Principal's Comments

Staffing

The core business of our schooling system is to provide high quality learning experiences for our students. At Withcott we have a high calibre of teachers who deliver exceptional curriculum content. This term there has been unplanned changes to the teaching model in our school. Whilst the staffing model has been modified, it will not impact on the quality of teaching and learning occurring over the remainder of this term. Mrs Pauli will be working three days per week; Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Mrs Pappin will be backfilling Mrs Pauli’s two days until the end of this term: Monday and Tuesday on class; Wednesday and Thursday STLaN role. Mr Betros will be on 2/3P for three days per week until the end of term: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Stemmler is on leave until Week 6. Mrs Lehman will be replacing Mrs Stemmler; Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (continuing 12H on Wednesdays). Mrs Denman will be reducing to four days per week from Week 6.

Respect our Staff, Respect our School

The department has launched a new campaign to raise awareness that violent or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated in Queensland state schools. It’s not just a courtesy, it’s the law. Posters are being displayed at our school to raise awareness. Everyone in our school community respects each other. Visit the website for more information. http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/respectourstaff/index.html

Apple for the Teacher

River 94.9 will be broadcasting from our school this Friday to promote Apple for the Teacher! Across South East Queensland there are over 200 primary schools, with over 3,000 hard-working teachers dedicated to giving our students the right skills for their futures. River94.9’s Marnie and Campo for Breakfast are out to reward one teacher... one teacher PLUS their entire class! It’s River 94.9’s Apple for the Teacher! Nominate your teacher, right now (and your class, and your school), to be in the running to take out the title. The winning teacher will score stacks of gear not just for them, but for their entire class and school! Please note that the station will only be broadcasting on this morning, there will be no give aways, interviews or photos taken.

World Teacher’s Day

Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people across our state. World Teachers’ Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities. Celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers’ Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society. World Teachers’ Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year. In 2016, World Teachers’ Day will be celebrated in Queensland on Friday 28 October, during State Education Week.

What age can a child start Prep?

Queensland children are eligible to attend Prep in the year that they turn five by 30 June. There have been no changes to the eligibility age for Prep since it began in 2007. As a parent, you may choose to delay your child's entry to Prep. This does not require any formal documentation, assessment or approval by a principal. However, your child must be enrolled when they are six years and six months of age. Occasionally, schools are asked to consider allowing a child to begin Prep early. To allow this to occur, there are legal requirements which must be met. Being born in July is not a guarantee that a child will be given approval to enter Prep early, or that they are ready for school. Starting school early does not necessarily give a child a head start to schooling. For the best start to schooling, attending a quality kindergarten program remains the best educational option for all children in the year before they start Prep.

As of September 2016, a new, more rigorous and consistent Early Entry to Prep Framework is being implemented. It helps the school and the parent to determine if the child has the social, emotional, physical and cognitive attributes required by law. It aims to ensure that children who are younger than Prep age are ready to begin school.

If you are considering applying for early entry for your child in 2017, please ensure that you organise an appointment with the school office. Further information regarding Prep options is available at Early and Delayed Entry to Prep (www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-operations/early-delayed-entry-prep.html)

Keiryn Clements
Principal

Withcott State School P&C

FAMILY DISCO

Friday 28 October

In the SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Pizza 6.00pm

Disco 6.30 - 8.30pm

Theme: “The 80’s”

Clothing must be socially acceptable and appropriate, e.g. no midriffs showing.

$5 PER FAMILY

ALL FAMILY MEMBERS WELCOME!

Pizzazz, Drinks, Donuts & Snacks

There will be prize draws throughout the evening.

Up-coming Dates (Invites will be out soon)

2 Nov - Prep 2017 Parent Meeting 6.30-7.30pm
11 Nov - Prep 2017 Transition Day 9-11am
18 Nov - Prep 2017 Transition Day 9-11am

Enrolments are now invited for Prep 2017. If applicable, families are welcome to come to our office to pick up an enrolment package. If you know of anyone in the community who is planning on enrolling a child in Prep next year, please encourage them to make contact with us.

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ACKNOWLEDGES:

The supporters of the Interhouse Netball Carnival

Your support is greatly appreciated.
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING
Expectation for Week 3: The focus setting for this week will be ‘all areas’ which is linked to the value ‘Be Respectful’. The expectation is: ‘Give others personal space’.

INTERHOUSE NETBALL CARNIVAL
Congratulations to Cunningham, winners of the Interhouse Netball Carnival. Good sportsmanship was shown, well done to all!

MUSIC DATES
Our choirs will be performing at Assembly on the following dates:
Wednesday 26 October Junior Choir
Wednesday 2 November Senior Choir
Please come along if you can. Whole school assemblies take place in the auditorium each Wednesday at 9.00am. Important messages are shared and achievements are celebrated. All welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to ………………… and ………………… who both participated in the State Athletics Championships yesterday. Well done!

TENDER - KEYBOARD
We have a Casio Electronic keyboard (Model CTK-738) for tender. It is sixteen years old and is being tendered in ‘as-is condition’. The keyboard is available to inspect here at the school. Tenders should be put in writing (Addressed to ‘The School Principal’, marked ‘confidential’ and left at the school office by 3pm Wednesday 26 October.

P&C NEWS
Our next general P&C Meeting will be held at 7pm Tuesday 15 November in the Reflection Room. All welcome!

We look forward to seeing you all at the Family Disco on Friday 28 October. Next Treat Day will be a “Subway Day” on Wed 16 November. More details to follow. Please contact the P&C via email withcottpandc@gmail.com.

Liz Todd – Communications Officer
Withcott State School P&C
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I give my consent for ___________________________ to participate in the School Swimming Program at TGS Aquatic Centre, Toowoomba 21 November – 2 December 2016 travelling by chartered bus.

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