The Woody Point of View

23rd May, 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents/Caregivers

School Photos
We had a really successful day for school photos. The photographer was very patient and tried her best to take a good photo of each student. If there are any parents who did not return photo orders prior to the photo day but still want to order, you will need to deal directly with Silver Rose not through school. Contact information can be found on the photo order envelope.

Winners of the Mothers’ Day Raffle were as follows-

1st-Kathy Griffiths
2nd-Kat O’Hara
3rd-Laura Roberts
4th-Gary Roberts
5th-Mandisha Black

Many thanks go to all the people who donated towards the raffle prizes and to everyone who purchased tickets.

Thank you to Kym Lown who organised for the donations of first prize and to Mei Biggs who made a home-made quilt as part of our prizes.

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 7 - Friday 31/5/13
Week 10 - Friday 21/6/13

P & C Meeting. The next meeting of the P & C will be 17th June, 2013 - ALL WELCOME!

WOODY POINT STATE SPECIAL SCHOOL
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Website: www.woodpoinspecs.eq.edu.au
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Education Week activities
We had a wide range of Education Week Activities including ECDP Art Display, Junior School Play, Treasure Hunt, Arts Activities and Morning Tea and Mytime Activities and Display.

We had a good roll-up of parents for the various activities and staff, students and parents enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate their child’s education.

Many photos were taken and are on display in the Foyer. Come into the reception to look at our display. Thanks to all staff who planned all the activities and thanks to families for participating. We have included some photos from education week in this edition of Woody Point of View.

Gas Leak Emergency
We undertook a “real” emergency evacuation last Wednesday week due to a leak in the pool heating system. Although we believed the leak was quite minor we went ahead with a whole school evacuation to an off-site area. Emergency Services and Q-Build responded to our call very quickly and the system was safely shut down allowing students and staff to return to school. It is good to know that our emergency training and drills have been effective and that we can deal with an emergency situation effectively.

Twilight PD
Last Wednesday Woody Point staff participated in a twilight Professional Development on the topic of ICT. Staff learned about iPad apps then did a walkthrough of classes to learn about how various technologies are used in various classrooms. Later in the year we will be having training sessions so that staff can learn more detail about using these ICT’s in their own classroom.

Visitors at school
In the last few weeks we have had many visitors at school. These have included about 20 OT students from Sunshine Coast University who are learning about the role of OT’s in special schools and students from Australian Catholic University who are doing a “community” Prac learning about our school community.

Jan Baildon
Principal

PLEASE DON’T FORGET THAT THE DISABLED PARKING SPACES ARE ONLY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABLED PARKING STICKERS – THANK-YOU

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Senior Presentation & Assembly
ICT Article

SENIOR 1
ZAHLLIA KASEY BRANDON MICHAEL
Using ICT when going to the café.

This term we have been visiting the Pine Rivers Special School Café where each student has been buying something to eat and a drink. They have used their Communicators to place orders at the Cafe counter. The photographs below show the students placing their orders.

Michael using his Super Talker to order muffins and a milkshake

Kasey is using a Two Step Talker to order a fruit platter and milkshake

Zahlia is using her Super Talker to order pikelets and a milkshake.

Brandon is enjoying his food at the outside table. He used his Tech Talk to order his food and drink.

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**MyTime Parent Support Group**

**Time for a Pamper**

Next MyTime we will be having a relaxing event. It will be some time that you really can call “MyTime”.

We will have a gentle exercise and relaxation time incorporating some yoga and pilates moves. Wear your comfy clothes and bring a gym mat (if you have one). Don’t worry if you don’t have one we’ll have spares.

This session will be presented by:

**Wednesday 5th June**
9am til noon
Woody Point School Hall

Come along, have a laugh and spend some time relaxing. Hope to see you all there.

MyTime is your group!

It’s a great chance to make good friends, have fun and learn new things with parents/ carers who are in similar circumstances.

*Morning Tea and Child Care supplied*
LATE SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES

If you didn’t send your school envelope on PHOTO DAY you will need to deal directly with SILVER ROSE PHOTOGRAPHY.

Telephone: (07) 3262 5788
Email: schools@silverrose.com.au
Start reading! (Premiers Reading Challenge)

The reading period for the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge students begins on Tuesday 14 May and ends on Friday 6 September. Schools can still register to participate in the challenge. A special bookmark to track progress will be available for students to cut out in The Courier-Mail next Tuesday (21 May). For more information visit the Premier’s Reading Challenge website at http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge

Woolworths Earn & Learn

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This community program enables schools and early learning centres throughout Australia to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths.

Last year, our program provided 720,000 pieces of educational equipment to more than 12,500 schools and early learning centres. Schools selected from thousands of different items through our program, highlighting how each school’s needs are different and how critical a breadth of range is.

From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent, excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards. Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and your local school will be able to redeem these for educational resources.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program offers products to suit students of all ages. Schools and early learning centres can choose resources based on their unique needs, across every educational category possible, including mathematics and English resources, science equipment, arts & crafts materials, sports gear and more.
Spindle Cells Theatre Co.

A new theatre company for young people with disabilities.
Drama skills programs and professional performance opportunities.

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June/July Holiday Drama Program!

Looking for something creative to do over the holidays? Spindle Cells Theatre Co. will be running a holiday drama program over three days. Fun, low pressure drama workshops focusing on communication skills (verbal and non-verbal), channelling imagination productively and encouraging social interaction.

Who
Young people with disabilities aged 8 yrs – 20 yrs.
Limited places please book.
Participants outside of these age brackets may still be able attend – contact us about it.

Where
Brisbane
La Boite Theatre Company
The Rehearsal Room
68 Musk Ave, Kelvin Grove QLD 4059
Fully accessible venue

When
June Mon 24th/ Tues 25th/ Wed 26th

Group 1
Ages 8yrs – 13yrs
10:00am – 11:30am
Cost: $70.00

Group 2
Ages 14yrs – 20yrs
12:00noon – 2:00pm
Cost: $95.00

How to book or questions
Kimberley Twiner
spindlecelltetheatreco@gmail.com
M: 0401 357 299
www.spindlecelltetheatreco.com

Who are we?
Spindle Cells Theatre Co. are a new theatre company for young people with disabilities. Kimberley has been working in disability arts in Brisbane for five years and over that time produced five major performances with young people with disabilities. Connecting with Spindle Cells Theatre Co. opens up new creative opportunities for your child! Please don’t hesitate to call or email with questions, queries or just for a

There is also a workshop being held at the Sunshine Coast, Lake Kawana Community Centre, 114 Sportsman Parade, Bokarina, Qld, 4575 (Fully accessible venue) on July Mon 1st/Tues 2nd/Wed 3rd. All queries to the above contact details.

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NORTH PINE WARRIORS SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM

All sports but especially movement based sport such as football can tremendously benefit children with special needs and can considerably improve the lifestyle of these children in the fact that they promote activeness, increase the child’s self-esteem and social skills and also encourage motivation.

At North Pine we have developed a program specifically aimed at enhancing the lifestyle of children with special needs and in turn their family’s too. Under the qualified coaching of Steve Koster all our children have shown us that our program really works with their enthusiasm and ever smiling faces. So please come and join us every Saturday from 8-30 to 9-30. For more details please contact the program co-ordinator Andy Todhunter on 0417 739971. We are currently expanding the program into local schools with Geebung Special School to start soon.

WHERE:  BOB BROCK PARK, MARSDEN RD, DAKABIN  
WHEN:  EVERY SATURDAY FROM 8-30 – 9-30  
COST:  $5-00

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