From Dumbledore’s Desk

Literacy and Numeracy Week
As part of our celebrations for literacy and numeracy week last Tuesday Woody Point Special School was transformed into Hogwarts for a day.

Students and muggles enjoyed the opportunity to rotate around a range of activities that tested their communication, literacy and numeracy skills. Some of the activities included:

- Reptile encounters and Magical Beasts
- Wand Making at Ollivanders Wand Shop
- Potting Plants in Professor Sprout’s Garden
- Fred and George’s Joke Shop
- Magical Encounters in the Multisensory Room
- A Navigation Hunt with the Marauder’s Map
- A Quidditch Match
- The Harry Potter Photo Booth
- Following Recipes to make Butterbeer

I’d like to thank all the staff who put in so much effort into making the day a wonderful celebration of learning and also extend my appreciation to all the families who joined us for the activities.

DATES TO REMEMBER

P & C Meeting.
Monday 15th September, 2014, in school staff room at 9.30am. All Welcome!

Term 3
- Last Day Term 3 – Friday 19th September, 2014.

Term 4
- Public Holiday Monday - 6th October
- First Day Term 4 – Tuesday - 7th October
- Pupil Free Day Monday - 20th October
- Last Day Term 4 - 12th December

Toy Library Visit to School 28th October, 2014.

Assembly Dates – All Welcome!
Undercover Area 2.15pm
Week 10 – Friday – 19th September, 2014

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Thanks Lions Club Kippa-Ring
On Tuesday evening I had the pleasure of attending the Lions Club Kippa-Ring 25 years celebration dinner. On the evening, Lorrain Kelly (President) presented cheques to both Woody Point Special School and Redcliffe Special School for $1500. This community support is greatly appreciated and we thank the club most sincerely.

Our intention is to use the funds to purchase a mascot to support our school’s commitment to School Wide Positive Behaviour Support and to use as a teaching tool to help our students remember the 3 rules: *I can be safe, I can be a learner, I can be respectful.*

Watch this space for the Peli-can!

A big thank you to support staff and teacher aides
This week we have two celebrations happening. Not only is it *School Support Staff Week* but Friday is also *Teacher Aides day*. It takes more than just great teachers to run a school; it takes a whole team of professional people working together as a team to achieve great outcomes for our students. I’d like to take this opportunity to send my sincere thanks for all the amazing teacher aides and support staff who work here at Woody Point. Their hard work, dedication, and compassion are a huge part of what make this school great. I’d encourage all parents, who get the opportunity, to find the time to express their thanks.

Albus Dumbledore (a.k.a. Ric Day)
Principal

P & C News

**THE WPSS ANNUAL CENT AUCTION WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, AND WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND TO ALL OUR SPONSERS.**

Next P&C meeting is Monday 15th September at 9.30am.
We recently welcomed Thomas, a new student to our classroom. Thomas is beginning to settle into his school routine and seems to be enjoying his new environment.

Lutovia and Jane are participating in the ‘Handwriting Without Tears’ program. Handwriting is a skill that must be taught and this program explicitly teaches handwriting through multisensory instruction. More information can be found on the Handwriting Without Tears website: [www.hwtears.com/hwt/parents](http://www.hwtears.com/hwt/parents)

Ezyah is investigating using his fine motor skills, this requires the use of smaller muscle groups to perform tasks. Activities like sorting and collage are examples of using fine motor skills and marble painting uses eye and hand co-ordination.

This semester students in Junior 3 have been participating in a unit of work which has incorporated activities based on pets: animals which make suitable pets, living and non living things, as well as living things that have basic needs such as food and water. The students also engaged in a range of learning activities that further developed their literacy, language, and numeracy understanding, as well as fine & gross motor skills, technology, play development handwriting, and social interaction.
This term our students have been engaging in weekly music therapy sessions with music therapy student, Hannah. Hannah’s music therapy goals include improving communication and emotional expression, as well as, increasing attention and engagement. We are all enjoying Hannah’s therapeutic visits to our classroom.

More information regarding music therapy can be found on the Australian Music Therapy Association website: [www.austmta.org.au](http://www.austmta.org.au)

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**Literacy & Numeracy Week - Harry Potter Day**

On Tuesday 26th August, Junior 3 participated in the Harry Potter Day to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy week. Our class engaged in activities in the hall, multisensory room, Fred & George’s Joke Shop, Professor Sprout’s Garden, and Magical Beasts. We were also lucky enough to sneak into the Three Broomsticks for a ‘Butterbeer’. It was a magical day of activities linked to literacy and numeracy outcomes which everyone enjoyed.
What literacy looks like in Junior 2 ...

... exploring letters and sounds in a variety of ways
... using PECS – exchanging symbols for preferred items,

... tracing and sequencing activities,

... creating a class book about our adventures with our duck “Quacky”
... using technology to enhance communication and literacy skills,

... and looking at and reading books and digital texts, and learning about titles, authors and characters.
ROPE COMMUNITY DANCE

Saturday 6th September 2014

CWA Hall
180 Redcliffe Parade
Redcliffe
(Next to Court House)
Time: 6.00pm-9.00pm

Entry: $10.00 - Includes a drink and pkt chips
Drinks available $1.00
No hot food available

LIVE PERFORMANCE BY CAESAR FERRO

Please note: This social dance is staffed by volunteers only. We will endeavour to supervise but no responsibility will be taken for individual guests. If guests require personal care they must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

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FREE TICKETS
(First in best dressed at School Reception)
2014 CYSTIC FIBROSIS TEN PIN BOWLING PARTY
Sunday 14th September, 2014
2.00pm to 4.00pm
AMF Redcliffe
403 Elizabeth Avenue
KIPPA-RING
Everyone attending needs a ticket – Ten Pin Bowling, Junior Meal, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Clown and more.
“SOCKS MUST BE WORN”

REDCLIFFE SPECIAL SCHOOL ANNUAL GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER, 2014
6.30AM TO 12PM
KLINGER ROAD, REDCLIFFE
LOTS OF FURNITURE, ELECTRICAL ITEMS, TOYS, BOOKS, CLOTHING ETC
COME ALONG AND HELP SUPPORT REDCLIFFE