from each sector of the school who has been working really hard to receive the *Golden Pelican Award*. Last week students were learning about "I can keep my hands, feet and objects to myself."

Three students received the prestigious *Golden Pelican Award* and had their photo taken with me.

Last fortnight's *Golden Pelican Award* winners were

| Sector | Student | Reason |
|-------------|----------|---|
| Early Years | Savannah | For consistently being safe with her hands, feet and objects. |
| Junior | James | For being a kind and thoughtful friend to his peers. |
| Mid/Senior | Gene | For making a good effort to join in during the PE dance lesson. |

Congratulations to those students and to all of the students who received awards on parade.

The learning focus for this fortnight is

I can be safe..... I use private behaviour in appropriate places.

Keep up the great work and I look forward to seeing you at assembly next Friday!

Junior 6

This semester the students in Junior 6 have been exploring a variety of scientific concepts through our cooking session "Making Cupcakes." Each ingredient used has a different look, feel, smell and taste and the students have enjoyed using their senses to engage in the sequence of steps to make their cupcakes.



Daniel adding the white choc bits.



Brayden adding the vanilla pudding mix.



Jacob spooning the mixture into the patty papers.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

June 2017

School holiday events for youths with disability

MONDAY 26th JUNE—SKATING MANIA!

Learn to rollerskate at Bundamba Skateway! Enjoy a half day of skating, followed by lunch and games at Rotary Park.



TIME: 10am—2pm

VENUE: Bundamba Skateway

LUNCH: Included

WEDNESDAY 28th JUNE—PARK DAY

Get outdoors and have fun at the All Abilities "Queens Park" in Ipswich, followed by lunch at Queens Park Cafe.



TIME: 10am—2pm

VENUE: Queens Park, Ipswich

LUNCH: Queens Park Cafe

FRIDAY 30th JUNE—JUST JUMP!

Just Jump is a fantastic indoor trampoline park and play centre in Redbank. Have a great active morning, followed by a picnic lunch and games at Goupang Park.



TIME: 10am—2pm

VENUE: Just Jump, Redbank

LUNCH: Included

**Prices on application. Activities subject to change based on availability and numbers*

About Sociability Club

Carers Link's School Holiday Program offers great, inclusive group events. All our activities are based on participants having fun, meeting new friends and learning great life skills! Groups consist of 12-15 people, and group support is provided 1:3 by qualified and experienced staff.

BOOK NOW! Call 3901 1165 or email linker@carerslink.com.au



WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT



LIVE ON STAGE!

Adapted from the picture book by Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury.

The Redcliffe Cultural Centre,
Redcliffe
Tuesday 15th August @
6:30pm

For bookings phone
3283 0407 or

www.redcliffeculturalcentre.com.au

Performance duration 55 minutes
(no interval)

Self-Direction for Bigger and Better Lives Helpful relationships between services and people with disability

Presented by Jane Sherwin
Thursday 15 June 2017 Brisbane



www.cru.org.au

About the workshop: The relationships between people with disabilities and their families, and the services that have supported them need to be re-thought by all parties in this new environment. Many people are searching for more productive and sustainable ways of working that enable people with disability to have control over their lives, as well as the support they require.

This workshop will not describe the details of self management. Rather, participants will explore a variety of concepts that should be considered as services work with people to negotiate the amount of control they need and want in order to live a typical life in their communities.

Who should attend? This workshop is for people who are interested in exploring how self-direction can be supported so that it works well for all parties. This will include people with disabilities, family members, and people who are paid to support them.

Topics covered will include:

- Working towards rich and meaningful lives
- Authority & control on a continuum
- Positive relationships between services and people with disability
- Negotiations – expanding on what people might have a say over
- Building capacity
- Embedding these ideas in organisations for structural change

Date: Thursday 15 June 2017

Time: 9.30am–4.30pm

Registration from 9.00am

Venue: CRU Office
Level 2, 43 Peel St
(cnr Merivale St)
South Brisbane

Cost: \$150 Full Fee
\$65 People with a disability and family members

RSVP: 2 June 2017

Register via CRU website:
www.cru.org.au

Active HOLIDAYS Ages 3 to 17

Active Holidays will get the kids moving these school holidays with a range of sport and recreation activities for children and teens aged 3 to 17 years.

All activities are provided by qualified instructors in local parks and facilities across the region, providing new challenges for a fun-filled school holiday.

Winter & Spring 2017

High Ropes Canoeing
In2 Hockey Laser Tag
T20 Cricket Drumming
Archery Fishing Parkour

WINTER 26 June - 7 July 2017
Bookings open 9am Tuesday 13 June 2017

For a full schedule, terms and conditions or to make a booking call 5433 2052 or visit mbrc.qld.gov.au/activeholidays

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Moreton Bay Regional Council

Dates to Remember

Morning Assembly
9th June 8.50am

P&C Meeting
15th June 9:30am

SONY FOUNDATION / MARIST COLLEGE & MT ALVERINA CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMP



Planning is now under way for the Fourteenth Sony Foundation Marist Children's Holiday Camp. This means that we are inviting applications from families with children who would benefit from participation. The camp provides four days of care, friendship and entertainment for children with disabilities. It also provides families of these children with some respite as senior students volunteer to take on the role of companions. The camp offers facilities, twenty-four hour medical staff and care of the highest standard. Due to the demand for places, children can attend the camp only once.

As we are supported by the Sony Foundation in this camp there will be no cost to parents.

The camp is held at Marist College Ashgrove from **Saturday 16 to Tuesday 19 September, 2017**. The camp will include children from both city and country areas. If are interested in further information about the camp, please download an application form and brochure from the College website. www.marash.qld.edu.au or contact:

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APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2017 CAMP CLOSE ON FRIDAY 9 JUNE 2017.