Dear Parents/Caregivers

P & C Meeting
Next meeting will be the AGM to be held Monday 28th April at 9.30am in the staffroom. All families are welcome. AGM was postponed from this week because the auditing of the Treasurer’s Books was not completed in time.

Visitors, Appointments, Late Arrivals, Early Departures
For security purposes, and in case of emergencies, we request that all visitors to the school (during school hours) enter via the front office, sign in, and receive a visitor’s sticker/badge. This would mean that parents who are attending for an appointment or visiting classrooms while picking-up/dropping-off during class time would need to go through the office.

This process is also used for other visitors such as workmen, relief staff, and volunteers.

This does not include parents dropping off at normal start-time or picking up at normal finish-time.

If parents wish to have a conversation with teachers, we suggest that they phone or send a message via the communication book so that an appointment time (which is mutually suitable) can be organised.

Collection of students by “different” people
Sometimes, parents need to have their child picked up by someone who is different than usual (a family member, afterschool care etc). If this is the case, please notify the school in advance and ask the person who is picking-up to go through the front office, have photo ID available and sign the student out. Thank you.

…2/…

DATES TO REMEMBER

P & C Meeting
Monday 28th April, 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.

SCHOOL DANCE – Friday 28th March, 2014 – Hamburgers $5, Sausages $2, Drinks $1, Glow Sticks $1.
Toy Library Visit to School – 29th April, 2014.
Assembly Dates – All Welcome!
Undercover Area 2.15pm
Week 10 – Friday, 4th April, 2014.

WOODY POINT STATE SPECIAL SCHOOL
Address: 85 Georgina Street
(PO Box 44) Woody Point Qld 4019
Phone: 3480 4333 Fax: 3480 4300.
Website: www.woodpoinspecs.eq.edu.au
Email: the.principal@woodpoinspecs.eq.edu.au
School Dance
We will be hosting a School Dance on 28th March in Hall. Mark it on your calendar!

Please return your response slips and raffle tickets and money ASAP.

This should be a fun evening for all the family and we encourage all families to attend. Students are already excited about the dance and have been practising their “moves”.

Donations to school
We have been lucky enough to get several donations to school in the last few weeks.

- Quota Club has offered $1000, which will be used for mathematics resources
- Tuesday Club has donated $1000. We are going to look into purchasing a “backing immobiliser” for the new bus.
- Rotary Club has taken on a major task of upgrading our Junior Playground which includes extending fencing, removing concrete, replacing sandpit and turfing. The Rotary Club will be helping with both physical work and providing funding so that the school will only need to fund a fraction of the total project.

Thank you to all these community agencies for helping our school.

Staff Changes
- Natalie Scanlon has returned to Woody Point after working on curriculum in Brisbane and unfortunately losing her house to fire earlier this year. Natalie will be doing non-contact and curriculum support duties.
- Keira McFerran will be continuing as teacher in Intermediate 1.
- Roy Anderson has taken extended leave and will be replaced by Mardie Kummer in Senior 1.

Multisensory Room
We have recently received our “Infinity Tunnel” which is an electronic virtual tunnel with coloured lights. This was funded by Bendigo Bank and our School’s P & C Association.

The P & C will be funding another piece of equipment later this year.

This week, we will be working on changing the theme in the multisensory room to “Colours”.

We are planning to change the theme each season so the room can continue to be interesting for students.

Jan Baildon
Principal
A child’s journey towards developing literacy can include learning to speak, listen, read, understand, watch, draw and write. Literacy develops from birth as we endeavour to express feelings, exchange thoughts and connect with others through body language, gestures, sounds, and language.

As Jane paints she tells her teacher it is a picture of ‘My Little Pony’. Jane is exploring her ideas and imagination through expressive communication and creativity.

Ezyah is learning to recognize and match the letters in his name. He is also learning to use digital technology to request his preferred song choice.
Throughout each day, the students in Junior 3 are learning to express themselves and communicate through a range of forms and symbols. Literacy incorporates a variety of modes of communication some of which include music, storytelling, talking, listening, viewing, reading and writing. Encouraging students to use these skills assists them to develop the capacity and confidence to use language in all of its forms. Thank you for reading about the exciting learning that occurs in our class. Please share the photos and sentences with your child and enjoy the delight that they bring to us each day at school.
Just a reminder the school dance is on next Friday the 28th of March from 5:30-7:30pm. The theme is Bad Taste!

Dinner will be sold on the night - sausages for $2, burgers for $5 and soft drinks and water for $1. We'll also be selling glow sticks for $1.

Don't forget to return your raffle tickets by next Friday to win some great prizes! We'll also be selling more raffle tickets on the night for $1.

If you haven't already returned your RSVP can you please do so as soon as possible. We hope to see you there for a great night!

---

Dance prizes
Drawn at the dance
Friday 28th March

Australia Zoo
Entry Pass & Signed Photo
$100 Gift Card

The Coffee Club
VIP Vouchers

Portrait Package
Flight Voucher
Juice Slushy Maker

…and lots more!!

Raffle tickets $1

Please fill out this RSVP slip and return it to your child's teacher.

Child's Name: ________________________________

☐ Sadly we already have plans and won't be able to make it.

☐ We would love to come. Number of people attending ______

Number of people eating sausages _____    Number of people eating hamburgers ____
Sensory Movie Day and Abbey Museum have come together to give families with kids with special needs and their siblings a couple of hours of archaeology fun.

WHEN: 15th April 2014 Second week of school holidays.

WHERE: Abbey Museum, 1-63 The Abbey Place (off Toorbul Point Rd) Caboolture 4510 ph: 54951652

COST: 4-16yr $11 per child, under 3 Free, Parents/Carers free. (Money to be paid before the day.)

TWO TIME SLOTS: 10am-12pm OR 1-3pm. Numbers limited to each time.

WHAT TO BRING: Hats, Sunscreen, insect repellent and drinks.

LUNCH: Sausage sizzle $2.50 (let us know at time of booking, need to order for catering purposes) or you can bring your own lunch. “Wide Eyed Coffee” Van will be there to purchase hot drinks, between 12-1pm

ACTIVITIES: Building Block Pyramids, Archaeology Coin ID and Mini Dig, Medieval Dress ups, Roman Shields to Paint, colouring in, Roman shield hunt and face painting.

RSVP: 5th April 2014. Numbers are limited. Waiting list will be offered. Payment is needed by 5th April. Ph: Chanelle 0422 416 509 or email sensorymovieday@hotmail.com
Easter Bunny Photos
Unique Beauty Photography &
Kooky Costumes
are raising funds for
Friends of Isobel
April 6th 9am-12pm
$20 x3 6x8 photos
Bookings only
www.facebook.com/pages/unique-beauty-photography

Bookings can also be made by emailing:
brookephoenix@hotmail.com
On behalf of Pine Rivers, Redcliffe, and Woody Point Special School we would like to extend an invitation for all Parent, Carers, and interested parties to attend our annual Post School Information Evening.

The evening will be held on Wednesday 28th May 2014 at the Pine Rivers State Special School Hall (10 Lawnton Pocket Road, Lawnton). The evening will commence at 6pm and concludes at 8.30pm. Light beverages will be served at 5:30pm.

Each Service Provider in attendance will share information regarding their service. Information will include Support For School Leavers Program, Day Services, 16-25 Flexible Respite Program, Disability Employment Network, and Business Services.

Guest Speakers will include: Department of Communities and Disability Services, Commonwealth Carers, and Centrelink. They will begin their presentations at 6pm.

Guest speakers and Service Providers will be available to assist families and interested parties once they have completed their presentation at approximately 6.30pm.

Please RSVP to Sandra Kennedy (Woody Point Special School) by the 30th April 2014.
Sandra’s Email: skenn136@eq.edu.au
Woody Point Special School’s phone number: (07) 3480 4333.