PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS
Welcome back to Term 4, we have 47 days left for optimal learning to occur in our school for 2016 and I would like to remind our community that ‘Every Day Counts’. (Please see the chart on the reverse of this newsletter.)

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Yesterday was our first day back and our families and teachers went straight into Parent/Teacher interviews. Thank you to all of our families who were able to attend, if you were unable to make yesterday’s interviews and would like to make a time to see your child(ren) teacher(s), please contact the Office to make a time. I would like to acknowledge the dedicated staff we have in our school, for committing their time to running interviews out-of-school hours.

Disability Review and online survey has been extended
The Queensland Disability Review has been extended, giving parents, carers and students more time to have their say to ensure a world-class inclusive education is available to all students enrolled is Queensland state schools. The online survey will now close on 14 October. (www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/disability/qld-disability-review.html)

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Laminating takes place on the first Friday afternoon of each month and will be ready for collection the following day. Next Laminating Date: Friday, 7 October 2016. Prices: A4 - $1.50, A3 - $2.50, Posters - $5 a metre. Drop items into the office at any time!!

### P&C News
Our next general P&C Meeting will be held at 7pm Tuesday 18 October in the staffroom. Please contact the P&C via email withcottpandc@gmail.com. Liz Todd – Communications Officer Withcott State School P&C e: pandccontact@withcottss.eq.edu.au

### Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop opens each Wednesday morning 8.15am - 9.30am. A noticeboard in the uniform shop advertises second-hand school uniforms. Second-hand uniforms are also gratefully accepted on a donation basis. Sonia DeBortoli Uniform Shop Co-ordinator 46303496

### School Calendar of Events

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### Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program
Remember to drop your bankbook with completed deposit slip in the office mailbox before 9am on Mondays. If a public holiday or student free day falls on a Monday, banking day will be on the Tuesday for that week. While we distribute tokens for each deposit made, they are not required for a reward redemption, as the system keeps track, so don’t fret if they are lost. If you have any questions regarding school banking, please email withcottschoolbanking@gmail.com.

### Enrolments are Now Due at Centenary Heights State High School
Please take your “Expression of Interest Forms” to the Office on Ramsay St. as soon as you are able. (These forms are available on the website: www.centheigshs.eq.edu.au. Click on the Enrolments tab, or pick one up from the school office 8.15am-3.45pm) All information you will need is available on the website including Catchment maps. If you have any Enquiries please feel free to call Jenny at the office on 46367593. Please be aware that each deposit made, they are not required for a charity.

### Community Notices
Community Notices are published in good faith, though not necessarily endorsed by the school.

**KIDS HAIRCUTS - NEW WITHCOTT BARBER SHOP**

Preschool $15, Primary $17, High School $18. Boys and girls welcome - just walk in. Open 8am-5pm.

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Friday 7 October 7pm Parish Centre, Helidon $10p.p., tables 8-10. Info 46976221.

**TOMBOLA**

Sunday 9 October 7.30pm Helidon RSL. $5 entry includes afternoon tea, sheet of tickets and lucky door.

**LOCKYER VALLEY COUNTRY CHALLENGE ON CAMPUS FUN RUN**

Sunday 9 October at UQ Gatton Campus with check-in from 2pm, Fun Run from 4pm and the Dive in Movie from 7pm. Have some fun, win some great prizes and then chill out either in the pool or beside it. The movie will be “Alexander and the Horrible, Terrible, No Good, Very Bad Day”. All proceeds from the event go to Beyond Blue. More info: https://gatton.uq.edu.au/event/session/22

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### Payments/Permissions Due

| 4 Nov | School Swimming Program $105.00 |

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### Every Day and Every Minute Counts
What sort of start is your child getting?

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Other children **...**
Equal to finishing in Year 10 |
| 2 days per week | 80 days per year | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 years | Your child **...**
Other children **...**
Equal to finishing in Year 7 |
| 3 days per week | 120 days per year | 24 weeks per year | Nearly 8 years | Other children **...**
Equal to finishing in Year 4 |