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P&C NEWS

Family Movie Night – A Family Movie Night will be held from 5.30pm Fri 13 May, “Jungle Book” will be screened. Hot Dogs & Donuts will be on sale. We will be asking for volunteer helpers (just for short periods). A flyer will go out next week.

P&C Meeting – Next meeting, Tuesday 17 May 7pm in the staff room.

Trivia Night - A Trivia Night for parents/carers will be held Saturday 18 June at the Withcott Hotel. More details later.

Liz Todd – Communications Officer
Withcott State School P&C
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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 46303495

COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

Along with the rewards currently available for each 10 deposits of Flying Snake Tail, Wildlife Writer Set, Mud Splat Handball and Outback Pat Bag Tag, every student who makes 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically go into the draw to win a family trip for two adults and three children to meet the Irwins at Australia Zoo. Information packs and account application forms are available at the office, or if you have any questions regarding school banking, please email me at withcottschoolbanking@gmail.com.

School Banking Co-ordinator

TUCKSHOP TALK

Please note that all orders must be in by 9.30am Tuesdays, on-line or cash orders accepted. Treat Days this term will be 18 May and 22 June (Wednesdays instead of normal menu). On-line or cash orders accepted. Menus will be out in the week prior.

Week 2 - 11 May: Jean Kennett, Deb McFadyen, Bec Edmonds.

Week 3 - 18 May: Leesa Van Zandbergen, Sally Shore, Anna Goldsmith.

Leissa Whitman 0478782182
Tuckshop Convenor

PARENT PERMISSION FORM - 2016 LIFE EDUCATION

Due Monday 3 June 2016

☐ My child will be participating ☐ My child WILL NOT be participating

☐ hereby give permission for my son/daughter/s:

☐ to participate in Life Education 2016.

☐ Parent’s Signature: ___________________ Date: _____________

☐ Family Name: ___________________ Roll Class: _____________

☐ AMOUNT $8.00 ☐ CASH ☐ CHEQUE

☐ CREDIT CARD BY BPOINT(as per invoice - to be sent home 5/5)

☐ BPOINT Receipt No: ___________________