



# Woody Point of View

## 28th October 2016



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

#### **Staff Appreciation Week**

Week 6 this term is staff appreciation week at Woody Point. This is a moment in time each year we set aside to celebrate and thank our dedicated staff for the work they do.

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.

How can parents get involved?

Attached to this newsletter is a thank you slip. If you'd like to acknowledge or thank any member of staff please simply fill in this slip and return it to the school office on or before Monday 7 November. I will personally deliver these messages of thanks to staff throughout the week. Extra slips are available at the front office if you'd like to thank extra staff.

I urge all parents and families to get involved.

#### **Facebook**

Planning is progressing well on our school Facebook page. Most families have returned their permission forms which is appreciated. We have some staff training planned and hope to launch within the next two weeks. We will promote the new page via the school newsletter and SMS. If you have any questions or concerns at any stage please don't hesitate to contact the office.

#### **2017**

At this stage we are predicting approximately 90 school age enrolments in 2017. Transition programs start for new enrolments with a parent info session on 2 November at 9.30. I'd ask all existing families to join me in welcoming our new students and their families to our community.

#### **School Opinion Surveys**

Our 2016 School Opinion Survey Data results have arrived. I'd like to thank all families who took the time to complete this survey either online or through the paper versions. This year saw our highest number of responses from families with approximately 4 times the return rate of the last two years.

Our levels of parent satisfaction sit significantly above state, regional and special school averages in most areas. The main area for improvement identified from families is in the provision of useful online information which we will continue to work to improve.

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We are also excited to have had our highest number of student responses yet and I am pleased to see the continued high levels of satisfaction of students across the school.

The staff opinion survey was also particularly positive. With big gains in the areas of: staff morale, wellbeing, team spirit, communication, sense of community and support for staff. Staff satisfaction increased in 40/42 areas measured through the survey which is a terrific achievement.

Facilities issues were identified by staff as their main area of concern and we will continue to work with regional and state facilities officers on this important issue.

I have provided the School P&C with a brief summary and a full copy of the opinion survey results which we discussed at the last P&C meeting and I thank them for their input. Overall we should all be very proud of these results. While they are just one measure of success they do paint a positive picture of the school from a number of perspectives. These achievements are the result of the work and effort of many people and groups across our campus and I thank you all for your contribution to our shared success.

Ric Day  
Principal

## 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 3-4 - I can be Safe – I wear my hat in the playground**

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	Zachary L	For wearing his hat in the playground
Junior	Ericka S Blade P	For wearing her hat in the playground For wearing his hat in the playground
Mid / Sen	Kira W	For wearing her hat in and around the school

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 - **I can be Respectful - I use polite and friendly language**

# Term 4 Week 2 Golden Pelican Awards



## Being Summer Safe with Peli and Early Years 2

We may be only half way through spring, but wow! It sure can feel like summer sometimes. Peli and EY2 and would like to take this opportunity to remind our school community to 'Be Safe, Be Sun Smart for Summer'.



First you Slip on a shirt to reduce the risk of burning your body. There's nothing worse than wriggling about at night in bed as your skin is peeling away feeding those bed bugs.



Next you Slop on that sunscreen at least 10 minutes before going outdoors. Make sure you cover your face and all skin surfaces exposed to the sun.



Peli's Helpful Hint- Make sure you're wearing your shoes to avoid the surprise and pain of Bindies and Prickles this summer.



Then you Slap on a hat to keep the sun out of your eyes and off your face. Freckles may be cool, but they're not for everyone

## Junior 2/3

What a term of learning we have had! In science we have been learning about the weather and things that are affected by the weather. We planted some flowers and sunflowers. Our flowers are doing beautifully, still waiting for the sunflowers!



In history we have been learning about the past and present by looking at photographs taken from the past and future, and technology from the future and toys from the past.

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We have also been focusing on families including, how many and comparing the number of family members each student has.

The students have thoroughly enjoyed the science and history have all actively engaged in all activities! It is interesting to see



people in the family

units this term and what they think is

### **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	11th	November	2016	Assembly	2.20pm
Saturday	29th	October	2016	Working bee	7.00am - 11.00am