DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

Parent Information Expo
I’d like to encourage all parents who are able to attend the Parent Information Expo at Woody Point Special School on Tuesday 9th June, 9.30am – 12.00pm in the school hall.

Guest Speakers will include the Department of Communities and Disability Service and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). There will also be a range of service providers giving parents important information about the Support for School Leaver Program, Day Services, Your Life Your Choice and NDIS.

As well as a range of presentations parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and have conversations with speakers and service providers.

To attend this important event simply email Sandra Kennedy: skenn136@eq.edu.au or phone the front counter: 3480 4333. Hope to see you there.

P & C Meeting
Monday 15th June, 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 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.
Under 8s Week

Big thanks to all the students, staff and families who got involved in our Under 8s week celebrations last Friday. Our theme was “Voices of Children – Look, Listen, Hear and Respond!”

A great time was had by all, sharing a variety of early childhood activities including painting, sensory activities, music etc. Our special guest, Pel-I-Can, made an appearance and even managed to get out with most of his feathers still white. Special thanks to Bernie Flowers for co-ordinating the event.

SMS

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are currently introducing 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.

This week we sent a test SMS text to all families. "Welcome to the Woody Point Special School text message service ..." If you did not receive this message can you please contact the front office and ensure we have your most up to date mobile phone details.

Cold and Flu Season

We are coming into that time of year again when colds and flus start to impact on student and staff health and wellbeing. I’d ask all parents of students who display symptoms of colds and flu to keep them at home until they are well. This helps us to limit the spreading of infection and keeps our whole community healthy, safe and learning.

Ric Day
Principal

THE NEXT P & C MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY THE 15th JUNE, AT 9.30AM IN THE SCHOOL STAFF ROOM – ALL WELCOME.
Do you feel like everyday tasks, at home, at work or in the community are achievable and more enjoyable?

LifeTec Services ([www.lifetec.org.au](http://www.lifetec.org.au)) is an organization with qualified professionals (including occupational therapists, speech pathologists and physiotherapists) who can provide you with free specialist information and advice so you can choose the most appropriate assistive technology for your independence goals.

We are also fortunate to have many of these professionals available at our schools at Woody Point Special and Redcliffe Special schools. Remember to knock on our doors to assist you in doing the things you love.

Henry Brooks Adams writes “A Teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.”

Now, not all of us should become teachers. I’ve read in a book we all often make mistakes, but if a person never makes a mistake in what he says, he is perfect and is also able to control his whole being.

I am reminded that what I read and speak everyday can have multiple implications and I could only hope that I am graciously spared the embarrassment of my own silliness at times. In this book it also mention that we as humans are able to tame and have tamed all other creatures—wild animals and birds, reptiles and fish. But no one has ever been able to tame the tongue.

Further it encourages us to say thank you and really mean it with all our hearts. My friends, no spring of water pours out sweet and bitter water from the same source. A fig tree cannot bear olives; a grapevine cannot bear figs, nor can a salty spring produce sweet water.

So may our lives be sweet.

Your Chappy Tilla
Hi Everyone

My name is Pel and I am the Woody Point Special SWPBS mascot. My job is to help students with the 3 whole school expectations of:

I can be a Learner
I can be Safe
I can be Respectful

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It is great that at this stage of the Term we have so many children working on our Term focus of “I can be a Learner”

The past fortnight’s focus has been on: I ask for help

It has been wonderful to see so many children working on this in class and also in the playground.

Each fortnight students selected receive the prestigious Golden Pelican Award, have their photo taken with me and also go up on the board in the foyer of the Office.
Here are the Golden Pelican Award winners for the end of Week 6:

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I stay on task is our next fortnightly focus – perhaps Mums, Dads, Carers and the whole family can have the same focus at home.

Have a look at my photos from my visit to EY 3 Erin’s class and also Int LS 13 Marg & Kerryn.

Pel doing PE with EY 3
EY 3 – Erin and Trish
This semester in Interactive Learners 13, we have focused on using technology to communicate and to access the curriculum. We've learned about stories, spelling and typing, telling the time and using money.

We celebrated Stuart and Liam's 18th birthdays!

Using the iPad for games and to talk

Talking about stories, asking and answering questions

Writing our signatures

Working on the computer
The PE program in Stephanie’s class focuses on activities and associated equipment that engage our students and encourage them to move independently. Here you can see Faith in raptures of laughter demonstrating ‘cause & effect’ using her elbows to activate a button which emits strange and unusual sounds. We also trialled these buttons located under her feet with the same engaging result. These Answer Buzzers can be purchased from ‘Learning Resources’ at a very reasonable price. Contact me if you would like more information.

Regards, Kym Schluter PE Teacher
Hello! When we heard that our newsletter article was due, we took a vote and decided to write about one of our favourite weekly activities; visiting the library! Our librarian, Jenny, always takes the time to listen and help us to choose great things to take back to our classroom!

Thank you Jenny!

We each have different interests and use different strategies to communicate our preferences. Some of us use gestures, such as reaching out and touching what we want to choose, some of us use key word signing, some of us use eye-gaze and look towards our preferred item, while some of us use assistive technology (and iPad and switch) to access a voice output device to help us to say what we are looking for.

There are a lot of cool things in the library to choose from, sometimes we choose music to listen to, a DVD to watch, a book to read, a toy to play with or a new pieces of technology to use. When we get books out from the library we often record them onto an iPad so we can access them using our switches! We really enjoy showing our friends what we have borrowed!

Hi my name is Riley! I love asking for books about dragons using my switch and iPad! When we get back to class, I help record the book onto my iPad so I can enjoy reading it when I have spare time! It’s great when the teachers use funny voices when they are reading!

Hello! My name is Caitlyn! I love going for a walk to the library and looking at all the different equipment in there! I especially like testing out the toys and making my choice of which one to borrow by looking at and reaching towards the one I want!

Hello! My name is Arabella and the best part about going to the library is getting out and about and seeing my friends! I tell Jenny I would like to look at a book using my signs and I also enjoy trying out some of the toys in the library when I am there!

Hello! My name is Matthew! I love rock and roll music and sound bingo games! I often ask for these with my iPad. I love recording the sounds onto my iPad and asking other people in my class to guess what the sound is!