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"Withcott Warbler"



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

If your child is in Year 6, we have started to receive information from Centenary Heights State High School regarding upcoming information days and date claimers for the remainder of the year. Transition experiences are important to a successful start to high school, so do not miss these opportunities.

1. Enrolment Information Evening – for any parents/carers considering enrolment of their child into Year 7, 2025. Focus will be on the transition from Year 6 to Year 7, however, parents of younger students are welcome. Students are also encouraged to attend. 5:30pm to 6:45pm Tuesday, 7 May in the Performing Arts Centre CHSHS.
2. CHSHS School Tours - held on Thursday Mornings from 8:45—9:45 on 17 May, 14 June, 19 July, 16 August, 13 September and 11 October. Please contact the CHSHS office to book. Tours are for parents and prospective students.
3. Interface Afternoons - 29 October and 5 and 12 November. Parents are responsible to transport to interface afternoons. More information will be provided closer to the dates.
- 4 Orientation Day—Tuesday 10 December, commencing at 8:45am. This is for all students with confirmed enrolment. More information to come in Term 4.



YEAR 6 to 7 in 2025
ENROLMENT INFORMATION
EVENING

TUESDAY 7TH MAY 5.30PM-6.45PM

CHSHS Performing Arts Centre

Designed to ease the transition to High School, this event will include the sharing of critical information as well as address individual queries.

All parents and students welcome.

Lyndal Symonds, Principal

DIDJERIBONE CULTURAL INCURSION

Date: Wednesday 8 May 2024

Cost: \$6.00 per student

Payment due TODAY, Wednesday 1 May 2024

Didjeribone

SPORT NEWS

2024 Lockyer Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the 40 students who will be representing Withcott State School at the Locker Zone Cross Country on Friday 3 May. Reminder to wear your normal school uniform and hat. Students to arrive from 9:30am for the track orientation scheduled for 10:00am. Parents are responsible for transport to and from the event.

Discus Consent Forms

A discus consent form will be sent home with all Year 3-6 students. This form needs to be returned to school by Friday 10 May. This consent allows for your student to be able to participate in discus practice in PE as well as sessions leading up to the Interhouse Athletics Carnival as well as at the actual Carnival. Students who do not return the consent form will not be eligible to participate in the discus event or in discus practices.

PREP VISION SCREENING

The Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program is coming to our school. They are a Queensland Government service that offers Free Vision Screening to all children enrolled in Prep. If your child is in Prep and you would like their vision screened, please complete a consent form using the below link or the previously emailed QR Code.

<https://visionscreening.health.qld.gov.au/ParentalConsent/2003Kwyp>

PHOTOS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

At our school photos are shared on the school Facebook page when students receive a certificate or to share exciting learning and experiences with the community.

This is optional for parents and carers and several students do not have consent for their photos to be on social media and we respect that choice.

When photos are taken specifically for social media we have asked students who do not have consent to be photographed to remove themselves from the photo.

This assists our school process as we do not have to cover faces with stickers, which often inadvertently covers other students faces. Photos that are taken for social media are deleted afterwards and not used for another purpose.

We appreciate your support to reinforce this school procedure with your child and we respect your choice to not have photos on social media. Please contact your class teacher if you have further questions.

Traci Cash, HOD-C

Reminder: School Photo day is tomorrow Thursday 2 May.

2024 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (EFTPOS available) / FAMILY READING MONTH

Date: - Starts lunchtime on 22nd May 2024

Last shop Wednesday morning 29th May 2024.

Place: - School library

Time: - 8.30-4.30 daily (bar day 1 as Book Fair will arrive during the morning & open at lunchtime.)

Our fabulous annual Book Fair, a shop in our school, a chance for students to practice real world use of money, is coming in May – Family Reading Month. The commission we receive and take in books adds substantially to our library. Since 2006, Book Fair has put over \$32,000 worth of books on the shelves, resources the school would not otherwise have had. Every dollar equals resources for our school. Please come and support it. Book Fair commences on National Simultaneous Storytime day. 2024's nominated book, *Bowerbird Blues* is on the shelf.

Reading is food for the soul and like riding a bike, the more we do the easier it grows! It begins with parents, board books and babies, snuggles at bedtime and precious time with mum and dad. It requires imagination and comprehension, develops brains, enriches vocabulary and increases understanding. A longitudinal study on 4000 Australian children from age 4/5 in 2004 to the age of 10/11 in 2010 found the single most important determiner of success in reading, assessments like NAPLAN and schooling was whether or not children were read to from a young age. Many other studies concur. **It isn't wealth, cultural background, parental income or education that determines how well a child will do academically. It's whether or not they have books at home and people to share them with.**

Roslyn Stemmler, Teacher Librarian

CHESS TUTORING 8-9am Tuesday Mornings

Cost: \$7 week per child

Location: Library

Tutor: Ben Peach

If interested, let the office know.



Schools and intellectual communities all over the world recognise the incontestable value of chess. It promotes memory, strategy, problem-solving, the ability to learn from a loss and apply that next time around, base skills that lift all other learning. It nurtures self-discipline, self-control and such values as play by the rules, take turns and don't throw in the towel, have the confidence and resilience to try again! Little superheroes need these skills.

Roslyn Stemmler, Teacher Librarian

P&C NEWS: P&C Meetings are held every fourth Tuesday of each month. Next meeting will be 28th May at 6.30pm in the 5/6DB classroom, all welcome!

Withcott State School P&C - Special Meeting Notice
3.15pm, Thursday 2nd May 2024, in the school library

A Special Meeting of the P&C has been called to discuss the Tuckshop. We currently do not have a Tuckshop Convenor and the P&C is looking for ideas, suggestions and community feedback on ways to provide a Tuckshop service going forward.

Are you interested in our school having a Tuckshop service? Do you have skills and availability to be the Tuckshop Convenor? Can you volunteer in some capacity to help support a Tuckshop service? Do you have ideas, suggestions or feedback regarding Tuckshop? Please come along to the meeting next Thursday.

Members, parents and wider school community are invited to attend the meeting.

Enquiries regarding this meeting, please email pandc@withcottss.eq.edu.au or call Secretary Anita Kruger on 0407 759 943.

Regards, Anita Kruger, Secretary of P&C, Withcott State School

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024	Term 2
2 May	School Photo Day
3 May	Zone Cross Country
6 May	Public Holiday
8 May	Didjeribone Performance
9-10 May	Regional Football (Soccer)
10 May	5.6 R Amaroo
13 May	5.6 DB & SB Amaroo
14 May	Regional Cross Country
14 May	Prep Vision Screening
20-21 May	Regional Rugby Union
22-29 May	Bookfair
27-28 May	Regional Football (Soccer)
20-21 Jun	Interhouse Athletics Carnival
21 Jun	Final Day Term 2
8 Jul	School Resumes Term 3
9 Jul	Prep B & W Amaroo
10 Jul	1.2 SM Amaroo
11 Jul	1.2 AM & KN Amaroo
18 Jul	Regional Rugby League
26 Jul	Upper Lockyer Athletics Carnival
30 Jul	3.4 A Amaroo
31 Jul	3.4 E & MM Amaroo
7 Aug	Zone Athletics 1500m
9 Aug	Zone Athletics
12 Aug	Show Day Public Holiday
20 Aug	Regional Athletics
30 Aug	Student Free Day
13 Sep	Zone Soccer/Netball Carnival
13 Sep	Final Day Term 3
30 Sep	School Resumes Term 4
7 Oct	Public Holiday
25 Oct	Aquathlon
25Nov-6Dec	P-6 Swimming Program
9 Dec	Interhouse Swimming Carnival
12 Dec	Year 6 Day Out
13 Dec	Final Day Term 4

PAYMENTS/
PERMISSIONS
DUE

1 May	Didjeribone Payment
3 May	5.6 Amaroo Payment and Form

LAMINATING

Laminating takes place on the first Thursday morning of each month and will be ready for collection the following day.

Next Laminating Date: Thursday, 2 May.

Prices: A4 - \$1.50, A3 - \$2.50, Posters - \$5 a metre. *Drop items into the office at any time!!*

- **Bake Stall at Withcott & District Family Fun Day - Sunday 5 May 2024 10am-2pm** - The P&C is looking for donations of Baked Goods, please see attached flyer for details.
- **Mother's Day Stall - Thursday 9 May 2024** - Please send cash with your child if you would like them to purchase a gift from the stall. Volunteers needed to help run the stall for following time slots: 9am-11am, 10.30am-1pm, 1.30pm-3pm. Please contact Anita Kruger to volunteer 0407759943 or anitakrugersecretary@gmail.com
- **Disco - Friday 24 May 2024** - Theme to be advised, more information to come.

TUCKSHOP NEWS: The P&C are readvertising the Tuckshop Convenor position as circumstances have prevented the previous applicant from commencing.

UNIFORM SHOP: The Uniform Shop will be **open each Wednesday morning 8.15am - 9.am**, card payments accepted. Second-hand uniforms are also gratefully accepted on a donation basis. Any queries please contact Lisa.

Lisa Askin (0418 797 467) Uniform Shop Coordinator

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If you need care or would just like the assurance that your child is cared for if you have that appointment that runs late, contact www.campastralia.com.au or phone customer care 1300 105 343. You are always most welcome to come and have a look around, ask questions or just have a friendly chat. Bye for now from Team Camp Australia OSHC.

2 MAY
SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS TUCKSHOP 3.15pm, School Library

5 MAY
BAKE STALL AT THE WITHCOTT FAMILY FUN DAY 10am - 2pm, Springbrook Park, Withcott

28 MAY
GENERAL P & C MEETING from 6:30pm School Classroom 5/6DB

WITHCOTT STATE SCHOOL P & C EVENTS

9 MAY
MOTHER'S DAY STALL during class, School Tuckshop (more information to follow)

24 MAY
SCHOOL DISCO from 5:30pm School Auditorium (more information to follow)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ANITA 0407 759 943



Treat your Mum this Mother's Day with a special gift from our P&C Mother's Day Stall

Students will be able to purchase gifts from the Tuckshop at a designated time with their class. Gifts range from \$1-\$10. Please send cash with your child on the day if you want them to purchase a gift.

Volunteers are needed to help run the stall. Can you help for an hour or two during the day?

Please contact Anita Kruger on 0407 759 943 if you can help.



LOST PROPERTY: All lost property is stored in the undercover area (near bubblers in tuckshop area). Families are reminded that any unmarked lost property not collected by the end of each term is donated to local charities.



WITHCOTT STATE SCHOOL P&C BAKE STALL

BAKED GOODS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP ON SATURDAY 4 MAY BETWEEN 4PM - 5PM OR SPRINGBROOK PARK ON SUNDAY 5 MAY BETWEEN 9AM - 10AM *LOOK FOR THE SCHOOL GAZEBO

PLEASE HAVE YOUR BAKING PACKAGED AND INCLUDE AN INGREDIENT LIST

VOLUNTEERS

CAN YOU HELP ON THE DAY ANYTIME BETWEEN 10AM AND 2PM? PLEASE LET US KNOW.



PLEASE CONTACT ANITA ON 0407 759 943 FOR MORE INFORMATION

STUDENTS P-2
All students in P-2 should always have a **change of clothes** in their bag in case of toileting accidents.