From the Principal’s Desk

End of term

Even though it was an 11 week term it still went by so quickly. On behalf of all the staff at WPSS I’d like to wish all the students and families an enjoyable and relaxing school holiday break. With the cooler weather just starting to arrive I hope everyone stays warm, safe and well. We look forward to seeing you back again when school resumes on Monday 11 July.

Senior Badges and Shirt

It was my great pleasure to present our senior students with their senior badges at our last assembly. As below:

School Captains: Gene and Caitlyn
Community Event Co-ordinator: Chance
Social Coordinator: Jothom

Congratulations also to Gene who was our only senior shirt recipient this year and thanks to the school P&C who sponsor the presentation of that shirt each year.

Reporting

At the end of this term all families should have received an end of semester report to give you an indication of your child’s progress with their learning at school. If you do not receive a copy of your child’s report please contact the school office. If you require any clarification about anything written on your child’s report please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

Facilities

Visitors to the school will have noticed a large fenced off area in the corner of our junior playground. Work has now commenced on the placement of the new relocatable building. This new building will provide us with additional high quality teaching spaces.

One of the existing hire buildings has been removed already as well as the hire toilet and associated ramps and covered walkways. We have had some minor disruptions over the last couple of weeks. Two classes were relocated while the crane was in use and at times we’ve had problems with unexpected noise. However most of the remaining work will be completed over the weekends and school holiday period. We will be in regular communication with the builders to try to minimise disruption and of course at all times ensure the safety of all. Students have enjoyed watching the changes especially seeing the old building being lifted out and removed on the back of a truck.

At this stage it is still hoped the new building will be ready to go early Term 3 however there has been one weather delay already and I am aware that the upcoming weather forecasts are not positive.

Facebook

As discussed in recent P&C meetings the school intends to develop a Facebook page in Semester 2 this year. Early next term I will be hosting a morning tea for families who would like to assist with the consultation on this project. Keep an eye out for further info in the new term if you’d like to be involved.

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 expectations. 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>Mid / Sen</td>
<td>Oliver</td>
<td>Great work in the Laundry program and for putting up the flags each day</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’m looking forward to seeing the wonderful work these students are doing!

I am flying north for the winter to spend some time with relatives in the Bahamas – stay safe everyone!!!
Fun Facts about Pelicans

- Our pouched bill can hold up to 13 litres of water!
- We can have a wingspan of up to 3.4m
- Pelicans fly very high and very low.
- They can skim the surface of the water with a long controlled gliding motion and they can rise to altitudes of 3000 metres.
- They can ride the thermals and reach a speed of 56km/h.
- They can stay aloft for 24 hours.
- Our cousins live on every continent except Antarctica
Experiencing Science through Intensive Interaction

By Riccardo Fiorillo EY2

In EY2 Intensive Interaction Science concepts are taught through real-life, lifelike teaching experiences via communication and observations. Students discover Science everywhere, everyday through ‘sensing my world’, a hands-on approach towards exploring and learning about their environment.

In semester one the Science unit has been ‘Materials’ with its focus on their properties and textures. Combined with the Literacy unit’s story ‘Going on a Bear Hunt’ produce a sensory story that both taught and enthralled the children that partook in the re-enactment of the story. From going ‘Swishy-Swashy’ through the long grass, to ‘Squishy-Squelchy’ in the mud, the children interacted and experienced the everyday materials that make up our natural environment.
What a semester of learning we have had!!!

WOW, halfway through the school year! One blink and we may have missed it!

Junior 2/3 has been engaging with a range of texts this semester and have been working on comprehension by identifying events and characters within texts. All students enjoyed the text ‘Where the wild things are’ and engaged really well with a range of different tasks. The students especially enjoyed when we watched the movie and ate popcorn! Erin may have cooked a little too much, but then there was enough for the teachers too!!!!

We have identified some favourite texts such as:

![Spider-Man](image1.png)

![Old Lady](image2.png)

![Pigeon](image3.png)

We have been working on saying hello during morning session in different languages. We can say hello in French, Italian, Spanish, Swedish and Dutch. We are using a wide range of communicative avenues to engage in conversations with others such as PECS and Pro lo quo to go

![PECS](image4.png)

![Pro lo quo to go](image5.png)

We have been engaging in literacy groups with peers from other classrooms. Our literacy groups are using the Reading Our Way program which focusses on matching pictures to pictures, words to words and pictures to words. We are also engaging in literacy group rotations which allows the students to have focussed time of specific Literacy skills such as reading, sight words, alphabet and comprehension.

A very, very semester we have had! We are all excited for Semester 2, but first we will enjoy the 2 week break! Be safe and we will see you in Semester 21

Erin, Candice, Kirstie and Sally.
SPECTRUM RESPITE
HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Spectrum Organization will be running a holiday program during the Easter school holiday period for both children and teens. Both programs will be community based offering a variety of activities that cater for both age groups and will be running from different locations within our community centre at Lawnton.

Dates

27th June to 1st July 2016
4th July to 8th July 2016
Each day runs from 9am to 3pm

School age children and teens

Who is the Spectrum Organization

The Spectrum Organization is a non-profit association committed to the wellbeing of the community. The organisation's ethos is inclusive, celebrating those things that make us all alike and human, by providing service options that are accessible and appropriate for all in our community. Service provision is person centred and holistic, a wellness model that seeks to build strength and capacity in the individual through service delivery and connection with the community.

Spectrum provides a venue where all members of the community are welcome and where the capacity of the individual to make a valuable contribution to their community is recognised and facilitated.

Eligibility for the programs

Either you or the person must be in receipt of Department of Communities, Child Safety or Disability Services funding to purchase a place in the program.

You may be eligible if you are able to access alternate funding through another source. For example: The commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre (CCRC) to purchase your place.

If you are not currently in receipt of funding you may be eligible to access further information and advice regarding the assessment process through your local Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services.

To Register

To register your interest in the Respite Holiday Program and seek further information, please contact Spectrum on 3881 3310 or email: Melissa@spectrum.org.au
Working Bee

Over the weekend 2 of our staff members Mick and Thomas along with a large group of volunteers from The Church of Latter-day Saints worked very hard around the school grounds mulching and pruning gardens and beautifying our school grounds.

We truly appreciate their efforts and think that the school looks wonderful and ready for an exciting Term 3!

Dates to Remember

Monday  11th July 2016  First Day of Term 3
Monday  18th July 2016  P & C Meeting  9.30am
Friday  22nd July 2016  Assembly  2.20pm
For Sale – Medifab Carrot 3000 Safety Seat and extension accessories – Price $1500
- Carrot 3000 purchased in 2013 – original cost $4500. Extension pieces purchased in 2014-
original cost $1250.
- This is a very comprehensive special needs restraint/booster system. It has various
extension accessories and multi-adjustable features. Many of these extension pieces are
unused and still in their wrapping.
- This seat is the only accepted booster seat in Australia to allow travel on airlines. We have
travelled with both Virgin and Qantas using this seat for our 6 year old daughter.
Contact Narelle 0407129802 or email snmclachlan@bigpond.com

For Sale – Medix Gelart Kiwi bath lift – Asking Price $150
- Gelart Kiwi Bath Lift purchased in 2013 – original cost $970.
- A portable and manually operated, mechanical bath lift. Designed to support the
user in a reclined position within the bath and enable a carer to raise and lower the
occupant into or out of the bath. Suitable for use with children.
Contact Narelle 0407129802 or email snmclachlan@bigpond.com