FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents/Caregivers

My First 4 Weeks

My first 4 weeks at Woody Point have been very busy. I’ve been focussed on a few main activities:
Looking:
- Lots of time looking at how students learn in the classrooms and interact around the school.
- Investigating our key planning documents and school plans.
- Looking at the facilities and resources available to support learning.

Listening:
- Listening to parents, families, staff and students to learn about all the terrific things that are happening around the school and in the community.
- Meeting our new local member and hearing about key issues in the community.
- Meeting local Principals to gain an understanding of the region.
- Meeting regional staff who we work closely with, including our Assistant Regional Director (my boss) and the Regional Director (his boss).

Learning:
- Getting to know lots of new faces, names and people.
- Meeting students, staff and families to get to know our community.
- Learning about school processes, structures, curriculum and teaching practices.

DATES TO REMEMBER

P & C Meeting.
Monday 18th August, 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


Assembly Dates – All Welcome!
Undercover Area 2.15pm
Week 4 – Friday – 8th August, 2014
Week 7 – Friday – 29th August, 2014
Week 10 – Friday – 19th September, 2014

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So what's the next step?

Leading:
- Continuing to ensure that Woody Point Special School provides a safe and supportive learning environment for all.
- Continuing to engage parents and community as strong partners in the success of the school and the students.
- Maintaining high standards and high expectations for all.
- Continuing to support the professional and dedicated staff to work effectively in their teams to support students' learning and achievement.

Facilities Update
Last week I had the opportunity to attend a facilities meeting with a number of other schools on the Peninsula to look at the facilities needs in the area. The meeting was attended by school Principals, P&C reps, regional and central office facilities staff and our local State member Yvette D’ath. My thanks to Sandra our P&C president for representing our school and being a terrific advocate.

In short the major outcome for us was a commitment to develop a facilities master plan for Woody Point Special School. This is a significant step forward and I look forward to working with the architecture company to develop a plan to meet the growing needs of the school. Once the plan is developed we will be able to look at how we move forward from there.

Ric Day
Principal

P & C News
ANNUAL CENT AUCTION

Thursday 4th September, 2014
Donations for this Cent Auction would be gratefully appreciated and can be dropped off at School Reception – thank-you.

Next P&C meeting is Monday 18th August at 9.30am.

Help Support two organisations who support us – check out the flyers from the Tuesday Club – (High Tea & Fashion Parade) & the Redcliffe Special Needs Library (Charity Luncheon & Fashion Parade)
Junior 9

This semester we are going to investigate and explore the Science area of our curriculum using a jungle theme.

We have time to practise our motor skills.
Don’t forget English and Maths!

And then there is time to explore …
This semester we are investigating living and non-living things from the farm, learning about the animals we might see on the farm and how they provide some of the things we need. In literacy we will be exploring stories about farm animals, focusing on active listening and using the illustrations to help us make meaning from the book. Last week we enjoyed reading “The Pig in the Pond” by Martin Waddell.

Once the students have heard the story a few times and become familiar with it, they like to engage in some role play reading where they “read” the book to themselves by looking at the illustrations.

We took a sentence from the story and cut it into single words. With support, the students then glue the words back in order to make the sentence. Here Ella is drawing a picture of a pig in the pond to illustrate the sentence she put back together.

We had some fun acting out a sensory version of the story. Here Elizabeth is giving the little pig a swim in a blue jelly “pond”.

Next we innovated on the story and wrote a new sentence of our own – “The pig went in the mud”. We acted it out with pigs and chocolate pudding!

Christian is using string covered in brown paint to spatter his pig with mud.

Lucas cut up the sentence we made and put it back together. He points to each word as it is read to him.
This term, our Junior students have been immersed in Music & Movement including the above You Tube video “Animal Boogie”. We are in desperate need of stuffed animals that fit this jungle theme….. can you help by donating any toys fitting this description?

Our Rollerblading program which addresses Perceptual Motor Development also needs additional rollerblades in the smaller sizes.

If you have these items collecting dust at home and no longer need them, please contact me at school.

Ericka from Junior 1 is taking the Rollerblading challenge in her stride!

Kym Schluter
HPE Teacher
Tuesday Club Inc

High Tea and Fashion Parade
Fashions by Cosmopolitan Boutique

Saturday 11th October 2014
At 1.30pm
CWA Hall Redcliffe
189 Redcliffe Parade Redcliffe
(Next to Court House)
Doors open at 1pm
Cost $25.00 per person
Multi Draw Raffles
Lucky Door Prizes

RSVP 4th October
For Bookings and Payment
Please Contact
Daniella Forsyth 3293 2724
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Redcliffe Special Needs Library Fundraiser
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