LOADS OF LOVE APPEAL

CLOSES THIS FRIDAY

2 DECEMBER 2016

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS
To our families and school community, this is our final newsletter for 2016. On behalf of our staff, we wish you all a safe and restful Christmas period. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all stakeholders of Withcott School for embracing me into your community. I have sincerely loved being a member of this school over the course of Semester 2. The calibre of students, staff and families is second to none. Thank you.

Year 6 Farewell dinner
Our Year 6 cohort attended their ‘Farewell’ dinner on Monday night, our students presented beautifully and with style for their evening. Thank you to our Year 6 teachers for the work that you put into ensuring the evening was all about our students. Thank you to our families for your support over the primary years and for joining us in such a special evening. A special thankyou to Mrs Denman who committed tireless hours to deliver the most enjoyable evening for our students. We wish each of our students every success in all of their future endeavours.

Camp Australia
Camp Australia are partnering with our school to deliver Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) from Monday, 23 January 2017. They will partner with our school community to deliver a tailored before and after school care and vacation care program that focusses on bringing out the very best in our students. The program will combine active games with structured and unstructured play, quiet time and a healthy snack. Every day is an adventure led by enthusiastic Camp Australia educators who are on a mission to make kids smile.

Parent Information Session
To help families understand how the program is structured, to meet the educators, and to find out how to make bookings and manage your account, a Parent Information Session will be held at our school.

When: Tonight - Wednesday, 30 November 2016 at 6:00pm
Where: OSHC Room (old Science room)
Understanding that time is valuable to working parents and that you may not be able to attend this information night, please visit: www.campaustralia.com.au and use the school finder to find out all you need to know about the program.

Keiryn Clements
Principal

TEMPORARY ACCESS TO ADMIN
BLOCK 1-2 DECEMBER
There will be renovations taking place in the main Admin entrance tomorrow and Friday (1-2 December). Please use the Admin door closest to the road during this period.

PLEASE NOTE:
*Free dress day on last Friday
Wear sun-safe & appropriate clothing, closed-in shoes & school hat.

*School Resumes
Monday 23 January 2017

THANK YOU
A huge thank you to Sharon Edwards for supplying the beautiful table runners and chair covers for the Seniors’ Farewell Dinner. Also, thank you to Sonia DeBortoli and Joanne Warren for all your work and support with this event.

REPORT CARDS
On Wednesday 7 December your child will receive their Semester Two report card. As with all Queensland schools, these reports use a five-point scale nominated for the year level. If a student meets their year level expectations, they will receive a rating of ‘Working With’ - Prep, ‘Sound’ - Years 1-2, ‘C’ - Years 3 and up, and therefore are on track. In addition to the student’s achievement rating, the equally important ‘effort’ rating is also indicated. The ‘effort’ rating reflects their attitude towards their learning and whether they are applying themselves as best they can. An ‘A’ for effort and a ‘C’ for achievement indicates that a student is ‘On Target’ and that they have worked consistently to be where they are for their year level.

SWIMMING NOMINATIONS
STUDENTS BORN 2005-2008
Nominations for the 2017 Lockyer Zone Swimming Carnival will be finalised during swimming lessons this week. Students are being given the opportunity to trial for each stroke over 50 metres. Using the correct stroke and the ability to swim the distance form the criteria for selection. Students will also be timed. If your child is not attending swimming lessons and you would like them to be considered for the 2017 Carnival, please contact the school to discuss alternative arrangements by tomorrow, 1 December. Selected students will be notified next week.

WITHCOTT STATE SCHOOL
P&C UNIFORM SHOP

SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPEN HOURS
Saturday 14 January 2017 9.00-11.00am
Friday 20 January 2017 2.00-3.00pm
For appointments or enquiries, please contact Sonia 0459 923 445.

END OF YEAR CONCERT
THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER
IN THE
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
BBQ 5-6pm (Tuckshop)
CONCERT 6.30pm
(Drinks & treats at intermission)

Parents/carers, family and friends are invited to our annual concert.

Free Entry

Welcome: Principal, Mrs Keiryn Clements
Prep: Here comes Santa Claus, He’ll be coming down the Chimney
Year 1/2B: Santa Wear Your Shorts, Santa is Coming
Year 2/3P: Six White Boomer
Poem – The House where Children Should Not Be
Year 3/4A: Frere Jacques, Hello to the Children of the World
Year 1/2H: Happy
Year 1/2H & Year 6’s: Summer Holiday
Principal Address
School Captains: Tamryn Holmes & Orlando Fellows
P & C Representative
S & M Rea Award for Achievement in Sport: previously announced
Jack French Memorial Bursary: previously announced
Jean Bigg Memorial Bursary: Upper Lockyer – Withcott CWA, Mrs Ruby Jensen & Mrs Joan Kelly
Withcott SS Instrumental Musicianship Award
Withcott SS Choral Musicianship Award
Intermission
Japanese Students: Haru Ga Kita
Year 4/5G & SJ: Aussie BBQ, Best Day of My Life
Year 6’s: Anything
Close: Principal, Mrs Keiryn Clements
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING – END OF TERM REWARD

Acknowledgement of consistent positive behaviour over a period of time is part of the Positive Behaviour for Learning process. Each term, those students who have demonstrated positive behaviour and who have no more than 1 major problem behaviour recorded over the period of the term, will be eligible to participate in an event. On Wednesday 7 December, eligible students will enjoy water fun activities and a cool surprise!

ASSEMBLY

Our last whole school assembly will take place next Wednesday. Principal Awards for the second half of term four will be presented. Thanks to our concert band who have played the Australian Anthem and entertained us with musical pieces each week and to year 6 students who set up the chairs each week for our comfort. Year five students also deserve credit as they have stepped up to this responsibility during term four.

P&C NEWS

At the special tuckshop meeting held last night, the P&C voted on a decision for tuckshop operations for 2017. By majority vote, it was decided that a volunteer convenor will run the tuckshop one day a week for 2017. The view will be to staff the one day a week tuckshop from Term 2, 2017. Term 1, 2017 will remain a two tuckshop per term arrangement.

Helpers needed for Concert: Please complete and return the form below.

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. Second-hand uniforms A noticeboard in the uniform shop advertises second-hand school uniforms. Families are also welcome to advertise school uniform items for sale on the school facebook page. Please send a message via facebook page for your ad to be posted. Second-hand uniforms are also gratefully accepted on a donation basis. Uniform Shop open during the school holidays:

Saturday 14 January 2017 9-11am
Friday 20 January 2017 2-3pm

Sonia DeBortoli
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator 46303495

COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

Banking reward orders close on 5 December, for 2016 delivery. Be sure to send in your bank slip with your bankbook by then if you are eligible for a reward.

If you have any questions regarding school banking, please email withcottschoolbanking@gmail.com

BOOKLISTS 2017

ORDERS CAN NOW BE PLACED

15/12/16 Orders close
28/12/16 Orders can be collected from this date.

SCHOOL WATCH

The motto of the School Watch Program is ‘Look, Listen, Report’. It is designed to make sure that suspicious activities are reported and that members of the community are not placed at risk of harm or injury by intercepting an incident in progress. If you wish to report any suspicious activity or behaviour, please phone 131788.