

# Woody Point of View

## 11th November 2016



### **From Principal's Desk**

#### **Staff Appreciation Week**

This week was staff appreciation week at Woody Point. This a moment in time each year we set aside to celebrate and thank our dedicated staff for the work they do.

We have celebrated the work of staff with morning teas, thank you notes and cards, the high five challenge and even a prize draw. While we've had some fun with it, the appreciation, gratitude and thanks is most sincere.

While we do acknowledge international teachers day, teacher-aide day, OT week etc, we save our major celebration for our staff as a whole. This reflects the team approach we adopt across all areas of work. Regardless of roles or duties every staff member at Woody Point is important and plays their part in making our school a success and helping our students to learn and grow.

I'd like to thank all the families who took the time to send or SMS in their notes of thanks for staff. It was a great joy to personally deliver these message to each staff member and I know that without exception they were appreciated.

#### **Find us on Facebook**

Your new Woody Point Special School Facebook Page was officially launched last week. We are very excited about the already high levels of community engagement with the page. If you haven't had a chance to check it out yet you can find it at [www.facebook.com/WoodyPointSpecialSchool/](http://www.facebook.com/WoodyPointSpecialSchool/) or by searching for Woody Point Special School.

Don't forget to like the page so you get regular updates and information.

#### **Lions Children of Courage**

On Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> October, I had the great honour of being able to attend the Lions Children of Courage awards. These awards celebrate the achievements of young people who have worked hard to overcome obstacles in their lives. This year there were 7 award recipients from Woody Point Special School and ECDP. My congratulations to Eli, Riley, Zachary and all the award winners. Very proud of you, as always.

#### **Petrie Shield Awards**

At last Friday's assembly I was pleased to present the winners of the annual Petrie Shield Award. This award is sponsored by Luke Howarth MP, Federal Member for Petrie. It is presented in the spirit of explorer and early pioneer Andrew Petrie after whom the federal seat of Petrie is named.



Unfortunately Luke was unwell on the day but the presentation was able to go ahead regardless. Congratulations to all the award winners including Jothom and Elkana. Each student received their own individual shield and the perpetual shield hangs in the front office with their names on it.

### **Working Bee – Thank You**

A big thank you to all the families and community members who pitched in at the Early Years playground working bee last weekend. Not only did we get a lot of valuable work done it was a great opportunity for families to interact and get to know each other. We will certainly plan more similar events in the future.

### **Making changes in 2017?**

If you are considering making any changes to your residence for 2017 please contact the school before you make a change to find out if your access to transport support will be impacted upon. It's much better to have all this information available before you make these decisions.

Ric Day  
Principal

## **Intensive Interaction**

*Is a key student centred, holistic teaching pedagogy at Woody Point to support students to develop:-*

### **The Fundamentals of Communication**

enjoying being with another person

developing the ability to attend to that person

concentration and attention span

learning to do sequences of activity with the other person

taking turns in exchanges of behaviour

sharing personal space

using and understanding eye contacts

using and understanding facial expressions

using and understanding physical contacts

using and understanding non-verbal communication

using vocalisations with meaning (for some, speech development)

learning to regulate and control arousal levels

(D,Hewett, 2008)



*Our students continue to strengthen their understanding and motivation to communicate.*

# Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)



Hi Everyone

My name is Pel and I am the Woody Point Special SWPBS 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 fortnight. I also choose one student from each sector of the school who have been displaying the whole school expectations of

## **Wk 5-6 – I can be Respectful - I use polite and friendly language**

These three students receive the prestigious **Golden Pelican Award**, have their photo taken with me and also go up on the board in the foyer of the Office.

Last fortnight's **Golden Pelican Award** winners were

Sector	Student	Reason
Early Years	Connor S	For using friendly language with his classmates
Junior	Harley J	For using friendly language in the playground
Mid / Sen	Chance C	For using friendly and polite language when organising Bandana

Fortnightly on parade, one class will be drawn out for me to come and visit their classroom to see them being a Learner, Respectful and Safe.

I look forward to visiting the following classrooms in the next couple of weeks. EY3 – Deb L, EY4 Amy.

Focus for next Fortnight - **Wk 7-8 – I can be a Learner - I line up in the correct place**

# Term 4 Week 4 Golden Pelican Awards



## Middle Years 1/2

Students in our class are encouraged to participate in many activities to explore the curriculum and to use their own individual way of communication to indicate preferences. Students also have plenty of time to “have a chat” with an adult using their own unique way of communication (Intensive Interaction) which include smiling, giggling, singing, clapping their hands onto preferred objects or their communication partner’s hands, many different vocalisations (soft and very loud) accompanied with lots of eye contact. Some students use Proloquo2go whilst others use symbols, Key signs, words or short phrases to make requests.



During technology sessions, students have opportunities to access activities on the computer via a Jellybean switch. Students make use of the website "Helpkidzlearn" to choose from a selection of counting songs, cause and effect activities or just fun activities.



Students enjoy time outside in the garden to investigate daily and seasonal changes in our environment, including the weather. Desk activities include counting tasks, reading, art, puzzles, iPad work, looking at family photos





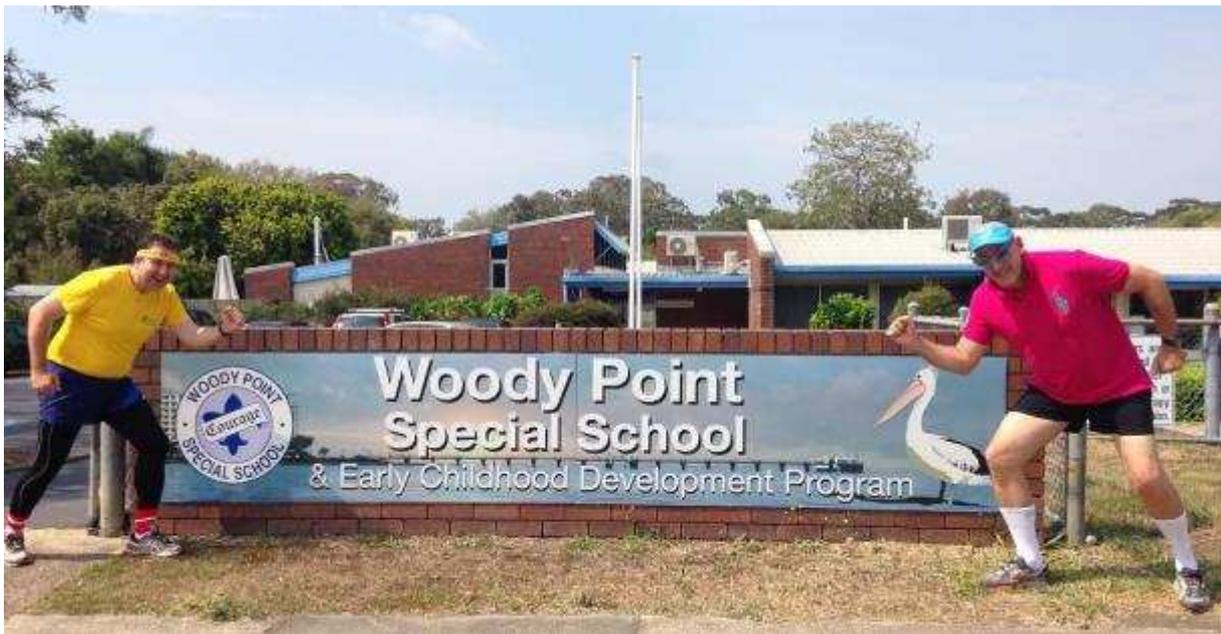
## Bandana Day

Friday 28th of October was Bandana Day. Our Senior Students worked very hard raising money for Canteen. They sold a whopping **116** bandanas and raised \$473.

Great job Chance, Gene and Jothom! And a huge thank you to everyone for your support.

## Staff Appreciation Week

As part of staff appreciation week Ric and Sheldon took part in the "Great High Five Challenge". They raced around the school (in their best athletic attire) to thank and high five as many staff as possible. Log on to our Facebook page to see who the winner was.



## Parent Meet and Greet - Date Claimer – Thursday 19 January 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Next year we will be trialling a Meet and Greet afternoon before the start of the official school year. Parents / Carers will be welcome to come in to the school to meet their child's teacher and to drop off books and supplies on Thursday 19 January between 1:30 – 3:30pm.

## Dates to Remember

Friday	25th	November 2016	Assembly	2.20pm
Friday	9th	December 2016	Last Day of School	