FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents/Caregivers
Welcome Back

The school year is well and truly underway for all our school’s students. Welcome back to all our students’ families and friends. We hope you all had a safe and relaxing holiday season.

The “Woody Point of View” newsletter goes to school families on a fortnightly basis and includes news, class stories and photos.

A very special welcome goes to the families of our 28 new students in the school.
Most of the students have settled into their new classrooms and teachers are working on establishing routines. Congratulations to all teachers, teacher aides and parents for a smooth start to the year. I’ve been able to visit all of the classrooms and it has been lovely to see children engaged in so much fun and active learning.

Welcome back to all our regular staff. We have a number of changes for 2014. Welcome to our new staff. We hope you enjoy joining the “Woody Point Family”.

A special thanks goes to the many parents who have completed and returned information and forms for 2014. If you have any forms that are not yet completed, please complete them and return to your child’s teacher as soon as possible so we can ensure all of our records are up-to-date.

Staff Changes
• Welcome to returning teachers, Marg and Natalie who are working in school classes. We also welcome Debbie, Alison, Erin and Suzy who have moved to the school from ECDP.
• We also welcome Melissa who is a new teacher in the ECDP.

DATES TO REMEMBER

P & C Meeting
Monday 10th February, 2014, in school staff room at 9.30am. All Welcome!


Term 1
• Last Day Term 1 – 4th April, 2014.
• Good Friday 18th April, 2014.
• Easter Monday 21st April, 2014

Term 2
• First Day Term 2 – Tuesday 22nd April, 2014.
• Anzac Day Public Holiday Friday 25th April, 2014.
• Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday – Monday 9th June, 2014.
• Last Day Term 2 – Friday 27th June, 2014.

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**Signing In and Out**

Parents are always welcome at our school. Can parents who are coming to spend time in classrooms please come through the reception and sign in and out on the book on the counter.

If parents are delivering or collecting their children outside the usual start/finish times (e.g. running late, or for a Doctor’s visit), please sign them out at the school reception. We are required to show on our rolls if students are late/early. Thank you.

**School Hours**

Our official school hours are 8.50am to 2.50pm. If you are bringing your child to school, please try to be as close to these times as possible. If you arrive a little earlier in the mornings, students can be dropped off at morning duty between hall and pool from 8.30am.

**P & C Meetings**

Our school has Parents and Citizen’s Association Meetings usually on the third Monday of the month at 9.30am. First meeting for the year will be earlier - on 10th February. All families are welcome.

The 2014 AGM will be held Monday 17th March at 9.30 in the school staffroom.

**Naming Belongings**

Could all families please make sure that their child’s belongings are clearly marked with their name. This is particularly important for lunch boxes, schoolbags, jumpers, drink bottles as they can be easily mixed-up. Thank You. Please contact your child’s teacher if anything goes missing or we have a “Lost Property” box at reception.

**Literacy**

We have included a “Literacy” bookmark with this week’s newsletter. We encourage all families to read to their children and you might get some tips from the bookmark. HAPPY READING!

Jan Baildon
Principal

**Great Results Guarantee**

Our school has received additional funding from the Great Results Guarantee and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes.

We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy.

Read more about the guarantee at www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee.

If you have an idea on a way to support our students to learn more or if you would like to take part in the discussion please get in touch.
Well 2014 has commenced at a fast pace. Last year in term 4 was my introduction to Woody Point Special School. Now I am looking to establish my role and ensure how I best serve the Woody Point community. Last year I gave a brief introduction of myself, now I would like to inform you of some of the key functions of my role. Two key areas of my role include: Provide Social and Emotional support, Mentoring and role modelling. In further editions of “Chappy’s Corner”, I will endeavour to inform you more about my role and how having a chaplain will be an asset to the Woody Point community.

Another key point of relevant information is the following: I work 2 days a week (Tuesday and Thursday’s). Please don’t hesitate to contact the school on my days off and leave a message, and I will attend to your message ASAP.

The year is shaping up to be yet another busy one. In next Chappy’s corner edition I will detail a few key dates of importance.

A regular of Chappys Corner will be my signing off ‘thoughts of the day’. This week’s thought is: ‘Life is like a game of tennis; those who don’t serve will seldom win.’

Wayne Mealin
School Chaplain
Hello families, carers, and friends. This is our first class article of the year. Students in our class are Aiden, Tate, Ella, Kyle, Braedon, Shi-Anne, Bethany B, Bethany S, and Kloe. Staff: Tracey, Kirsty, Sally, Lyndall.

We use the interactive whiteboard for our learning across all subject areas. We take turns; we put our hands up without calling out so we can have a turn. Sometimes we help our friends if they can’t find the correct answer.

We have our morning tea outside. We take our own belonging and we are independent at morning tea time. When we finish we have a 10 minute play outside in the junior playground.

While some of us are learning, others have structured play, we are learning to play with our friends, share, take turns and be respectful of our peers. We need to play quietly while our friends are learning.

We have been learning about our behaviour and emotions. What makes us happy and what makes us angry. What can we do to stay calm and learn?
From the Education Queensland Therapists: Welcome back to the new school year! We have the pleasure of welcoming three new Therapists to Woody Point ECDP & Special School for 2014 - Natalie (Occupational Therapist), Natasha (Occupational Therapist) & Lauren (Physiotherapist). If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please direct them to your class teacher or the therapist looking after your class (see below).

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FREE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE MOVIE SCREENING OF “FREE BIRDS” AT SCHOOL RECEPTION – FIRST IN BEST DRESSED – ONE TICKET IS NEEDED FOR EVERYONE ATTENDING MOVIE – HOSTED BY SPINA BIFIDA HYDROCEPHALUS QUEENSLAND.

WHERE: HOYTS REDCLIFFE, PENINSULA FAIR SHOPPING CENTRE

WHEN: SUNDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 2014 AT 10.30AM

MOVIE: “FREE BIRDS” – THE GREATEST TURKEY MOVIE OF ALL TIME

ALL TICKETS ADMIT ONE CHILD OR ONE ADULT AND INCLUDES FREE KIDDIES POPCORN AND DRINK.

(On the reverse of each ticket are printed the details of the businesses who have sponsored the ticket. The organisers would appreciate the kids sending a thank-you letter or email or picture to the donor about their day out).