From the Principal

I reported to the P and C this month a number of upcoming important events in the school. They were the Art Auction progress, the aim to have an educational facility dog coming to reality, teachers on learning visit to NSW Special schools, and the near completion of H Block meaning some classes will move shortly into H Block.

The Art Auction is getting close and we look forward to you attending this evening and bringing your friends and relatives who might wish to support your child’s school and Arts Program. Relatives and friends often create a great atmosphere for the auction as they bid for the class art work related to your child.

The Drumming Workshop last year, our music therapy, our dance and drama programs in 2014 were all possible due to the success of the 2013 Art Auction. We are looking to inject just as much learning time through the arts into our next two years as a result of the Art Auction 2015. Please come along and support us and have a great time whilst doing so!

“Wicket Joins Nursery Rd” or “Everybody Loves Wendy”

For the past five years we have looked into having an educational facility dog at Nursery Rd for all the benefits that this brings for our students. There have been some insurmountable hurdles in this being a reality for us prior to now. In 2015 we revisited the goal and have been serious in looking to gain a dog as soon as finances enabled. The fundraising committee had this as one of their priorities. As true good fortune would have it putting this goal into action this year has meant that we have been successful in getting full sponsorship to have a dog, through Assistance Dogs Australia. The notification of this opportunity meant we have had to respond to some tight timelines; we had planning in place so could meet this. Wendy Windley will be lead trainer and as such our dog will live with her and come to school with her daily. Wendy works across the school so is the ideal lead person. Wendy went to training last fortnight in Engadine NSW. We have been waiting for the next step. This week we will have Wicket at school, with a trainer to train him and Wendy on site here at NR and at her home. The P and C have agreed to support the costs of bringing the trainer to the school. All staff will be required to have some training, this will occur shortly as well. Information will come home to families about interacting with Wicket when he is “working”. The Student Council will be heavily involved in working with all in our school community to maintain funds for the ongoing costs of feeding and caring for Wicket. A special thank you to the people who put us onto this opportunity, and to the P and C and some of our parents for their support in getting this to fruition. I’m sure you will all meet Wicket in due course. We will be welcoming him into the life of our school with great enthusiasm.
This week, 4 of our teachers are on a “study tour” in NSW, based around learning more about communication, AAC users and the Four Blocks Literacy Framework. These teachers are visiting Macquarie University Special Education School, William Rose School in Sydney and Willan’s Hill School in Wagga Wagga. The teachers will give a presentation and report back to our staff, and be mentors to new staff especially those new to our school in 2016. These teachers will also now join our literacy development team with the leadership team.

H Block refurbishment is nearly complete, bringing the ECDP precinct refurbishment to a close with that completion. Two classrooms in H Block will be used by the school aged classes. A note will go home to those parents in the classes which are to move to H Block in term Four.

Have a good week as we close off winter and move towards spring!

Shauna
From the Deputy Principal

Special Olympics

The Special Olympics sports day was an outstanding success this year. The weather was amazing! The whole school was transported to the St Laurence’s sporting fields at Runcorn by the kind drivers from Sunshine Buses. Students from St Laurence College and Stuartholme School were on hand as we departed the bus to support our students. The students involved were fantastic in ensuring our students made the most of every aspect of the day. Activities were organised to include students from Nursery Rd, Narbethong and Kuraby Special Schools. St Laurence’s College also provided a sausage sizzle for lunch. We all had a great day! It was a delight to watch the students participating in all aspects of the day and enjoying a day out in the winter sunshine. A huge THANK YOU to St Laurence’s College, Stuartholme School and Sunshine buses for their support and of course to the Nursery Rd staff who as always go above and beyond!

Susan Howell
Acting Deputy Principal
From School Administration

TRANSPORT & RESPITE

Applications for transport to or from planned respite will need to be organised via the office at least 3 days prior to the respite start date either in writing or by phoning the office. Emergency respite dates may be organised by contacting the school office directly, however we remind families that the School Transport Department generally require a 24 hour period of time to process these requests.

Any other changes to transport, be it change of days, address or afterschool care must be directed to the main admin office. You will then be required to sign a new completed application form which will be sent home with your child and will have to be returned to admin ASAP.

Please note changes may take up to 2 weeks. This is regional office request to approve and process to the transport company.

Student Absences – Late coming and Early Departure Slips

From Monday 24th August 2015 if you arrive after 9.30am you will be required to come to the administration office to receive a late slip to give to the teacher. The same goes for a student being picked up prior to 2.55 pm; parents or carers will have to go to the office for an Early Departure Slip. This will help with organising our students who catch transport as there have been times where we had no knowledge of students who had already been taken home.

Leeanne Pedemont
Acting Business Services Manager

Congratulations to Jeff and Christine on the arrival of their baby girl Asha Clare

Congratulations to Mikayla and Darren on the arrival of their baby boy Deon Shayne
EKKA Day

This year’s Ekka celebration was better than ever. All the students had a fabulous time.

A very big Thank You goes to the Officers from Wishart Station for bringing the Fire truck and another.
Thank you to Sandie and Tash from Brisbane Pony Parties for bringing the Baby Animal Farm both of which were a big hit with everyone no matter their age - parents and staff included.
Many Thanks to everyone who contributed to the day through supporting the stalls, volunteering time or sending donations for the show bags.

Art Auction

There are some wonderful Art works in store for the ‘Light My Way’ Art Auction on September 11th. Tickets are now on sale at just $20.00 each and include your student’s individual artwork, Wine and Cheese on the Deck and live entertainment for the evening.

Pre-booked child minding will be available on the night at $10.00 per child.

Wendy Windley
Acting EPO
DISABILITY AWARENESS & POST SCHOOL EXPO ’15

16th September 2015
Humei Sports Centre, Chandler Theatre & Expo
1760 Old Norman Rd, Chandler, Qld. 4159 (3PM)

FREE ENTRY
Free Parking P3 Gate 9

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- A chance to learn and tell us what you need and cannot find
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- Meet over 100 Exhibitors, about workshops and demonstrations

IN THE CHANDLER THEATRE:
10.00 am - Welcome to Country, followed by various provider workshops and demonstrations
11.45 am - Official opening by First and Mayor of the Chamber
11.55 am - IOC Updates with Q & A followed by workshops and demonstrations
12.45 pm - Entertainment by Cathy Spoonbridge
2.00pm - Local Awards presented by Living with Disabilities Network Qld
4.00 pm - Re-shaping Awards Presentation

IN THE CHANDLER ARENA:
10.00 am - 1.00 pm
Sessions: Work, employment, transition, advice, housing, transport, care support, lifestyle options, travel.
Join in some of the fun activity options available.

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P and C Meeting
1st September
7.00pm

Art Auction
Friday Night
11th September

TRIVIA NIGHT
30th October

Supporting parents of children with disabilities

“Boost Therapy”

We welcome Christine Boers, Occupational Therapist and Director of Boost Therapy for an information session. Join us to find out what services Boost Therapy provides (OT Topic to be decided).

When: Wednesday 9th September, 2015
Where: Kangaroo Point Uniting Church Hall
40-46 Linton St, Kangaroo Point. Hall and car park are also accessible from Princess St. Some onsite and street parking available.
Time: 10am-12pm.
Morning tea is provided. A play helper is available to supervise children. Please advise if needed.
MyTime is a FREE service that is open and inclusive to parents and carers of children aged 0-16yrs who have a disability or chronic illness.

For more information contact Renata on Ph: 0403 900 715 or email: renatanytime@gmail.com
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SCHOOL CALENDAR
OF EVENTS
2015
TERM 3/4

P and C Meeting
1st September
7.00pm

TRIVIA NIGHT
30th October

School Holidays
Monday
21st September
To
2nd October

Public Holiday
Monday
5th October

School Resumes
Tuesday 6th
October