From the Principal

Welcome back to term 3 to all students and families and a very warm welcome to our new families to the school. I hope everyone had a great holiday and are ready for a busy learning term.

At the end of Term 2 one of our families home had burnt down. We would like to say a very big thankyou to all the staff and families that gave in Monetary value, clothing, toys, baby cot and other means of support to Ayah’s family in this time of need and trauma. Ayah now has a new baby sister called Sarah, congratulation to Dunia & Ridwan they hope to have Sarah home from hospital this week end our best wishes to the family, and are overwhelmed with the your generosity.

We would like welcome new Teacher, Maree Andrews to Nursery Road in class Middle 3. Our school would also like to wish Peter Henry our retiring Groundsman a very happy, relaxing time travelling in Retirement. Peter has been a very big part of our school for 29 years so you can only imagine how he has seen the school and the student growth and changes over this many years. Peter not only does great work around the school but the interaction with our student. When a student may not always be following correct instructions and is wandering the school, and if Peter was around he would point to the direction they needed to go and they would just turn around and head back, with him having a little chuckle to himself. We wish Peter all the best in this next journey, if you see him in your path through the school please feel free to say a “good bye Peter’

Shauna

From the Deputy Principal

Reports

Report cards will be sent home next week with students. This year there have been some changes to the Education Departments One School reporting tool. You may find that there is a variety of grading explanations on the front of the report as our subjects have been drawn from an assortment of subject areas to allow us to cover the wide range of learning needs of our student cohort. Interviews with teachers can be made by appointment with class as specialist teachers as desired.
Professional development

In line with meeting the professional development needs of staff a twilight PD meeting for teachers occurred this week. Teachers worked together in developing units of work and Individual Curriculum Plans. The incorporation of a range of data collection instruments to demonstrate student progress towards their goals was also explored. This semester history will replace science as part of the core curriculum areas taught. Next week teachers and teacher aides will attend a twilight PD session on meal management and the impact of Autistic Spectrum Disorder on student learning and behaviour.

I have greatly enjoyed my first term at Nursery Rd SSS getting to know students and staff. As I read the student reports I have been excited to see how much great learning has occurred over the first semester. The enthusiasm of all the students is contagious. My day usually begins with a pearl of wisdom from Jack S, these are often so profound I have to write them on the white board to share them with everyone. I have really enjoyed singing Mary Poppins with Louis (though I’m not sure other staff enjoyed that nearly as much as I did), shopping in the Junior 4 supermarket, comparing how many layers of clothing Ali and I needed to stay warm this last week, sand play at Moreton Island with Bradley, spending the night at Tangalooma resort with the seniors (such a pity it was too wet for camping in tents), smiles, cuddles, hellos and stories whenever I am around the school. Jack H’s smile yesterday was enough to melt my heart.

Finance : BSM Leanne Pedemont

Follow up from the last newsletter regarding B Point Payment:- when paying your accounts through this system please note that a transaction will be required for each invoice. You will not be able to pay one amount and you cannot pay 2 amounts for one invoice number as this will not show up against your invoiced accounts. Please be aware if you still wish to continue paying through Direct Debt you can still do so; please call the office if you need those details. Alternatively you can still send in cash and eftpos is still available at the school and over the phone.

Semester 2 school levy accounts have been sent along with student doing Music Therapy.

Thank you to the rapid response.

If you have given permission that you would like your child to participate in Music Therapy and have not paid your account for the previous terms could we ask that account can be brought up to date. By this stage of the year accounts need to be paid up for your child to continue in this program. If you wish to develop a plan for payment please contact me.

From the CE Program

Welcome back to our students for Semester Two! Classes have immediately gotten back into their routines after the holidays and are already participating in outstanding learning experiences. Teachers are completing their report cards which will be sent home in Week 3. I’m sure you will see how much hard work and determination your child and their class team have put into their first Semester’s work when you read them.
One highlight for me since returning to my role as Acting HOSES has been spending time with all of the classes and seeing firsthand how much focus teachers have been placing on developing their students’ communication skills. I’ve been very impressed to hear about new PODD books being trialled, AUSLAN signing occurring and vocalisations becoming more frequent. It’s very important to continue these appropriate communication strategies at home and in the community with your child so that they “generalise” this incredibly important skill. If you need guidance or ideas on how to do this, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher or myself.

This semester, your child will continue their hard work in developing their physical skills throughout the day during activities such as the lying task series, sit to stand sessions, and hand function activities. At all times, your child’s communication skills will be targeted. Academically, they will be focussing on maths, “Four Blocks” English and history this Semester as well as the usual hydrotherapy, mobility, art, and ICTs.

Our new, purpose built Early Childhood Development Program building has been refurbished and is now in use. It is a beautiful facility for our little ones to engage in developing their communication and fine and gross motor skills in a family-friendly and fun environment. We will be working with the outside agencies that help support our students to “spread the word” about our program so that more families will find out about this crucial early intervention program. We are always looking for enrolments so feel free to pass on our details!

I’m very pleased to be back in my role as Acting Head of Special Education. As always, please call, email or arrange to meet with me if you have any questions, concerns or info that you’d like to share.

Jeff Watts
EPO Newsletter Article July 22nd

Welcome Back to school, we have a really busy Term 3 planned.

School Banking will get underway next week. There is still time to return forms if you need to or more can be collected from the office.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn Earn and learn has come to our school. Collect tokens while shopping at Woolworths and send in with your student. Tokens will be sent away and some great prizes and equipment gained for the school.

Team 3 is being voted in for Student Council (Middle and Upper students). Class representatives work together as a team to assist with upcoming events like Ekka day and the Art Auction. Congratulations to the new members.

Ekka day is on Tuesday the 11th of August. Look out for notes regarding how you can support this great day, lots of exciting activities have been planned.

Plans are well underway for Art Auction 2015. This year titled ‘Light My Way’. Some great preparations are happening in classes. If you know of someone or a business in your community that would like to support this event through sponsorship or donations please feel free to contact Wendy Windley on 3308 6333.

Have a good week.

Wendy Windley

Acting EPO
We are a new Disability Care Service.
- We have 2 GREAT RESpite HOMES with VACANCY.
- Our homes are located at North Lakes & Ferny Grove.
- Week Day, Overnight, Week-end & Holidays.
- We provide Respite – 365 days a year.
- We offer a Pick Up or Drop Off Service > Home School,
  Excursions, Appointments, Travelling or Nothing at All.

Not sure if you are eligible for funding assistance?
We are here to HELP! We will take care of the paperwork for you.
Talk to us today to see if you are eligible.

Programs & Services

1. IN-HOME CARE (RESpite)
   We come to your home or take your child out for an activity.
   
2. FITNESS PROGRAMS
   Saturdays 1-3 pm
   We have a 12m. FITNESS Program called Little Ninjas, Kidz get to Hit and Kick and PUNCH card 15TL. This program is great for those with endless energy. All age groups love it +
   Everyone gets an award certificate Various locations.

3. FAMILY SUPPORT WORKSHOPS
   We run regular workshops about ASD, Trauma & Attachment, Social Skills, Active Behaviour, Communications & Active Listening and more.

4. OUT OF HOME CARE (RESpite)
   We have 2 great Respite Homes open 365 days a year.

Respite Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I access the service?
   Contact "My" directly on 1300 662 123 or 9455 4400.
   Talk to our CD "House Night" who manages all of our in-home respite.

2. Is there a list of paperwork required?
   Yes, a list of the following documents:
   - We ask that you bring the above documents
   - Then our Respite Manager creates a plan
   - We then create a client agreement and your quote

3. When & Where is Respite available?
   We have 2 respite homes - North Lakes & Ferny Grove.
   - We provide in-home and provide in-home care services.
   - Will discuss costs
   - Week day, week-end or holidays

4. Who pays for the service?
   The cost of the service is covered through any one of the following sources:
   - Blaxland Valley Services & Support Services
   - Department of Communities Qld in your area
   - Self-funded Funding
   - NDIS Funding
   - Ministry of Health Funding

5. How much does it cost?
   - The costs depend on whether or not you need one
   - Our clients of all ages and work with all sorts of funding packages
   - Please ask for a quote and we will assist you
   - This applies only in South Australia.

6. Do we provide a Pick Up or Drop Off Service?
   YES, we are able to:
   - Local
   - School
   - Regular
   - Special or when regular Activities

7. What Support Needs do we cater for?
   Our staff are trained to support children and adults with a range of complex needs:
   - Social & Emotional	
   - Physical Disability
   - Autism Spectrum Disorders
   - Intellectual Disability
   - Mental Health Disorders
   - Intellectual Disability
   - Physical Developmental Disorders
   - Autism Spectrum Disorders

8. WILL I know who my child is staying with?
   Your child will be in the hands of the people who are trained in all areas of child care.
   We take the time to make sure that the child is happy.
   We provide a happy experience with us.

9. What do I do if I change my child’s mind about coming?
   We will discuss with your child’s changes of mind.
   We understand that sometimes children change their minds about coming.
   We will work with you and your child to ensure that they are happy with your choice.

10. What activities and programs do we run?
    We provide a variety of activities and programs to suit all children.
    - Art and Craft
    - Music
    - Sports
    - Excursions
    - Regular and Special Activities

11. What is the minimum age for children?
    Children must be 3 years old.

12. What is the maximum age for children?
    There is no maximum age for children.

13. What is the cost of the service?
    The cost of the service is covered through any one of the following sources:
    - Blaxland Valley Services & Support Services
    - Department of Communities Qld in your area
    - Self-funded Funding
    - NDIS Funding
    - Ministry of Health Funding
Dateclaimer for the Bi-annual Art Auction

*Light My Way*

**Friday September 11th**

**Nursery Road State Special School**

Every second year Nursery Road State Special School holds a fabulous Art Auction to raise funds to support our Arts Infused Program. Each class produces a piece of Art to be auctioned on the night. If you or any members of your community know of a person or company that may be able to donate resources or equipment that may be useful in supporting this project please contact Wendy Windley on 3308 6333
SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015
TERM 3

P and C Meeting
4th August
7.00pm

Art Auction
Friday Night
11th September

Show Day
Public Holiday
Wednesday
12th August

School Holidays
Monday
21st September
2015
To
2nd October 2015

Public Holiday
Monday
5th October

School Resumes
Monday
Tuesday 6th October