From the Principal’s Desk

School Opinion Surveys

The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted 11 to 29 July 2016. All families, school staff and students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey have been sent home with students. Each family has received either a paper copy of the survey or an online access code. Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, and school computers will be available upon request.

School Facebook Page

This term the school is planning to develop a Facebook page as a means of sharing information with families and the community. On Tuesday 26 July at 9.30am we will be hosting a morning tea for families who would like to assist with the consultation on this project. I’d love to have a few families come along to give us some ideas and input to help shape how we use this communication method to best meet family’s needs.

Same Day Absence Notification

Last week, the report When a child is missing: Remembering Tialeigh – a report into Queensland’s children missing from out-of-home care was released and the Queensland Government has accepted a recommendation from the Queensland Family and Child Commission that the Department will implement same day notifications advising parents/carers when a child has an unexplained absence from school.

The Managing Student Absence and Enforcing Enrolment and Attendance at State Schools and Roll Marking in State Schools procedures have been updated to require same day notification for unexplained absences from the beginning of 2017. Also effective immediately, when a student in out-of-home care is identified as missing from school, the school is to notify the caregiver without delay (either manually or electronically).

As of Monday 25 July we will be trialling and implementing the expansion of our existing SMS service to support this new requirement. Please find attached to this newsletter “Parent Guidelines for Same Day Student Absence Notifications” which outlines to families how this new and improved process will work. We will continue to monitor and refine through the remainder of this year.

Acting Principal Arrangements

I have been seconded to the position of Internal Reviewer, within the School Improvement Unit for a period of 5 weeks from 1 Aug – 2 Sept. During this time I will be working with and leading review teams across the state to conduct reviews in a number of special schools. This is a terrific professional learning opportunity to look at a number of schools up close and I look forward to returning, I’m sure with a number of improvement ideas for Woody Point.
During this time Sheldon Hooper (Deputy Principal) will be acting Principal and we are currently working through the processes to appoint an acting Deputy Principal. Woody Point Special School is due for a school review in 2017.

Facilities Update

Work on the new relocatable building is progressing well. If all continues to progress without disruption the new building will be available from week 7 this term. Even with some delays and some time to organise furniture we should still be able to move a class or classes in by term 4.

Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please inform the school principal.

Information and fact sheets are available at:


Australian Government Department of Education website:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Ric Day

Principal
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 expectation of

I can be Respectful – I treat all property respectfully.

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

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<td>Hollie M</td>
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<td>Penelope C</td>
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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 have recently been in the following classrooms seeing the wonderful work that they do in class.

Junior 4/5 – Madonna / Tiahne; Junior 6 – Natalie; Senior 3 – Patrina
This semester, as part of our study of Science, we have been investigating elements of weather and the environment. This week we investigated how clouds produce rain. We recreated this by making a ‘Cloud in a Jar’. Students were very excited and enthusiastic about our findings.
LEARNING ABOUT GEOGRAPHY

Our class has been exploring! We investigated and became familiar with several different locations at school (and the bowling alley outside of school). We are learning to identify familiar locations and intentionally express a personal preference for one or more of the locations. We used “Like” and “Don’t Like” cards to communicate an opinion as well as practising the use of “More” and “Finished” key signing when engaged in activities at these locations. We are looking forward to learning about some different places later this term when we visit the PCYC.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!!

Here are some of our other special and familiar places....

The Classroom, Pool, Gym and Playground

The bowling alley was a favourite location for many of our students. It was noisy but so much fun!

The undercover area is a familiar place for us at school. One of the special things we do there is have our whole school assembly. This is an exciting place for us because its where we get to see Pel.
From the P & C

School Banking Program

Angela from the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program visited our assembly Friday 22nd July to talk about Dollarmites bank accounts for Students. The program is designed for children under 12 years of age, Dollarmites makes money fun with rewards for saving, interactive games, downloads and tips to help children save for the things they want sooner.

We will be holding an account opening day on Monday 1st August 2016 (time to be advised).

Did you know?

Every month that you make at least one deposit and don't take any money out of your Youthsaver account, you'll earn 'bonus interest'. Bonus interest is extra money the bank gives you as a reward for saving.

Cent Auction

The Woody Point Special School P&C are holding our Annual Cent Auction on Wednesday 7th September at the Woody Point Memorial Hall (different venue to last year). This event will help raise much needed funds for the school and our children's learning and education.

We are seeking donations and prizes for this fundraiser. If you have business contacts or you are able to donate personally towards prizes and our fundraiser, please contact the school on 3480 4333 or email pandc@woodpoinspecs.eq.edu.au.

The Cent Auction will be starting at 10:30am, doors opening at 9:30am. More details will be made available in coming weeks.

Any help and donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much for your support.

Lee Webber
P&C President
For Sale

Sertain S4400 Hi-Lo Chair - Australian made Electric Hi-Lo, backrest and tilting seat functions, Auto chair and auto lay flat functions, Maximum seat height is 840mm, In addition, electric leg rest and fold out footrest, All electric functions operated by a handset. Only 7 months old. Purchased for $10,300, Immaculate condition, Tagged and tested Asking price $7000

Leckey Horizon Prone/Supine Stander - For Ages 8 – adult (140 – 180 cm; max. weight 80 kg), size 2, offers the option of Supine and Prone Standing, frame angle can be adjusted easily with push button control handset, height adjustable, flexible lateral supports, Many adjustable features include: head support, flexible hip pads and pelvic bands, supportive chest pads and knee supports and front knee pads. Good for weight bearing or partial weight bearing and postural management. Easy to transfer in and out of. Excellent condition Purchased for $10,500 asking price $4,000

Motiva Pull apart Bed - Electric Hi-Lo, backrest and knee bend functions, all electric functions operated by a handset, bed easy to transport and set up in any room due to folding mechanism, 14 months old, perfect condition, wooden Beech Décor + matching side rails, weight capacity 205kg. Purchased for $2,500 asking price $1,200

Freedom Jogger - With Sun Canopy, Storage basket, swivel wheel attachment, seat position/ recline position can be adjusted, includes safety harness, hand-brake with parking button, rear wheel parking brake, also included is a new wind and rain canopy, very good condition. Purchased for $1,400 Asking price $600

Hopsadress Mobile Body Support System - Lifting Tackle, 3 metres of tracking, harness (medium size). This equipment provides safe partial to full weight bearing for children. Track can be mounted to any weight bearing beam inside or outside. A child can move forwards / backwards or rotate 360 degrees. Very good condition. Asking price $800

Soft Touch Tomato Sitter - Size 4, chocolate soft touch seat with tan harness, on wooden mobile base with lockable rear castors. Purchased for $1,800 Excellent condition Asking price $900

Snooze Star Adult Support Pillow - Multi-positional support pillow, can aid in correct head tilt, support or drainage position, 7 months old Strong durable fabric, easy to clean, excellent condition. Purchased for $225 asking price $100.

All electrical equipment is tested and tagged.

Contact: Carolyn
Mobile: 0407 007 517
Location: North Brisbane
Free information session on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

Samford

Details

To raise community awareness about the NDIS and ensure people with disability, their families and carers are ready for the change and opportunities the scheme will bring, Mamre Pave the Way is holding free information sessions in your community and sharing materials and resources about the NDIS.

Tuesday 26th July, 2016
10am - 1pm
Samford Community Centre
23 School Rd,
SAMFORD VILLAGE

What else do we offer?

During our visit, Mamre Pave the Way will also be offering conversations to:
* Individuals and Families
* Community Groups
* Government/Non-Government Agencies

How to Register

To register for a conversation:
Phone our office on (07) 3291 5800; Toll free call: 1300 554 402

To register for an information session:
Visit our website: www.pavetheway.org.au and follow the links or phone our office on (07) 3291 5800; Toll free call: 1300 554 402

Should you require support/consideration for dietary, mobility, auditory, visual, interpreter or cultural needs, please let us know when you book your place and we will endeavour to assist you.

“Pave the Way’s event was fresh and new with a completely different flavour and I felt elevated at the end of it. I especially liked the videos and I have advised my son to attend the next presentation as I want him to see the possibilities that could be available to him and open up his way of thinking about his life and potential.”
- Michelle, 2016