PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS
Congratulations to all instrumental music and choir students who performed at our ‘Evening of Music’ last night and thank-you to the families who turned out on the ‘eve of winter’ to support them. The students absolutely shone as they performed with precision, pizzazz, confidence and obvious enjoyment. The students were exemplary in their demonstration of our values of respect, responsibility and resilience; respect for themselves when they took time to attend to their appearance on the night, responsibility for arriving punctually and with the necessary equipment, and resilience when they demonstrated a performance that clearly reflected hours of practice and commitment to their craft. Congratulations also to the senior band for being awarded ‘Silver’ for their performance at Fanfare and junior bands for their Certificate of Participation.
A lovely afternoon was had last Friday as we celebrated Under 8’s week with our ‘under 8’s’. The delightful kindy children joined us from the daycare centre and our students enjoyed a range of hands-on engaging and fun activities. Thanks to the group of very capable senior students who joined us in assisting the younger students. Your help was greatly appreciated.
A 3-day review of our school by the School Improvement Review team will conclude today. Many thanks to the parents, carers, grandparents and community representatives who have shared their time to provide feedback for the review. The outcomes of the review will be shared as soon as they become available. A final report will be made available to parents/carers and the community on the school’s website. The outcomes will inform our next strategic plan and help us continue to deliver a quality education for our students. Many thanks to our caterers, Ooh La Latte (newly opened café in Withcott) for the scrumptious food!
Tania Angus, Principal

SING OUT
PAYMENTS DUE TODAY
LIFE EDUCATION
Payments $8.00 per child
due this Friday
3 June 2016

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
A huge thankyou to all who supported our recent Book Fair! With your support we sold books to the value of $5272 which has earned us in commission - $1926 worth of books to incorporate into the library (3 large cartons of books). The sum total of books placed in our library from Book Fair over the past decade is now just a little under $20,000 and these are books your children would not have the use and ongoing benefit of without the continued support of this community! Well done Withcott! It was touching to see children who have never before purchased a book from the fair, proudly leave with a book clutched tightly in hand. Over the next few weeks they’ll read them, compare notes with a friend, recommend the book to others and come searching for others they saw on the shelves. In the process if we’re lucky they’ll develop a love of books. The famous philosopher Francis Bacon once wrote: ‘A good book is the best of friends! The same now and forever!’ My thanks to the very responsible year 5/6 girls who assisted with supervision, did door duty and helped the littlest customers still struggling to figure out money math. Thank you …..

FROM THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC
CENTENARY EXPERIENCE…
Years 2/3P, 3/4A, 4/5C, 5/6D and 5/6J recently visited the Australian War Memorial’s touring Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience to discover Australia’s history of courage, service and sacrifice.
One of our students made the following comment ‘Really interesting in some places, a little bit sad in some places and happy in some places’.

NATIONAL 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.
Each week, the students leading our Assembly, open with what is known as an Acknowledgement to Country; “to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land upon which we meet”, to show respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and Australia’s First Peoples. We acknowledge the Jagara people; a tribe of Australian Aboriginal people who inhabited the region that includes Withcott. The Australian English word ‘Yakka’ (loosely meaning Work, as in ‘Hard Yakka’) apparently came from this tribe.

P&C MEETING - 21 JUNE
Please note that the next P&C Meeting has been cancelled.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING – PRINCIPAL AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who were presented with a Principal Award for the first half of term 2 for consistently demonstrating and/or showing the most improvement in exhibiting the school-wide values and expectations for behaviour.
PL
1/2H
1/2S
2/3P
3/4A
4/5C
5/6J
5/6D

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING – EXPECTATION OF THE WEEK
The focus expectation for this week is ‘quality work’ which is linked to the value of resilience. This expectation provides an appropriate context for teachers to revisit ‘bookwork expectations’ that are up in classrooms and for encouraging students to develop resilience by persisting in doing work that demonstrates their best effort.

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Parents have the best opportunity to make Mathematics ‘real’ for their children. Make everyday mathematics visible by taking opportunities as they arise. Play games together such as number games, card games, board games, dice games, computer games. Look for mathematical ideas and help your child to discover the answer. For instance, you see a kite flying, ask your child if they know the shape it is and look for other objects that have the same shape. Ask your child ‘What if?’ questions. For instance, “What will happen to the see-saw if you and Mia sit on this side and Tom sits by himself on the other side? Let’s try!” Always, give your child time to think. Don’t tell them the answer. Wait and listen. Ask your child to explain what they have learnt and how they can use the ideas. Show your child that you use mathematics every day: in the kitchen, shopping (money), time, driving (maps). Discuss the mathematics your child is learning at school. Enjoy learning together.

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Andrew & Julie Ferguson
Withcott Produce
for the kind donation of sugar cane mulch for our vegetable gardens.
Thank you for your support.

WITNESS STATEMENT
I hereby certify that the information given in this book fair report is true and correct.
Tania Angus, Principal

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING
Roslyn Stemmler, Teacher Librarian

Thank you …..

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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.

OFFICE 2016 FOR FREE

All Queensland State School students and staff can now download multiple free copies of Microsoft Office 2016 to their personal home computers and mobile devices.

Students and staff will need to use their school email address to sign in. The Office subscription lasts for as long as the student is studying at a Queensland State School, or the staff member is employed by the department. Support is available on downloading Office 2016.

SPORT UPDATE

Congratulations to Withcott State School students, …

who represented the Lockyer Zone when they competed at the Darling Downs Cross Country trials last week.

YEAR PL & 1/2H AMAROO EXCURSION

Please note that payment $14.50 is due Tuesday 7 June.

FOUND - READING GLASSES

A pair of small reading glasses (purple) and medium reading glasses (metallic hot pink) have been handed in. If they sound like yours, please enquire at the school office.

STAFF CAR PARK

Pedestrians must not enter or use the staff car park as a thoroughfare. Similarly, the staff car park is not to be used for dropping off and picking up children or delivering messages.

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, 3 June 2016.

Prices: A4 - $1.50, A3 - $2.50, Posters - $5 a metre. Drop items into the office at any time!!

P&C NEWS

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 – has been cancelled

Liz Todd – Communications Officer

Withcott State School P&C

e: pandcontact@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.

House shirts available by order only for Interhouse Sports Carnival $15 each. Orders need to be in by Wed 22 June.

Sonia DeBortoli
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator 46303495

TUCKSHOP TALK

Please note that all orders must be in by 9.30am Tuesdays, on-line or cash orders accepted.

Next Treat Day “State of Origin” 22 June. Menus will be out next week.

Week 2 - 8 June: Jane Kennett, Deb McFadyen, Bec Edmonds.

Week 3 - 15 June: Sally Shore, Leesa Van Zandbergen.

Leissa Whiteman
0478782182, Tuckshop Convenor

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 Irwin’s 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 us at withcottschoolbanking@gmail.com.

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

P&C MEETING – has been cancelled

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.

40TH ANNIVERSARY WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY is being celebrated at Lake Annand on Sunday 5 June 2016. Columboola and Amaroo Environmental Education Centres will be there with Bluey, the enviro-science van, with lots of hands on environmental education displays and activities.

BILLY CART DERBY Heldon Heritage Fair Sunday 14 August 2016. Get your carts built and ready now! Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place getters in three categories: school age, open & modified. Derby heats begin at 1.30pm, registration and scrutineering from 11am at marquee on the fair grounds. More info - Bas 46977037 or Louise 0407020097.

NEW LOCAL BUSINESS

Aussie Pooch Mobile - ph Joanne Green 0488 424 674 or 1300 369 369.

RSVP - P&C SOCIAL TRIVIA NIGHT 18 JUNE

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

FAMILY NAME: __________________________