From the Acting Principal’s Desk

As we draw to the end of a successful and enjoyable Term I would just like to take the time to thank the staff at Woody Point Special School for their efforts over the last 10 weeks. Partnerships and relationships with parents and carers, teachers and therapists are extremely important. When having communication with one another please be mindful to take into consideration the other person’s views. Remember it is not that you disagree, but how you disagree that is important.

This term we have or will bid farewell to the following staff:

Jessica Johns who is extending her family by one and has been on maternity leave for a couple of weeks. We thank Grant Elmsly for taking on the 2 days in the Senior class. This will continue in Term 4 with Grant working with Kerryn Walpole in Senior 4.

Emma Sunderland is also purchasing a larger car as she is adding to her family as well. Emma has worked in supporting the students in Middle 1/2 this year. Theresa Hoiberg and Julianne Morgan will be job sharing this vacancy in Term 4 starting in Week 3.

We wish both Jessica and Emma all the best and we look forward to seeing them and their new babies in the near future.

Gloria Mennie one of the cleaners at Woody Point is retiring and looking at fulfilling her excitement for travel. We wish her all the best for the future.

Natalie Bridgwood (OT) will be getting married over the holidays. We hope you, Andrew and family have a great day.

Cent Auction

Congratulations to the P&C Committee on organising and running a successful Cent Auction last week. With 88 prizes it was well received by all who attended. Planning has started to make the 2017 Cent Auction bigger and better. Remember the monies raised go towards purchasing resources for the children of Woody Point Special School.

Date Claimers

Proposed Working Bee — Please mark in your calendar Saturday 29/10/2016 7:00 – 11:00am- more information early Term 4

Senior 4 will be organising a free dress day for Canteen on Friday 28/10/2016 – Gold Coin donation to support this charity.

Happy Holidays – School Watch

School holidays are almost upon us

During this period empty schools provide an opportunity for criminal activity, becoming targets for unlawful entry, arson, stealing, graffiti and property damage – all of which become a cost to the community.
The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce criminal activity in Queensland schools and encourages everyone to look out for after-hours crime in our schools. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88

Let’s work together to help create safer school communities.

Disability review underway

An independent review into the educational provision for students with disability in Queensland has commenced and teachers, parents and students are encouraged to have their say. The department has commissioned Deloitte Access Economics to conduct the review to ensure we provide world-class education for students with disability.

Principals, teachers, parents and students are invited to have their say on the educational provision for students with disability in Queensland state schools by completing the survey available via the link below. The survey features a separate set of questions for students, teachers, parents and other members of the Queensland community and provides the scope for structured written submissions.

https://deloitteau1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_aeYth8sEwykgFdH

The opportunity to complete the survey and make a submission will be open until 30 September 2016.

Should you have any difficulty accessing the survey or making your submission, please contact the review team via: qldswdreview@deloitte.com.au or (07) 3308 7015.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Sheldon Hooper
Acting Principal
From the Therapy Team

INTRODUCING……. SOME OF YOUR CHILD’S EDUCATION TEAM

At Woody Point Special School we have a team of people at work to enhance your child’s education. While every student’s educational journey is different and individualised, we would like to show you the various people who may be involved in supporting your child reach their educational goals. Everyone on the education team plays a unique and important role. We would like to introduce you to some people you don’t always see who are working in the background to help your child grow….the nurses and therapists.

Nurses
‘Supporting students with specialised health needs’
Nikki Smith  Chris Shaw

Physiotherapists
‘Learn to move, move to learn’
Madi Bunn  Fleur Luffar

Speech Therapists
‘Language for learning, language for life’
Joanne Teo  Chris Lukin  Susan Cassidy

Occupational Therapists
‘Skills for living and learning’
Tanya Spring  Natasha Rogers  Natalie Bridgwood  Narelle Drinkall
Fundraising for Canteen

In term 4 the Senior School are selling bandannas to raise money for Canteen. The 28th of October is Bandanna Day. We will be selling bandannas all month. At the start of term 4 we will send home order forms so all the family can be involved. Please support this cause.

Thanks Chance, Jothom, and Gene - Senior 4

Dates to Remember

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