LIFE EDUCATION
20 - 23 June
WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY
Payments $8.00 per child are due by 3.15pm Friday 3 June 2016
PARENT INFORMATION SESSION 20 June 2.30pm.

READING HINTS
While your child will be engaged in a variety of reading activities at school, it is also important to encourage your child to read outside the classroom. Here are some ideas that may help you support your child's reading development:
- Talk with your child about the things they like to read - picture books, books about dinosaurs, 'how-to-make' instructions, catalogues, signs, computer games.
- "read with your child each day if you can - before bed, first thing in the morning, whenever it is convenient for the family. "Give them time to have a go at reading tricky words. "Tell them the words they can't work out by themselves - they don't need to feel stressed when learning to read. "Point to the illustrations for clues about the meaning. "Ask your child to retell the story in their own words. "Ask your child some questions about what happened in the story, e.g. What was the boy's name? What happened after...? "Discuss your child's thoughts/ideas that may have come up while reading the book. What would they have done if?... What did they think about?... How do they think the characters in the book felt when?... What part of the book makes them think that?..."

Tania Angus
Principal

WITHCOTT STATE SCHOOL REVIEW – AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR SAY

The Department of Education and Training introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. Our school is scheduled for a school review from Monday 30 May – Wednesday 1 June. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools will have a review at least every four years. A final report is made available to parents and the community on the school's website.

The review team would like to hear from our school community and encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students.

If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the office. Further information about the reviews is available from the department’s website at: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-performance-assessment-framework.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

As indicated in our last newsletter, Withcott State School intends to seek competitive offers for an Outside School Hours Care Service to be provided on the school site. Thanks to those families who returned the survey so that we can gain an indication of the need for such a service and to determine the viability of such a service. The survey has been collated and we are now completing documentation required for the tender process.

WITHCOTT STATE SCHOOL
ACKNOWLEDGES:
Neil Simpson - Withcott Hotel
for the recent donation of $800, being proceeds from the famous Mud Crab Lunch.
Thank you for your support.

FUN RUN
Thanks for all of your support with the Adidas Fun Run which saw every student from Prep to Year 6 participating, either directly in the events or with the leading of groups. The school receives 70% of funds raised from this event which goes towards enhancing our sport equipment.

MONIES & FORMS DUE THIS FRIDAY 20 MAY.

UNDER EIGHTS’ WEEK
The 21–28 May, 2016, is Under Eights' Week and we are planning an exciting event to celebrate 60 years of Under Eights' Week! The theme is 'Early Learning, Everyone Benefits!' and on Friday 28 May, Withcott State School will host an afternoon of fun and activity for Prep – Year 2 students along with children from the Withcott Early Childhood Centre. The afternoon will run from 1.45 – 2:45pm in the early years playground. Parents/carers are invited and welcome to attend.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME
"I Got This Hat" has been selected by the Australian Library and Information Association for National Simultaneous Storytime 2016, which will be held on Wednesday 25 May 2016 at 11:00AM. Our school takes part in this activity annually and this year we have a collection of hats from several walks of life and countries on display to complement the story. All are welcome to attend and take part.

DONNA QUADE
Librarian/ICT Teacher Aide

RECONCILIATION WEEK
National Reconciliation Week, held from 27 May to 3 June, is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. The theme for this year is 'Our History, Our Story, Our Future'. The theme reminds us that historical acceptance is essential to our reconciliation journey and reflects the premise that the journey forms a significant part of Australia’s story. It reinforces that reconciliation must live in the minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward.
**SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR**

Where: Library 18-24 May
Time: 8.15am - 4.00pm

**MUSIC NOTES**

A busy few weeks lie ahead of us in the Music Department including Semester One assessments and reporting. Fanfare and Evening of Music details are below. The Senior Choir will participate in Sing Out on 15 June.

Brett Gredig, Classroom Specialist & Choir Conductor

**JUNIOR AND SENIOR BAND – FANFARE**

Our Senior and Junior Concert Bands will be participating in Education Queensland’s Bi-annual Fanfare, tomorrow 19 May. All students are to betravel to coach. Students are to wear their ‘black and whites’. Hair should be neatly done and long hair tied back from the face with school coloured ribbons if desired. Students will still need to be able to wear the school broad-brimmed hat. They will need to bring morning tea, lunch, water bottle, school hat and their instrument. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend this event free of charge. Please note that the performance for Senior Band is at approximately 11.30am. They are first in the session that is scheduled to run from 11.30am – 1:00pm. Junior Band will perform later in the session. Adjudication and presentations occur towards the end of the session.

**EVENING OF MUSIC**

On Tuesday 31 May, Withcott State School will showcase students in instrumental and choir programs at a dedicated ‘Evening of Music’ from 6:00 – 7:00pm in the auditorium. All families are welcome to attend. Performing students are asked to arrive at 5:30pm for tuning and preparation. Students may wear smart casual clothing (school uniform or ‘black/whites’ are NOT required).

**LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WEEK**

Next week is ‘Library and Information Week’ which aims to raise the profile of libraries and information service professionals in Australia. It gives libraries and information services the opportunity to showcase their resources, facilities, events and services through different programs and events to the community. We have a most inviting and attractive library that continues to offer a place where students can enjoy, appreciate and learn with books, both in print and digital forms. It’s a place where students both learn to read and learn to read and throughout this significant week, we have two events for students and families to enjoy.

Mrs Stemmler has organised a ‘Bookfair’ where students can purchase a high-quality range of books. The school receives commission in the form of books and so this event significantly boosts our resources in the library. Mrs Quade will invite students to participate in National Simultaneous Storytime, an annual campaign that has been running for 16 years that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books.

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

**WHITE RIBBON BREAKING THE SILENCE SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

The month of May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month which provides us with the opportunity to reinforce the message that domestic and family violence is never acceptable – Not Now, Not Ever. In support of this message, Withcott State School with endorsement from the Parents’ and Citizens Association, will undertake the White Ribbon Breaking the Silence Schools Program, an award-winning professional learning program for principals and teachers that supports them to embed models of respectful relationships in school culture and classroom activities. These models give students the opportunity to learn and experience respectful relationships, preventing the perpetration of violence against women and girls. This work will complement our existing Positive Behaviour for Learning program. Schools participating in Breaking the Silence become White Ribbon Schools. For more information on this program, visit the White Ribbon website.

**P&C NEWS**

Family Movie Night – A great evening was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to all the helpers on the night.

P&C Social Trivia Night Join us for a casual trivia night to bring together the school community - students, parents and staff. It will be held Sat 18 June, 7pm at the Withcott Hotel. There is no cost for joining in, normal pub meals and drinks will be available. Children of all ages are welcome and the questions will be suitable for older ones to join in. Please RSVP using the slip on this newsletter by Friday 3rd June. Remember to ‘like’ the Facebook page to continue to receive notifications.

P&C Meeting – Next meeting, Tuesday 21 June 7pm in the staff room.

Raffle Draw - Congratulations to winners: Liz Todd, Joanne Warren and Ellen Bradford. Thanks to Briny Sommers for the generous donation of prizes.

Liz Todd – Communications Officer Withcott State School P&C e: pandcontact@withcotts.qld.edu.au

**UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop opens each Wednesday morning 8.15am - 9.30am. House shirts available by order only for Interhouse Sports Carnival. $15 each. Orders need to be in by Wed 22 June.

Sonja DeBortoli Uniform Shop Co-ordinator 46303495

**COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM**

Remember to drop your bankbook with completed deposit slip in the office mailbox before 8am on Mondays. 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

**SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**WITHCOTT PRODUCE**

Parents, Andrew & Julie Ferguson have moved Withcott Produce into the “FEED SHED” at Withcott Hardware and Rural and they have re-opened the hardware. Andrew 0409 016 487 or Julie 0439 737 950.

**MULTI DRAW RAFFLE**

in aid of Cancer Council $1 ticket/$2 for 3 tickets - drawn Sat 28 May. On sale now at Remax, Withcott Pharmacy and Ooh La Latte Café.

**YEAR SIX STUDENTS - ENROLLING CENTENARY HEIGHTS SHS 2017**

A flyer is being distributed today.

**TOOWOOMBA STATE HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2017 UPDATE**

18 May Master classes commence, 11 Jul Y7, 2017 enrolment opens, 9 Aug 6pm Parent Info Night, 13 Sep Stars Day 1, 31 Oct Enrolment interviews commence, 6 Dec Stars Day 2

**CARTOONING WEEKEND WORKSHOP**

11-12 June Glendale Scout Hall. Brochure being distributed today.

**RSVP - P&C SOCIAL TRIVIA NIGHT 18 JUNE**

Yes, I / we will be attending ______ (number)

**FAMILY NAME:** ____________