FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS
P&C

Woody Point Special School P&C Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 27th April.

Firstly, I’d like to most sincerely thank the P&C for their contribution to our school throughout 2014. In particular I send my thanks to Cathy and Alessandra who are both stepping down from their current positions on the executive. Thanks for your valued support.

Secondly my appreciation goes to those willing to take on a position in the executive for 2015 and I thank Sandra (President) Naomie (Vice President) and Louise (Treasurer) for agreeing to take on these roles.

However this does leave two vital positions, secretary and second vice president, unfilled at this stage. If any parents are interested in finding out more about these positions please feel free to make contact with myself or a current member of the P&C for further info. The P&C plays a vital role in supporting the community consultation process and supporting school fundraising.

DATES TO REMEMBER

P & C Meeting
Monday 18th May, 2015, in school staff room at 9.30am. All Welcome!

Term 2
- Public Holiday Queen’s Birthday - Monday 8th June, 2015.
- Last Day Term 2 – Friday 26th June, 2015.

Assembly Dates – All Welcome!
Undercover Area 2.15pm
- Week 2 – Friday 1st May, 2015. (At this Assembly our senior students will be presented with their senior school shirts and senior badges).
- Week 4 – Friday 15th May, 2015;
- Week 6 – Friday 29th May, 2015;
- Week 8 – Friday 12th June, 2015; and
- Week 10 – 26th June, 2015.


PARENT EXPO 2015 – Tuesday 9th June, 2015. Woody Point Special School Hall 9.30am to 12pm.

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SMS

As a school we are always striving to improve our communication with parents and families. To that end we are currently investigating the introduction of a school SMS service. This service would allow us to:

- Quickly inform parents of any whole school emergencies or critical information, such as recent flooding.
- Allow parents to report student absence more quickly and easily.
- Send reminders to parents about whole school activities and events.

If you have recently changed your mobile phone number could you please contact the front office to update your details. We will supply more information to families in the near future once we have the service up and running.

Long Term Absence

If your child is going to be, or has been, absent from school for a period of ten or more consecutive school days then we are required to complete an ‘Application for Exemption from Compulsory Schooling’ form so that their enrolment is able to be maintained. These forms are available at the front office should you require them. The form is very simple and the admin staff are more than happy to enter the key information for your signature.

Ric Day
Principal

P & C News

THE NEXT P & C MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY THE 18th MAY, AT 9.30AM IN THE SCHOOL STAFF ROOM – ALL WELCOME.

AT THE RECENT AGM THE FOLLOWING OFFICE BEARERS WERE ELECTED FOR 2015:

PRESIDENT – SANDRA TURNER
VICE PRESIDENT – NAOMIE MACQUARIE
VICE PRESIDENT (SECOND) – VACANT – POSITION STILL TO BE FILLED
SECRETARY – VACANT – POSITION STILL TO BE FILLED
TREASURER – LOUISE BOLTE
Anxious and troubled about many things?

The other day I grabbed a newspaper (Courier mail) and read the following: “Children as young as four are developing clinical anxiety…parental behaviour contributes to the problem…Dr Cobham said almost one in 10 children aged between six and 11 met the criteria for diagnosable anxiety. But, of those, just 18% received help.” According to this article children don’t grow out of it, they don’t get better and it’s linked to nasty problems later in life in terms of depression and substance use.

The University and “Triple P Parenting” are running “Fearless” parenting intervention classes for parents of anxious children. You might like to pass this information on to other parents.

Furthermore, there will be a Minds and Hearts Information Night on Tuesday 5th May 2015 entitled Anxiety Management with Primary School Children with AS. This information evening will be presented by Dr Margaret Brechman-Toussaint, Clinical Psychologist.

The information night is for parents of primary school children.

“Anxiety is a common feature of Autism Spectrum Conditions and can be a significant challenge for children with Asperger’s Syndrome (AS). This information night will help parents, teachers and others who engage with primary school aged children who have AS understand why anxiety and AS commonly occur together, and how anxiety can be a benefit as well as a challenge to children during the formative years. By the end of the evening participants will have learned to recognise the common behavioural, physiological and cognitive signs of anxiety in children with AS and will have been introduced to a range of evidence-based strategies primary school aged children can learn to use to help prevent and manage their own anxieties. Participants will also understand how to assist children to overcome common worries and concerns and how to best manage an anxiety-based meltdown when it occurs. A range of books and other resources relevant to the management of anxiety in primary school aged children will be discussed.”

This information night will be held on Tuesday 5th May 2015 at 6.00-7.30pm at The Greek Club in Edmonstone Street South Brisbane. (http://mindsandhearts.net)

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As I am sharing this information I am reminded about something I read in another book about a man who called his companions to a joyful life of carefree unconcern for possessions. His teaching was one about freedom from anxiety and an inward spirit of trust.

In my own personal life, I am challenged in every way to stay calm and remain untroubled. We all need to reach deep within to find this place of peace and rest. May we be encouraged to learn and aim for new strategies and ways of coping with life and all its concerns.

I trust that the abovementioned resources will be helpful.

Your Chappy
Tilla
In Junior 9 we have been working on units in the National Curriculum.

In Literacy we have been looking at sentence structure. We are looking at what information is provided to us in a sentence. We are also working on retells. We have been reading books and creating a retell on that book. We predominantly look at who the characters are in the story, the setting and the events. Students have been presenting their retell to the class.

We are practicing and developing our reading skills by working in small groups.

In numeracy we have been looking at the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes. We are identifying 3D shapes in our environment. We are practicing our rote counting and looking at arrays of small numbers.

In history we have been looking at our own family history. This has encompassed looking at photos to see how we have grown, and at the many different family structures. We have looked at and explored the diversity of different cultures.
Currently in science we are looking at different objects and learning about their properties and materials to see how and why they are used.
PHOTO DAY

Woody Point Special School
Wednesday 13th May 2015

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 on PHOTO DAY. Depending on your school requirements, if your child does not hand in an envelope to the photographer, 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) 32625788

DON’T FORGET TO SEND YOUR CHILD IN SCHOOL UNIFORM

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