FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Literacy and Numeracy Week
As part of our celebration of literacy and numeracy week we will be having a Harry Potter theme day on 26 August from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Staff and students will be encouraged to dress up on the day as a character from this well-known piece of popular literature. FLYER enclosed.

For the record – I didn’t get to choose my own character.

Discipline Audit
In 2013, the Queensland Government introduced comprehensive audit requirements for state schools in the area of discipline. During 2013 and 2014 all Queensland state schools will have a discipline audit conducted at the school site.

On Wednesday, the 20th August, our school underwent a Discipline Audit. An experienced special school Principal spent a full day in the school examining our school polices and processes as well as speaking with staff, students and parents. I’d like to extend my thanks to all students, staff and parents who participated in this process and helped us though this valuable reflection process.

Following this review I’m pleased to report that the school received a number of commendations and affirmations for the excellent work being done particularly in the areas of parent and community engagement and the progress with school wide positive behaviour support.

We also have received a number of recommendations and pleasingly these align very nicely to our existing plans.

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

LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK


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

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Website: www.woodpoinspecs.eq.edu.au
Email: the.principal@woodpoinspecs.eq.edu.au
In the coming week we will receive a formal report, against five domains contained in the Discipline Audit Instrument: Principal Leadership, Parent and community engagement, Data informed decision-making, Clear consistent expectations for behaviour (this includes consequences), and Explicit teaching of appropriate behaviour to all students.

I have attached a parent fact sheet to provide further information about the audit process and, once available, the auditor's report will be posted on the school website.

**Update on the Pool**

Work on the pool area and associated equipment is nearing completion. Some unexpected electrical work was required which commenced last weekend. We have had some interruptions to our power before school this week to allow the work to be completed.

Ric Day
Principal

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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”

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**P & C News**

**ANNUAL CENT AUCTION**

2 Weeks to Go

Thursday 4th September, 2014

Donations for this Cent Auction would be gratefully appreciated and can be dropped off at School Reception. If you can help on the day please contact us – thank-you.

Next P&C meeting is Monday 15th September at 9.30am.

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Junior 5 are very busy exploring English, Mathematics and Science this semester. We are learning about; living and non-living things; numbers, patterns, shapes and measurement; and sounds, letters, words and text. Most importantly, we have been learning how to listen, follow direction, and get on with our friends while having FUN.

Abby enjoys sharing her feelings each day with the use of the ipad.

Bez is having fun learning about living things. He is showing us a living thing.

Eli participates positively in morning greetings.

Blake is engaged in doing a puzzle.

Everyone enjoys listening to the story ‘The Very Clumsy Click Beetle’ by Eric Carle.

Tommy likes to draw; here he is showing off his picture of a rainbow.
Junior 4 has been working hard to further develop our literacy skills in communication, sound, and letter knowledge and listening, writing, and reading. Throughout the week we used a variety of mediums, tools, and surfaces to ensure every student’s learning style is recognised, and that their experiences are more meaningful.

Gabriel and Elkana enjoy watching and using digital technology to listen to and interact with their favourite stories.

To assist students in developing essential reading skills, the students in Junior 4 are making their own environmental print book – allowing them to recognize words, letters, and symbols found in everyday life.
The students in Junior 4 participate in an emerging literacy activity of completing their arrival book. Elkana is selecting the correct symbol to finish each sentence. Troy is drawing on the Blackboard and Brock is tracking at his desk. We practice writing, tracking, and tracing with a whole range of different pens [chalk, felt pens, crayons] and on different surfaces [paper, cardboard, blackboard, whiteboard, concrete].

In junior four we use the Jolly Phonics program to develop knowledge of sounds in words.

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Dear Student & Families

We are pleased to inform you that you have been invited to our special Harry Potter day to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week at the Special School of Woody Point!

The magical information for this day is as follows...

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<td>Time</td>
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<td>Finishing at 12:30</td>
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<td>Who</td>
<td>All students from Woody Point Special School and their families</td>
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<td>Where</td>
<td>The activities will start and end in the school hall. There will also be other activities throughout the school.</td>
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<td>Why</td>
<td>We are hosting this special day to celebrate literacy and numeracy week. The activities that the students will be participating in will give them the opportunity to use their literacy, numeracy and communication skills in fun and engaging learning contexts.</td>
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<td>Activities</td>
<td>Your child will be engaging in 4 of the 9 following activities including:</td>
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<td>• Playing a game of Quidditch (an activity focusing on team work and following verbal instructions)</td>
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<td>• Dressing up (an activity focusing on communication through symbol use, choice making and commenting)</td>
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<td>• Joke Shop (an activity focusing on numbers, communication through commenting and requesting)</td>
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<td>• Wand Making (an activity focusing on following a written procedure, fine motor skills and measurement)</td>
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<td>• Reptile Encounter (an activity focusing on a sensory experience, commenting, and turn taking)</td>
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<td>• Making Butterbeer (an activity focusing on reading recipes, measurement and commenting)</td>
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<td>• Herb Planting (an activity focusing on following a written procedure and sensory experiences)</td>
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<td>• Navigational Hunt (an activity focusing on map and school navigation, visual discrimination and sensory experiences)</td>
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<td>• Multisensory Room (an activity focusing on using senses to explore and engage with their environment)</td>
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<td>To Bring</td>
<td>There is no cost; however we do encourage students (and their families) to come to school dressed up for the day. Suggestions for dressing up include:</td>
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<td>• Harry Potter, Hermione or Ron</td>
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<td>• A Hogwarts student</td>
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<td>• Normal Woody Point Special School uniform (with a cape)</td>
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<td>(If you do not feel that it is appropriate for your child to dress up, please do not feel that it is necessary, it is only encouraged in order to promote discussions about the special event day at home, to create a fun atmosphere for the day and also to encourage communication exchanges between staff and students)</td>
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<td>Please Note</td>
<td>The activities that your student will be involved in will be encouraging literacy, numeracy and communication.</td>
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<td>If you have any questions or concerns at all about the day, please contact administration (34804333) and we will be more than happy to give you further information.</td>
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We hope that you will be able to attend this day to join in the activities with your child!

The Staff of the Special School of Woody Point
Discipline Audits

As part of an initiative to strengthen discipline in Queensland State schools, Discipline Audits will be conducted in every Queensland state school by November 2014. The purpose of the Discipline Audits is to provide quality feedback on how the school is ensuring a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment and to inform school behaviour management planning processes.

During the audit, an independent, experienced school principal will visit the school to collect a range of data and information about school-wide, programs and procedures in the area of discipline.

Interviews will also be conducted with staff, students and parents to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices in relation to behavior management.

The Discipline Audit will usually take one to two days, depending on the school’s context and size. The school will receive the auditor’s report within 15 days and key findings will be discussed with the principal, the school’s leadership team and school staff.

The report’s Executive Summary and 5 page Profile will be made available to parents and caregivers on the school’s web site. The principal will work with the school community to include any recommendations in the school’s forward planning around strengthening discipline.

For further information about Discipline Audits, please contact your child’s school or visit the Education Queensland website.
R.O.P.E Assoc. Inc
Literacy & Numeracy Program
Information Sessions

R.O.P.E in partnership with MW Training, is happy to announce the release of it’s Literacy and Numeracy program for 2014.

With over 25 years experience in Language, Literacy and Numeracy, MW Training, (a leader in the LLN industry), is sharing their expertise to partner with R.O.P.E to run Literacy and numeracy classes designed for the disability sector.

R.O.P.E is holding Information Sessions for clients/families/support workers to attend to find out more about the classes.

**When:** 26th August 2014

**Session Times:** 10.00am and 6.00pm

**Where:** R.O.P.E., 31 Grace Street, SCARBOROUGH

Please register your attendance by R.S.V.P before:

22nd August 2014

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