FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Principal’s Leave and Retirement
I am planning to take Long Service Leave in Semester Two of this year with a view of retirement in 2015. At this stage, we are unsure of my replacement for the rest of the year but it is most likely to be an Acting Principal for second semester.

I will notify families when this decision is made.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank families for their support of the school and of me as Principal. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Woody Point and to be able to watch your children develop and grow.

Low Vision Clinic
On May 30th we are having a Low Vision Clinic at Woody Point. This is organised by the Advisory Visiting Teacher for Vision Impairment, Andy Nielsen. This is a great opportunity for families to have assessments done without having to take children to appointments all over Brisbane.

Post School Expo
Our Post School Expo took place on Wednesday night and was well attended by families from Woody Point, Redcliffe and Pine Rivers Special Schools.

Many thanks go to the Service Providers who attended and shared their knowledge, expertise and resources with families. Thanks to all the staff of the three schools who made the event such a great success. Special thanks goes to Sandra Kennedy who led the organisation on behalf of Woody Point.

DATES TO REMEMBER

P & C Meeting.
Monday 16th June, 2014, in school staff room at 9.30am. All Welcome!

Term 2
- Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday – Monday 9th June, 2014.
- Last Day Term 2 – Friday 27th June, 2014.

Term 3
- Last Day Term 3 – Friday 19th September, 2014.

Toy Library Visit to School – 24th June, 2014.

Assembly Dates – All Welcome!
Undercover Area 2.15pm
Week 7 – Friday, 6th June 2014
Week 10 – Friday, 27th June 2014

Slice Drive – To help raise money for School Camp.

Distribution Date for Forms: Wednesday 28th May
Forms and money to be returned: Friday 6th June.

Distribution Date for Slices: Wednesday 25th June.

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Working Bees
Last weekend we had a working bee in the ECDP playground. We replaced sand in the sandpit. Students are very pleased with the new sandpit and have been playing there all week! Thanks to all staff and families who helped.
On 21\textsuperscript{st} June we will be having our major working bee for the year. The school gets assistance from a church youth group and adult supervisors. All staff and families are welcome to join in this major activity. Please bring gloves, spade, and wheelbarrow. We intend to trim trees and plants and to mulch plants across the grounds.

Education Week/Premier's Reading Challenge
To celebrate Education Week and the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year we will be inviting guests to come into classes to read to students. We hope to video the stories being read so that they can be watched and shared later.

P & C News
We had a P & C meeting this week. Some points discussed were-

- 2014 Cent Auction will be held at Bramble Bay Bowls Club. The date has been postponed until September (most likely 4\textsuperscript{th}). Unfortunately, the previously projected date has to be changed due to ill health.
- Major prizes will include a TV, mini iPad, Coffee Machine
- Families and staff are invited to donate goods to be used as prizes for the Cent Auction-giftware, wine, coffee, grocery items(long use-by date), potted plants, electrical goods.
- P & C would appreciate contacts with businesses that may be able to donate goods as prizes.
- P & C members will be personally contacting shops to ask for donations of goods or vouchers. Could you help?
- Our small band of P & C helpers will need extra help to sort and wrap \textbf{prizes}, sell tickets on the day, display prizes on the day. Could you help?
- We will need to advertise the Cent Auction to families and the general public. Could you tell your family and friends? Could you hand out pamphlets to your neighbours?
- Most Importantly- Can you attend and bring your family and friends?

Jan Baildon
Principal

P & C News
ANNUAL CENT AUCTION
Date to be advised soon
Donations for this Cent Auction would be gratefully appreciated and can be dropped off at School Reception – thank-you
Well 2014 has been a busy year for our senior students, with lots of hectic days, fun filled programs and curriculum developments. As seniors the program reflects a more adult oriented focus within the structures of our school program. With the introduction of our community program, we will be accessing the community more and visiting post school services later in the year.

Our days are busy with communication, Intensive Interaction, technology, cooking and art. Along with a lot of socialising and generally enjoying what teenagers like to do - listening to music, computer, iPads, DVD’s etc, within a supportive environment which is underpinned by therapy and education programs.
With our Post School Service Expo this week and collaborative planning, parents and staff will visit local Post School Services and then students will be given the opportunity to visit individual services appropriate to their needs. Senior schooling aims to prepare our young adults for life after school, in the very social and technological world in which we live.

Premier Reading Challenge

The Annual Premier’s Reading Challenge is back. It commences on Tuesday 20th May and closes Friday 5th September.

It is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life and to explore a wide range of literary texts.

If you would like your child/children to participate please contact the Class Teacher.
In intermediate 1 ‘It’s all about me’. Jacob, Kira, Rory, and Mason have been very busy looking at their family, school and home photos and talking about what is happening. They are listening and speaking the names of family and class members and their pets. They have been identifying people and pets by pointing to the correct photo when a name is spoken with great success. To create their ‘All About Me’ display each student made a choice of preferred photo from two options to add to their display under the labels given. **Have a look at the results!**
In Literacy we can....

Match the letters in our names

Look at books

Sequence our names

Read and sequence sentences
ECDP Working Bee @ Woody Point School

The staff, parents and friends of Woody Point School held a highly successful working bee last weekend. The aim of this was to change the sand in the sandpit, providing lovely fresh sand for all the children.

We met early, armed with shovels, rakes and wheel barrows and got stuck in, quickly working out who was good at what job. Jan and I hastily decided we were good at raking, with the men hefting large loads of sand assisted by Erin, Deb, Kim and Leonie. Sirikul shone at organising morning tea after earlier gardening efforts. Erin’s children Lilly and Braden also lent a hand. The job also included clearing the garden beds to add mulch and later plants.

We ended with a lovely morning tea. It was a great result as you can see by the photos of the children enjoying their new clean play space. Many thanks to Sean Neate, Dave Kummerow, Ray Romano, Lee Webber, Jon Butler and Amanda. We really appreciated your effort.

Alison McClelland
ROPE COMMUNITY DANCE

Saturday 7th June 2014

Live performance by Caesar Ferro

CWA Hall
189 Redcliffe Parade Redcliffe
(Next to Court House)
Time: 6.00pm-9.00pm

Entry: $10.00- Includes a drink and pkt chips
Drinks available $1.00
No hot food available

Please note: This social dance is staffed by volunteers only. We will endeavour to supervise but no responsibility will be taken for individual guests. If guests require personal care they must be accompanied by a parent or carer.