

The Woody Point of View

7th March, 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents/Caregivers

P & C Meeting

Next meeting will be the AGM to be held Monday 18th March at 9.30am in the staffroom. All families are welcome. Plans for the P & C activities for 2013 will be developed at the AGM.

Possible Parent Forum on ABC Radio

One of our parents of students with ASD has contacted Radio 612 about having parents of children with disabilities to speak on the radio. This would be a change from the regular parents' sessions. The suggestion is to have three parents on a session (possibly a Wednesday about 10.30am in late April) who could talk or answer questions about having a child with a disability in the family. It is also suggested that children with a range of disabilities be represented.

Can parents who are interested, please contact me so that I can put you in contact with the parent who has had the contact with ABC Radio.

Multi-Sensory Room Upgrade

The school and P & C are currently working on upgrading the Multi-Sensory Room. New equipment is being ordered and the room is being set up with a "By the Sea" theme for the early part of the year. Several classes are doing Units of work where they are learning about the sea and sea animals this semester.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

P & C Positions held for 2012

President: Lydia Simmons
Vice President: Naomi Macquarie
Secretary: Sandra Turner
Treasurer: Sharon Booyen

The next meeting of the P & C will be 18th March, 2013 – AGM - ALL WELCOME!

Term 1

Last Day Term 1 – Thursday 28th March, 2013
Good Friday – 29th March, 2013
Easter Monday – 1st April, 2013
School Holidays – 2nd April, 2013 until 12th April, 2013.

Term 2

First Day Term 2 – Monday 15th April, 2013

Toy Library – Date to be advised

Di from the Toy Library visits the school approximately every month for Toy borrowing. This is a free service to students from Woody Point Special School.

School Assembly – 2.15pm Undercover Area
Friday 8th March, 2013

WOODY POINT STATE SPECIAL SCHOOL

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From the Principal's Desk *continued*

Much of the specialist equipment in the room is showing its age so an upgrade will make a big improvement. We intend to include some photos when the make-over is complete.

Swimming Programs temporarily halted

Unfortunately, our pool has been closed down for maintenance of the boiler system. At this stage, we do not have a time for the pool's reopening. While the pool is out of action classes will be having land-based physical education programs. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Reading

This year, the school is prioritizing Reading across the campus. At our school we have a wide description of "reading" behaviours. Reading includes - traditional reading plus - looking at books, listening to stories, viewing stories/information using various media, learning about print in the community such as signs, advertising, products and using symbols.

We have included a bookmark in the newsletter. It gives you some ideas about encouraging reading at home with your children.

Healthy Eating

Many of our classes are working on food groups and healthy eating. We would appreciate it if parents could send as many healthy foods such as salads, sandwiches, and fruit and minimise snacks and treats in the lunch-box.

Newsletters on the Website

We have recently reviewed our school website and are now able to include the Newsletter.

In the newsletter, we include articles from teachers about their class activities and curriculum in the class. When your child's class is featured in the newsletter you will receive a colour copy.

Many families have not given permission for their child's photo or name to be included on the website, so some of the class articles will be deleted from the website version. In other cases, certain photos will be deleted from the website version.

**Jan Baidon
Principal**



Chaplain Article

How do you measure your success?

Do you measure success in terms of achievement? Wealth? Perfection? Possessions? Status? Job promotion? Comparisons with others? This may lead to a sense of not being happy with one's own life, along with discontent, envy and ungratefulness. Sometimes we need to step back and take another look at our values. Do we value the things that really matter in life, such as love, integrity, family, relationship, health and our souls? Do we place more value on the important things that will really make our lives meaningful?

Success

To laugh often and much
To win the respect of intelligent people
And the affection of children
To earn the appreciation of honest critics
To appreciate beauty
To find the best in others
To leave the world a bit better
Whether by a healthy child
A garden patch
Or a redeemed social condition
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived
This is to have succeeded

By Ralph Waldo Emerson

Growth Vs Perfection

Perfection is all or nothing
Perfection is all about the goal
Perfection is all about outward appearance, and **what we do**.
Growth is little by little
Growth is more a journey
Growth is about what happens on the inside, and **what we are becoming**.

**Sharon Booyen
School Chaplain**





MyTime Parent Support Group

Autism QLD

**School Hall
Wednesday 13th March
9am til noon**

**Are you getting funding & therapy for your child in the Living with
Autism Package?**

**Autism Qld will join us. Learn about:
ASD- symptoms, value of intervention, coping mechanisms
Assistance available through
Autism QLD & other services.**

**MyTime is your group!
It's a great chance to make good friends, have fun "Me Time" and learn new things
with parents/ carers who are in similar circumstances.**

***Child Care & Morning Tea supplied
All welcome!***

Redcliffe Special Needs Toy Library

Free goods available!

- White two piece cane lounge suite available.
- Battery operated toddler quad bikes.
- Nappy liners & pull ups in many sizes available. Good brands.
- WPSS royal blue school shorts size 6.
- Brother DCP- 145C printer available.

Do you have the following items to donate?

- Dining table and chairs
- Chest of Drawers

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Prep / Junior 1 Class



Alex is making a fruit smoothie.



Max is about to make a footprint from paint.



Mitchell is doing his obstacle course in gym.

I would like to introduce the Prep/Junior 1 class for 2013. There are 6 students all together (3 prep aged children and 3 year 1's).

It has been a wonderful start to the year, and all the children have settled in well to their new class. All the children have individualised programs, which are specifically designed to meet their needs. We have been busy getting to know each other, doing physio activities, fine motor activities, cooking, art, music, stories, and much more!

Regards,
Marion (class teacher)
Toni, Lyndell, & Natalie (teacher aides)



Anyssa is doing the mat program with Toni.



Mahony is playing with some toys in the little den.

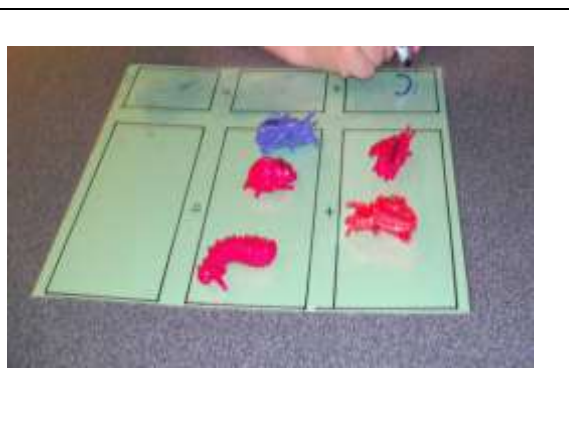
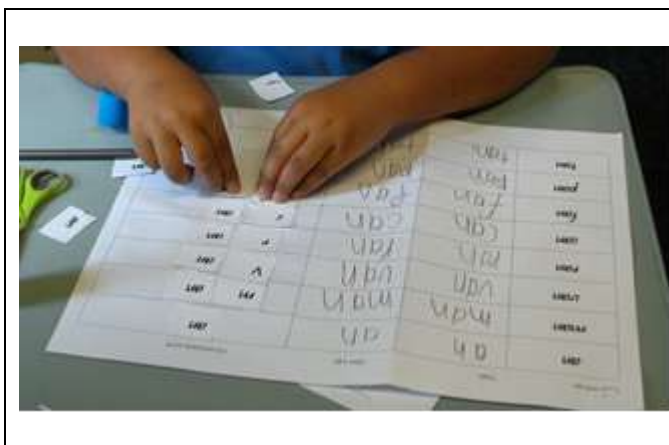


Faith is practising her sitting in her corner chair playing with toys.



Junior 9 ~ Jordan, Kira, Jude, Lochie and Wyatt

This semester we are learning about so many things including the weather, rhyme, word families, addition, capacity, time and shape.



We enjoy receiving letters from Wilma the Weather Wombat. She is very interested in the weather and asks a lot of questions. We have helped her to make safe choices when she went to the beach. We know that she likes watching clouds and wonder what other questions she will ask when she writes to us again.



We also enjoy listening to and singing along with songs that have rhyme like "Down by the bay" which has silly rhymes in it like "Have you ever seen a fly wearing a tie".



Notices

DONATIONS OF NEWSPAPERS & SHOE BOXES NEEDED

Junior 8 is looking for newspapers and shoe boxes to use within their classroom – if any parents/carers have any newspapers or shoe boxes that they do not need could they please bring to the School Reception for use by students in Junior 8. Thank-you.

Don't play in stormwater drains

As the wet weather season continues please take the time to warn your children about the dangers of playing in or near flood waters and stormwater drains.

Queensland Fire and Rescue's Swiftwater site can help you get this important message heard by your children or listen to flood stories told by young people.

<https://www.fire.qld.gov.au/communitysafety/swiftwater/default.asp>

<http://www.emergency.qld.gov.au/redalert.asp?details=flood>

Parent and community engagement framework launched

Research tells us that students achieve more when schools, parents and the local community work together.

To this end our school will be using the newly-launched *Parent and Community Engagement Framework* to better work with you for the benefit of our children.

Visit the [website](#) for more information on the framework.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/parent-community-engagement-framework/>



Switch Bricks

Hey Kids... Why not enjoy a LEGO themed fun experience featuring all things BRICKTASTIC in Ipswich this school holidays...



Lego Display,
Build and create with heaps of bricks !

BUILD & RACE CAR RAMP,
MINIFIG MADNESS ACTIVITIES,

Duplo Corner,

Competitions with prizes,

Challenge Zone and MORE !

3 sessions daily 9:00 –11:00, 11:30—1:30 , 2:00—4:00
from April 2nd— 5th and 8th—9th

Sacred Heart School Hall (Amare Centre)
25 Cothill Road BOOVAL

Tickets on sale NOW

www.switchbricks.com

Or Call 0403 770 688 for more details

***Children must be accompanied and supervised and remain your responsibility at ALL times. Small parts present a potential choking hazard to young children**

