PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Term Two has seen great participation, representation and achievement by Withcott State School students in both the sporting and musical arenas. Qualifying students participated in the Lockyer Zone Cross Country, the senior choir and senior band participated in Fanfare, we enjoyed a beautiful ‘Evening of Music’ and tonight our senior choir will perform as part of a 500 strong ‘mass’ choir at Singout. Congratulations and many thanks to all students and staff involved and particularly to parents/carers for getting students to the various venues and assisting staff with supervision. Your support enables the children to participate in opportunities that build self-confidence, skill and a sense of accomplishment, regardless of the outcome. The students are always a pleasure to accompany throughout these events.

Over the last week, I’ve had the pleasure of reading all student report cards and it’s wonderful to see the individual progress that has been made over the semester. Our youngest students are beginning to read, they are more independent in routine and they have settled into life at school. As the year levels progress, improvement is shown in the ability to apply what is learned to other situations, with levels of problem solving increasing in complexity. Students are expected to manage their emotions, self-regulate their behaviour and develop resilience in dealing with the ups and downs of social interactions. Report cards will be sent home via students on Wednesday 22 June. Today is School Cleaner’s Day: a day to recognise and acknowledge the work of school cleaners. Working like magical fairies on a ‘split’ shift starting at 4:30am, our cleaners inconspicuously create a school and work environment that looks, smells and feels great! Their work is appreciated by all of us and we expressed this by celebrating their day (last Wednesday) with a breakfast of scrumptious bacon and egg muffins supplied by Ooh La Latte to say a special ‘thanks’ to our cleaners, Debbie Mogg, Sharon Chalmers and Joanne Warren. The students gave them ‘three cheers’ on assembly last week. The review team all commented on how exceptionally clean and well cared for the school environments are. I am currently attending a Work Health and Safety course this week which has prompted me to include a reminder around students and parents/carers walking/driving into the school carpark. The carpark is for staff and service vehicles only. Please observe the signage and take care around this area which can pose a significant danger to our students; your children.

Plans are well underway for the trivia night this Saturday 18 June, 7:00pm at the Withcott Hotel. This event is being organised by our P&C and promises to be a night of fun and frivolity. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

SPORT NEWS

We wish ………………… all the very best as he heads off to State Hockey Championships tomorrow. Good luck and well done, …..!

FREE DRESS - LAST DAY OF TERM
FRIDAY 24 JUNE
Wear sun-safe & appropriate clothing, closed-in shoes & school hat.
*School Resumes Monday 11 July 2016.

STAFFING UPDATE

The Curriculum Coach role that Sharon Denman is currently undertaking is going to be extended until the end of semester two. Nikki O’Kennedy will commence her maternity leave soon and hence, a suitable replacement for 5/6D is being determined. Parents/carers and students of that class will be advised of the name of the replacement teacher as soon as possible.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING – EXPECTATION OF THE WEEK

This week is ‘make good choices’ which is linked to the value of resilience. When discussing this expectation, we also include a point that this includes ‘when you think no one is watching’. An example could include walking on concrete…when no one is watching!

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 Friday 24 June, eligible students will enjoy a sausage sizzle, picnic style (with a vegetarian alternative) for lunch.

UNDERSTANDING REPORT CARDS

At the end of each semester, schools report to parents on student achievement against the relevant achievement standards for each learning area. The reports will describe: *the student’s achievement against expected standards *how well the student is engaging with the expected learning.

Parents/carers tonight for the Twilight Concert and are very welcome to attend. Tickets - Adults $16, Children under $9.00.

Time: 5.25pm arrival time (meet Mrs Denman/Mrs Angus on grassed area near restaurant on arrival).

PERFORMANCE 5.45-7.15pm (Please collect students 7.15pm from upstairs near the main door).

Wear: Black trousers, white long-sleeved business shirt (no frilly shirts), black shoes (not joggies), long black socks. Hair should be neatly done and long hair tied back from the face with school colour ribbons if desired.

REMINDEERS OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 17 June TALENT FOR THE HOSPICE

Gold coin entrance fee for performers and a gold coin to be part of the audience.

20-23 June LIFE EDUCATION

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION 20 June 2.30pm.

LANGUAGES SEMESTER ONE TAIKO DRUMMING

This Semester Year 5-6 Languages students have explored many cultural Japanese events. The students have worked hard on creating and participating over a wide range of activities. The students also participated in the Japanese Taiko Drumming Experience. It was FANTASTIC! Kyōomi sensei shared her passion of Japanese Taiko with our students and it was inspiring. The students and Mr Denman sounded kakkoii (cool). Thank you to all the students who participated.

OFFICE HOURS

Please note that office hours are 8:15 am – 3:15 pm.
INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS 2016
THURSDAY 21 JULY
(9-12yrs - born 2004-2007)
1.00pm Discus and 800m Events
FRIDAY 22 JULY
9.00am ALL AGE CARNIVAL
Parents are welcome to attend the events on Thursday and the main carnival on Friday.
The Early Years (5-8yrs - born 2008-2011) students will participate in tabloid sports during the morning from approximately 9:15 – 11:00 a.m. 5-8yrs will then join in the All Age Carnival. In order to maximise participation and minimise waiting time for students, we will need a number of parents to assist by helping out with an activity (Tabloid Sports). All students should wear an appropriate coloured polo shirt (with collar - Sunsmart) for their house. Gorman - Red; Cunningham - Yellow; Oxley - Bottle Green. If you are unsure of your child’s house colour, please see class teacher.
Students are expected to stay all day. If your child must leave early, they must be signed-out in the book that will be located on a desk outside the shed.
Selected students will represent Withcott State School at the Upper Lockyer Carnival on Friday 12 August at Ropehill Community Centre. The Zone Carnival will also be held at Ropehill on Friday 19 August.
Programs are available for the All Age Carnival if pre-ordered @ $3.00 each. Please complete and return the cut-off section with payment by Wednesday 13 July.

MUSIC NOTES
Classroom News All classes are in the middle of an exciting unit of work in small group composition with Mr G. With the Juniors experimenting with only rhythm patterns, the middle and upper grades are adding a simple bass line to their arranged melody patterns. Learning to work with others with differing opinions is an important part of this project, and I would ask you to discuss how this is all going with your child. In-class performances will be early Term 3.
Evening of Music Thank you to the many families and friends who came and enjoyed a wonderful Evening of Music. The continued development of the children’s performance skill is enhanced by opportunities such as this, and your continuing support is most important. We are so glad you were there, and enjoyed the evening.
SINGOUT The Senior Choir has been working very hard to be fully prepared to perform at their best at The Empire Theatre today. Tickets for the evening concert are now on sale at The Empire Booking Office.
Choir Music collection Semester 1 music will be collected in Week 11 (and I would ask for your assistance in ensuring that your child has fulfilled their responsibility with this). The Senior Choir will be enjoying the “Mintie Meeting de-brief” with me in that week. Any students wishing to join for the 2nd half of the year, are urged to see Mr G.

CREDITS FOR NON-ATTENDANCE OF ACTIVITIES If your child has paid for an activity and does not attend, please contact the school office for a credit request form. Credits will only be granted within two weeks of the non-attendance. The credit may then be used for another activity.

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2016 - TERM 2
17 Jun “Talent for the Hospice” show
18 Jun Trivia Night
20-23 Jun Life Education
21 Jun Year PL, 1/2H Amaro Excursion
22 Jun Treat Day ‘State of Origin’
24 Jun Final Day Term 2 - FREE DRESS

2016 - TERM 3
11 July School Resumes
15 July Y23P 3/4A,4/5C Empire Theatre Excursion
22 July Interhouse Athletics Carnival
8 Aug Exhibition Holiday
9 Aug Philip Green Aboriginal Survival Technology
12 Aug Upper Lockyer Athletics Carnival
19 Aug Lockyer Zone Athletics Carnival
23-25 Aug Instrum. Music Camp - Selected Students
5 Sep Year 1/2S, 2/3P Amaro Excursion
6 Sep Regional Athletics Carnival
16 Sep Lockyer Zone Soccer Netball Carnival
16 Sep P&C Social Trivia Night
2016 - TERM 4
4 Oct School Resumes
9 Dec Final Day Term 4

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.
P&C Levy Letters A reminder letter is being sent home today. If you have already paid your levy, please disregard. The levy is the main source of fundraising for the P&C to support extra school activities and resourcing. Pay asap to go in the next prize draw. Your contribution is appreciated.
Remember to ‘like’ the Facebook page to continue to receive notifications.
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. 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 this week.
Week 4 - 22 June: Jean Kennett, Deb McFadyn, Bec Edmonds.
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 Inwi’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 me at withcottschoolbanking@gmail.com.

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

RESIDENTS FORUM ON THE HIGHWAY Sunday 19 June at the Withcott Hotel 7pm. Please come and show your support.

SWQ THUNDER FOOTBALL TEAM plays the Brisbane Roar Youth on Sunday 19th June at Toowoomba Grammar School. Fee Entry & a chance to win a training session with the SWQ Thunder & a lucky student to win a signed jersey. Entry form at school office.

JUNE/JULY Holidays Lockyer Valley Libraries will be holding holiday activities for ages 3 and up. Ph: 1300 005 872 www.lockyervale.qld.gov.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 5-15yrs Free program Wed 6 July, Withcott Sports complex 9am-3pm. Bring a hat, lunch, water bottle. Ph 1300 114 397 for more info.

JUNE/JULY Holidays Toleram Track & Field Coaching Clinic 8-18yrs Tues 28 June $50 includes lunch 9am-3pm at Downlands College. More info ph: 0427 732 914.

SCHOOL WATCH PH: 131788
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.

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.

INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS PROGRAM ORDER
I would like to order _______(number) of programs at $3.00 each.
I have enclosed $______payment. Please send program/s home with ______________________________ (child’s name) in Roll
Class _______ I understand program/s will be sent home Wed 20 July. Signature: ____________