

The Woody Point of View

6th May, 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Woolies Earn and Learn is open for 2013. Please send along all your filled cards or loose dots so that we can collect points for our school.

Mothers' Day Raffle

Please return ticket butts, money and unsold tickets to school reception. **Raffle will be drawn this Thursday** so please get all the tickets back ASAP

Donations towards Gift Baskets

We would appreciate any donations towards gift basket prizes. Items such as cosmetics, skin care, chocolates, wine, biscuits or coffee would be greatly appreciated. Please get any donations in asap.

Many thanks go to the people who have made donations towards the gift baskets.

Changing Address?

Please remember to notify the school if you are contemplating shifting address. We will be able to assist you in knowing whether your child might be eligible for transport assistance for the new address.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2

- Queen's Birthday 10/6/13
- Last Day 21/6/13
- School Holidays 22/6/13 – 7/7/13

Toy Library – 29th May, 2013

School Assembly – 2.15pm

Undercover Area

Week 4 - Friday 10/5/13

Week 7 - Friday 31/5/13

Week 10 - Friday 21/6/13

Term 2

- ❖ School Photo Day Tuesday 14/5/13
- ❖ Sports Connect Families Forum – 14/5/13

P & C Meeting. The next meeting of the P & C will be **20th May, 2013** - **ALL WELCOME!**

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From the Principal's Desk *continued*

Remember that transport (Townsend's Buses) applications need to be re-applied every time you change address even if it is nearby or closer to school. This takes about two weeks

School Photos next Tuesday

School Photos will be taken next Tuesday morning by Silver Rose Photography. All families should have received a package of information from Silver Rose.

Could you please send students to school in uniform, if possible, that day.

Please return orders for photos before or on next Tuesday so that they can be given to Silver Rose on the day. Any late orders cannot be sent through the school and will require you to deal directly with Silver Rose.

**Jan Baidon
Principal**

Education Week

6th May until 10th May, we hope you enjoy the displays all around the school.

ECDP have an art display in place all this week. Junior school had an activity morning/play on Tuesday. We should have some Education Week photos to display in the foyer and in future newsletters.

ECDP are having activities in the hall in conjunction with MyTime on Wednesday.

All families are welcome.





Chaplain Article

MOTHERS

Real Mothers don't eat quiche;
they don't have time to make it.

Real Mothers know that their kitchen utensils
are probably in the sandbox.

Real Mothers often have sticky floors,
filthy ovens and happy kids.

Real Mothers know that dried play dough
doesn't come out of carpets.

Real Mothers don't want to know what
the vacuum just sucked up...

Real Mothers sometimes ask 'Why me?'
and get their answer when a little
heart says, 'Because I love you best...'

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mums! You're an inspiration to us!

**Sharon Booyesen
School Chaplain**

MyTime

This Week MyTime is celebrating 'Education Week'. ECDP staff will have an educational display of easy to make ideas which can be used at home to support your child's learning. Come along to find out how you can utilize what's in your cupboard or what you can find at cheap stores. Enjoy a cuppa and some good company. Hope to see you there.

The clothes swap has been postponed to a date to be advised.



Class Article

Senior 2

The students in Senior 2 have had a busy first half of the year. We have been concentrating on developing switch skills for a range of communication and functional purposes. We have been accessing cause and effect computer programs, electrical equipment such as blenders for our cooking program and radios and bubble or light machines for entertainment.



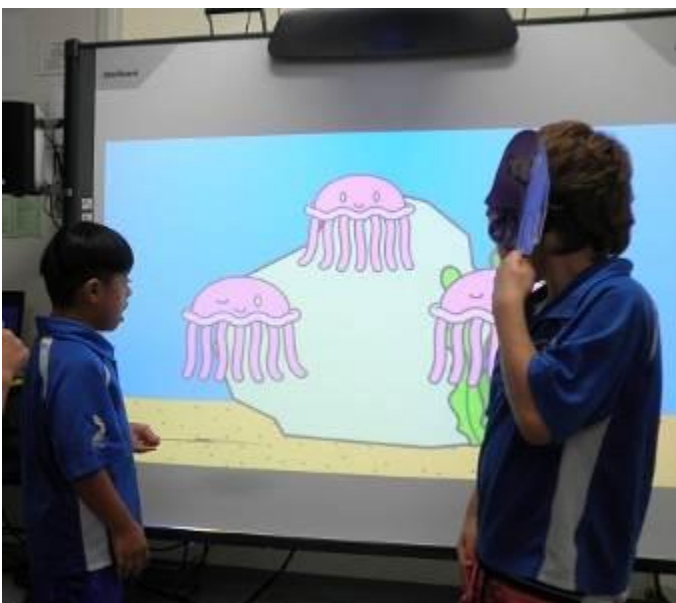
Leisure and sporting activities have also featured strongly with everyone enjoying games in the Hall and weekly community access visits to local parks and venues.



Last term we congratulated our senior leaders Nathan and Claudia, who were presented with their senior leader badges and T-shirts at a special induction ceremony at our school assembly.



ICT Article - ICT-Junior 2



Junior 2 accesses a range of ICT throughout the week to help develop each student's dispositions to learn and support their independence. Their use in the classroom enhances student engagement, motivation and a desire to learn, whilst promoting pleasure through learning. ICT experiences are planned according to individual needs and interests, making them enjoyable, motivating and challenging, and stimulate the students by building on their natural curiosity and desire to experiment.



School Photo Day

Our School Photo Day is fast approaching. Please find enclosed all information in relation to Photo Day. Order Envelopes are available at the School Reception.

**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
TUESDAY 14th MAY, 2013
PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD IN SCHOOL UNIFORM**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Silver Rose Photography will be at the school on the above date to photograph groups and student portraits.

To ensure you have no problems with your order please read your school photo envelope carefully.

- Your child must return their envelope to the school either before or on PHOTO DAY (**NOT AFTER PHOTO DAY**). If your child does not hand in an envelope to the school before or on the day, they may not be photographed for individual portraits. You are welcome to place a late order with Silver Rose but usually only for group photos.
- You can make your payment by cash, credit card (Visa or Mastercard), cheque or money order.
- If you have any questions about Photo Day please call Silver Rose on (07) 3262 5788.
- Do not order Special Groups on your envelope. Order forms will be available to download from Silver Rose website approximately one week after photo day.

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INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - No. 1 parenting educator



It's called Mother's Day, not Parent's Day

Mothering is different to parenting. Being a mum is emotional, instinctive and a job for life!



I often point out to audiences in parenting presentations how being related to our kids can stop us from being great parents. We all know how our neighbour's kids should be raised, but somehow it's harder to raise our own. That's because the hopes and dreams of motherhood (and fatherhood) can somehow get in the way of rational decision-making.

Mothering is emotional and instinctive

And that's the thing. Being a mother is not always rational, as parenting is often made out to be. There is a great deal of emotion attached to the role of mother. This emotion drives you to fight hard to protect your children, work assiduously to right any wrongs on their behalf, and exhaust yourself looking after their physical and psychological well-being.

Being a mother is instinctive. In the information age we need to be careful we don't deny the intuitive nature that mothers bring to their child-rearing. The nature of mothering infers nurturance, protectiveness and longevity. Mothering is relational rather than rational. You may grow out parenting by making yourself redundant but mothering is something you never grow out of. You are a mum for life.

Kids want their mothers, not their parents

Kids of all ages say, "That's my mum!"

They don't say, "That's my parent!" (They may say that when they are annoyed or embarrassed by you, but that's another story.)

Boys and girls of all ages generally love their mothers unconditionally, whereas they merely put up with their parents, particularly during adolescence. They can live without their parents, or so they think, but deep down they know they can't live without the one person who has a blind spot for them, overlooking all their faults. That person, of course, is their mother.

When kids of all ages get into emotional difficulty or their life becomes too hard, they generally go looking for their mums. They only look for their 'parent' when they want some money, or want someone to get them out of a jam!

Raising kids is about mothering (and fathering) ... rather than parenting. That's why we have Mother's Day (and Father's Day) rather than Parent's Day.

I hope you have a good one!

For ideas to help you be a great mum subscribe to Happy Kids my weekly email guide at ParentingIdeas.com.au.

There's a massive difference between being a mum (or dad) and being a parent.

'Parenting' is a twentieth century term that suggests that raising kids is a gender neutral activity. It's a managerial, almost scientific term that has given rise to a huge industry. In Western countries, millions of parenting books and magazines are sold each year, parenting columns appear in most newspapers, and new television series appear every year focused on the modern notion of parenting.

The problem is that when we refer to 'parenting' we tend to remove the heart and emotion from the task. We obscure the fact that it is mothers and fathers who are doing the child-rearing, rather than mere parents.

Parenting means different things to different people. For many people the term 'parenting' is code for behaviour management - particularly taming toddlers and their close cousins, teenagers. A broader and more thoughtful definition includes teaching kids positive values and attitudes, developing a range of skills that equips them for adulthood, and ultimately preparing kids to be parents themselves one day.

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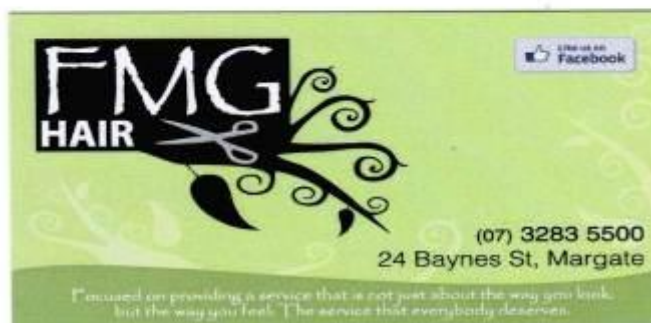


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