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**PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS**

Thanks to our Student Council who arranged ‘purple day’ to raise awareness and understanding of epilepsy. Assembly today was ‘touched with purple’ as we demonstrated our support for the Epilepsy Foundation that aims to assist people and families who are living with epilepsy. Thanks to all for your generous donations that will be passed on to the foundation.

Thanks also to our wonderful P&C and willing bakers who provided a sausage sizzle and bake stall at the school for the election on Saturday. The effort both on the day and/or behind the scenes is greatly appreciated. Significant funds were raised by these volunteers that will go towards boosting our library resources.

Teaching staff were also busy on Saturday, attending a regional conference presented by Dr Anita Archer on explicit instruction. Explicit instruction is a researched-based methodology that is consistently employed across the school. Attendance at the conference provided teachers with the opportunity to gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of this methodology, and in being immersed in the practical application of its strategies.

As this will be the final newsletter for the term, I’d like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable Easter and holiday break. School resumes on Monday 11 April.

Tania Angus
Principal

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING – END OF TERM ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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 one major problem behaviour recorded over the period of the term, will be eligible to participate in an event. Tomorrow, eligible students will come together to enjoy their lunch ‘picnic’ style on a rug by the small oval. Students who were not able to reach this milestone this term will participate in an alternate activity managed by the principal that will focus on developing social functioning.

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

*Free dress tomorrow
Wear sun-safe & appropriate clothing, closed-in shoes & school hat.

*School Resumes
Monday 11 April 2016.

*First Newsletter in Term 2
will be Wednesday 20 April.

**PURPLE DAY**

The student council would like to thank everyone for supporting the National Epilepsy Awareness campaign. Purple Day was founded in 2008 in an effort to get people talking about the disorder and inform those with seizures that they are not alone. Our school raised valuable funds - $192.00 to help support Epilepsy research and awareness. Thanks for wearing a touch of purple.

For more information go to www.epilepsyqueensland.com.au

**2/3P EASTER EXCHANGE**

Students in 2/3P have thoroughly enjoyed participating in an Easter Exchange with 25 other Prep – year 3 classes from around Queensland, Northern Territory and Western Australia. Each student made an Easter craft and wrote a letter that included: information about our class, school, uniform, the community of Withcott and something they like to do in the local area. Then they were each assigned a class and addressed their envelopes to their buddy school. The children were so excited when mail arrived from the 25 other classes and each student had an opportunity to open their mail and read it to their peers before displaying it in our classroom.

**STARS & IDOLS PICK UP**

When collecting your child after Stars & Idols, please do not park in the drop-off zone as access is still required for buses and bus students at that time.

**SPRING BLUFF**

Last Thursday, our School, Sport and Music Captains made a special trip to Spring Bluff Railway Station. It was the 74th anniversary of the Battalion that marched from Crows Nest to catch a train to war. It was special to reflect on the memories of the surviving soldiers. We felt proud of this local history and it was a pleasure to be invited.

We would like to thank Mrs Justine Soper and Lynette Klein for transporting us.

**WITCOTT STATE SCHOOL ‘ADIDAS’ FUN RUN**

The Withcott SS Cross Country and Fun Run will be held 6 May 2016. The Adidas Fun-Run is our major fundraising event. Our school receives 70% of all funds raised, which is used to purchase sporting equipment. The Adidas School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved. All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. Monies and sponsorship forms (even if not used) must be returned by Friday 20 May. Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Sharon Denman
Year 6 Teacher

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Barry and wife Anastasia on the arrival of daughter, Lucy on 11 March.
LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DEPARTURE REGISTER
Parents/carers need to sign a register in the office foyer if a child is late or is being picked up early. Parents/carers also need to complete a slip for late arrival/early departure of a child.

LOCKYER ZONE CRICKET & SOFTBALL CARNIVAL
Cricket Last Friday the Withcott State School cricket team played against OLGC. It was a great game and we won by four runs. Next we played against Caffey schools and we won by fifty-three runs with the help of Jude and Alex from Helidon. We came first, good job Withcott!

Kanga At the carnival, Kanga A team didn’t win any games but they tried hard. Kanga B team won one game and came 3rd overall. We tried hard too and hope to better next time. Good job, Withcott.

SOFTBALL Last week Withcott Softball team went to the carnival to compete with other schools from the Lockyer Valley. All the schools showed great sportsmanship, we came second over all and had a great time.

P&C NEWS
P&C Levy – The P&C Levy notice has been sent out to families. We really appreciate your support for this system of core funding for our school. There are some great incentives for early payments. Pay early to be in the draw!

2016 Rotary Ride the Range - Thank you to all the helpers on the day.

Withcott Polling Booth – Thank you to those who baked and those who assisted on the day.

Facebook – Like our page ‘Withcott State School Community’ for updates on school activities, events, reminders and celebrations.

P&C Meeting – 7pm, Tuesday 19 April at the staff room. Become a member to receive minutes and notices. Everyone welcome.

Liz Todd – Communications Officer
Withcott State School P&C
Email: pandccontact@withcottss.eq.edu.au

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.

School Banking Co-ordinator

LAMINATING
Laminating takes place on the first Friday afternoon of each month and will be ready for collection the following day.
Next Laminating Date: Friday, 15 April 2016.
Prices: A4 - $1.50, A3 - $2.50, Posters - $5 a metre. Drop items into the office at any time!!

TUCKSHOP TALK
Please note that all orders must be in by 9.30am Tuesdays.

Week 2 - 13 April: Michelle Vaughan, Deb McFadyen.

Week 3 - 20 April: Sally Shore, Leesa Van Zandbergen.

On-Line Ordering: Please update your child’s roll class to ensure they get their order.

Proposed Menu Changes due to the implementation of P&C Qld Smart Choices has now been postponed to Term Three: More details next term.

Thanks for all your support this term. Enjoy your break and I’ll see you in Term Three.

Leissa White
Tuckshop Convenor ph: 0478 782 182

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.

House Shirts If you would like to order house shirts for the Interhouse Cross Country/Fun Run, orders must be in by 27 April. Cost $15, available by order only.

Sonia DeBortoli
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator 46303495

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

LAIDLEY HERITAGE WEEKEND - 16 & 17 April. www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au

LOCKYER VALLEY LIBRARIES for March/April school holiday fun. More info: www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au

MURPHYS CK PROGRESS ASSN is inviting ALL candidates for the LVRC election to engage with the community at the MCrk Community Centre Tues 5 April 7pm.

HELIDON RSL Womens’ Auxiliary are having a “Tombola” Sunday 10 April 1.30pm at Helidon RSL. $5 entry includes afternoon tea, sheet of tickets and lucky door. All welcome.

NET SET GO Pre-Netball Skills for 5-7 yr olds, 10 week program. Each Sat 9.30-10.30am from 7/5/16 at Nell E Robinson Pk, Toowoomba. $70 per player includes ball, shirt & $20 TNA fees. More info: tmbanetball@bigpond.com

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2016 - TERM 1
24 Mar Final Day Term 1

2016 - TERM 2
11 Apr School Resumes
20 Apr Anzac Day Assembly
25 Apr Anzac Day
2 May Labour Day
6 May Interhouse Cross Country/School Fun Run
10-12 May NAPLAN (Year 3 & 5)
23 May Y3/6 Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience
31 May Semester 1 Music Evening
20-23 Jun Life Education
21 Jun Year PL, 1/2H Amaro Excursion
24 Jun Final Day Term 2

2016 - TERM 3
11 July School Resumes
5 Sep Year 1/2S, 2/3P Amaro Excursion
16 Sep Final Day Term 3

PAYMENTS/PERMISSIONS DUE
20 May Fun Run Forms & monies
(All forms to be returned, even if no money raised)

2016 TENNIS COACHING
WITHCOTT STATE SCHOOL
ROBERT WILLIAMS

TCA ADVANCED (LEVEL 2) TA CLUB PROFESSIONAL COACH
Monday (higher grades) 1.10pm - 1.40pm
Wednesday (Prep only) 12.30pm-1.00pm
Wednesday (lower grades) 1.10pm - 1.40pm

6-8 pupils - ½ hour - $65.00 per term (family discount) min 8 wk term

Term 2 commences Monday 18 April 2016
For further information and enrolment Phone Robert Mobile 0413 488 303 / home 4635 5655
e-mail: rwtc@bigpond.com

It’s essential to be taught from the start with updated techniques and analysed stroke correction from an experienced, registered TCA Advanced Level 2 TA Club Professional accredited & updated coach.

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

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.