Dear Parents/Caregivers

P & C Meeting

Next meeting will be the AGM to be held Monday 17th March at 9.30am in the staffroom. All families are welcome. Plans for the P & C activities for 2014 will be developed at the AGM.

Swimming Programs temporarily halted

Unfortunately, our pool has been closed due to the boilers breaking down. Approval has been given for a replacement system plus removal of fibro in the boiler room. The job has been sent to tender and we are hopeful of work being done in the Easter school vacation.

Alternate physical education programs will be provided while the pool is out of action.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Nationally Consistent Data Collection

Throughout Australia, schools collect a small amount of data about school students who have a disability.

Our school was chosen to participate in this process in 2013 and by 2015 all schools in the state will participate in the collection annually. This year, WPSS students from Prep to school completion will be part of the collection.
A letter is enclosed to explain the collection.

If you require more information, please request a Fact Sheet from the school reception, visit the website or contact school administration.

Please notify the school if you do not want your child’s information to be involved.

School Dance

We will be hosting a School Dance on 28th March in Hall. Mark it on your calendar!

Jan Baildon
Principal

FOR SALE

Wheelchair Accessible Van for Sale by one of our parents. If interested telephone school for details.
6th March 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

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.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

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 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 let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


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

Jan Baildon
Principal
Well, term 1 of 2014 at Woody Point Special School is going by quickly and it continues to provide me with busy times and daily challenges. My time schedule now allows me to focus my attention on meeting a few new people. I am now stretching my time to allow me to engage with a group of students in ECDP.

Although it is early stages in my transition to the ECDP group I am enjoying the experience. I believe this experience will allow me to assist with the needs of the ECDP parents, students and staff. I am quickly learning my role is very diverse, and no two days are the same.

Two key areas of my role are Spiritual Support (This is for students, staff or parents. It is completely voluntary) and Mentoring and Role Modelling. I pride myself that I can demonstrate positive role modelling skills. I am quickly learning that the challenges that this school community faces are unique. I believe that the staff do a wonderful job and do their best for students and the whole family concerned.

If you have any queries or questions on how the chaplaincy service may be of assistance to you, please contact me at school on Tuesdays or Thursdays or you can leave a message. For families who may require Chaplaincy assistance I am more than willing to address these concerns with you.

A regular of Chappys Corner is my signing off ‘thoughts of the day’. This week’s thought is: ‘A large part of education is choosing one’s company then listening.’

Wayne Mealin
School Chaplain
In Junior 4 the students are exposed to a literacy rich environment where they are supported to explore various language skills. Students are assisted to use expressive communication in a variety of ways including body language, key word signing and gestures when interacting with others and to communicate preferences and feelings. The students engage in a variety of listening, communicating, pre-reading and pre-writing activities such as tracking, tracing and copying letters, jolly phonics, and communicating using visuals, technology and spoken words.

Learning the conventions of print: understanding the basic concepts of reading and writing text.

Learning to recognise name, and sound out letters furthers a child’s early literacy skills.
This semester we have been listening to stories; read by the teacher, on the computer and in the library. We are learning about ourselves, our emotions, how we feel, our favourite things and about our family.

Junior 5 really enjoys listening to and watching stories on the interactive whiteboard. Here we are watching “I Feel.” – a story about feelings. Also a great favourite is an animated version of “Green Eggs and Ham” by Dr Seuss, it is the most requested story in our class.

At the end of the day students enjoy saying goodbye to the “Goodbye Song” that displays the words for them to follow.

Everyone enjoys looking at and reading books.
We are learning ‘All About Me’, using writing, songs, actions, pictures and concrete objects. We enjoy interacting with the adults in our room whilst learning how to share the things about ourselves such as; what we like, dislike, what we look like, what our favourite colour is and our favourite things and activities.

Bez says his favourite colour is orange.

I have so many favourite things:
My favourite colour is……

Eli stated that his favourite colour is black.

Blake said his favourite colour is yellow.

Tommy showed us his favourite colour, red.

Bez says his favourite colour is orange.

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**Sensory Movie Day**

“Sensory Movie Day” was created for Families with Special Needs. Children are free to try every seat, flap or stim, lighting stays on dim.

Fire exit doors are monitored for those escape artists.

This movie experience is a positive, non-judgemental experience.

Free membership cards are required to purchase tickets, which can be handed out on the day of the screening.

Children 2 years and under are free and companion I.D. cards are accepted.

“Regarding Movies, changes are possible due to unforeseen circumstances.”

Tickets $8 each Morayfield Birch Carroll & Coyle

Contact Chanelle Avison sensorymovieday@hotmail.com or 0422416509

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<td>“Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs 2”</td>
<td>Inventor Flint thought he saved the world when he destroyed his most infamous invention. Flint soon learns that his invention survived and is now creating food-animals - &quot;foodimals!&quot; Flint and his friends embark on a dangerously delicious mission to battle hungry foodimals to save the world.</td>
<td>2pm Sunday 23rd February</td>
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<td>March</td>
<td>“Frozen”</td>
<td>A prophecy traps a kingdom in eternal winter, so Anna must team up with Kristoff, a daring mountain man, on the grandest of journeys to find the Snow Queen and put an end to the icy spell.</td>
<td>2pm Sunday 16th March</td>
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<td>April</td>
<td>“Walking With Dinosaurs”</td>
<td>During the Late Cretaceous period 70 million years ago, the Alexorhesis bird Alex narrates about three Pachyrhinosaurus named Patchi, Scowler, and Juniper who grow from infants into adulthood. Alex has a symbiotic relationship with Pachyrhinosaurus. Patchi leads the herd in migrating, and they also encounter the predator Gorgon the Gorgosaur.</td>
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<td>May</td>
<td>Mr. Peabody &amp; Sherman</td>
<td>Mr. Peabody is the world’s smartest person who happens to be a dog. When his &quot;pet&quot; boy Sherman uses his time traveling WABAC machine without permission, events in history spiral out of control to disastrous and comical results. It’s up to this most unexpected of father-son teams to somehow put things back on track before the space-time continuum is irreparably destroyed.</td>
<td>2pm Sunday 25th May</td>
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<td>June</td>
<td>“Sensory EXPO”</td>
<td>Starts at noon in the foyer of the cinema. We invite lots of Service providers who come and let you know what help and support is available. Heaps of resources.</td>
<td>2pm Sunday 22 June</td>
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<td>“The Lego Movie”</td>
<td>Emmet, an ordinary, rules-following, perfectly average LEGO minifigure is mistakenly identified as the most extraordinary person and the key to saving the world. He is drafted into a fellowship of strangers on an epic quest to stop an evil tyrant. A journey for which</td>
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Parent Education Forum

Your Life Your Choice

Carers Link is an approved Host Provider with the QLD Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services to deliver Your Life Your Choice (YLYC) disability services to families in Queensland.

This forum aims to provide education and understanding around the YLYC self-directed support framework, and the range of services Carers Link may be able to provide under the YLYC model. The forum will cover a range of topics such as:

- Choice and control of funding
- Purchasing services
- Budgeting and planning
- Referral partners
- Funding through the Department of Communities

Thursday 1st May

9.30am—11.30am

Woody Point Special School
85 Georgina St, Woody Point

Bookings are essential! Please RSVP by Thursday 24th April to:
Sandra Kennedy
Phone: 3480 4333
Students, Staff, Families & Friends of Woody Point Special School are invited to celebrate the end of Term 1 with a fun social dance.

The theme for this year's school dance is "Bad Taste."

We're talking tacky dresses from the 80s, sequins, feathers and anything else that you consider 'bad taste.' There will be awards for best dressed! 😊

The dance will be held on Friday 28th March from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the school hall.

Entry is free.

However glow sticks, BBQ dinner, and raffle tickets will be sold on the night.

(Proceeds will go to the Middle/Senior Sector Camp.)