PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS
Welcome back! It’s Term 3 which means that we’ve got twenty weeks of school left in the 2016 school year to make positive, lasting differences in the lives of Withcott State School students. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to our school community. Thank you for the very warm welcome everyone has offered. Withcott is a beautiful school consisting of a dedicated staff, outstanding students and supportive families. I feel incredibly blessed and honoured to able to lead our school this during this Semester. My substantive position is held at Jordanay State School and I was a Teaching Principal there for several years. Since January 2015 I was the Acting Principal of Cambooya State School and that experience was the most rewarding professional opportunity in my career. Please come and say hello if we have not met yet.

Keiryn Clements
A/Principal

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
Parents/Caregivers, school staff and the Year 5 and 6 students are encouraged to take part in this year’s School Opinion Survey and share their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve. Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with oldest in the family with today’s newsletter - these are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the Department. Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, computers will be available for parents/caregivers to access, please contact the office to organise a suitable time. The survey will remain open until 29 July 2016.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING – PRINCIPAL AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who were presented with a Principal Award for the second half of term 2 for consistently demonstrating and/or showing the most improvement in exhibiting the school-wide values and expectations for behaviour.

VISIT FROM NATIONALLY RENOWNED LOCAL POET MARCO GLIORI - 20 JULY
Several years ago Marco Gliori spent a day with our students. He had them giggling and guffawing constantly as he proved that real men, or anyone at all really, can find delight in writing poetry and relish reciting it aloud. He’s performed all over Australia for the Arts Council in various states, community organisations and has recorded and performed for the ABC. On Wednesday 20 July he’ll run two performances for our students, who still talk about his amazing musicians, dancers, comedians, magicians and singers. Congratulations and thank you to all the performers. We would like to thank Mr Askim for assisting with the preparation for the show and also to all those individuals who all helped on the day. It was a great show and we thoroughly enjoyed it. Thanks for your support!!

The Student Council

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.

TALENT FOR THE HOSPICE
The Student Council was proud to host “Talent for the Hospice” last term to support the Toowoomba Hospice. An amount of $102.40 was raised. The Toowoomba Hospice is a community based private healthcare facility which provides free palliative care to the terminally ill. It provides patients with a family friendly “home like” environment during the final phase of their life. We were lucky enough to have many talented students show off their skills for this worthy cause. We were entertained during big lunch by amazing musicians, dancers, comedians, magicians and singers. Congratulations and thank you to all the performers. We would like to thank Mr Askim for assisting with the preparation for the show and also to the wonderful community and staff for your warm welcome!

Thank you
Keiryn Clements
A/Principal

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ACKNOWLEDGES:

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Philip Green presents….
ABORIGINAL SURVIVAL TECHNOLOGY TUESDAY 9 AUGUST 2016
for all students P-Y6
$5.00 per student due 26 July 2016
This dynamic presentation will give students a visual and tactile experience of traditional technologies used by indigenous peoples across the varied environments of Australia – deserts, mountains, rivers and seashores. Combining the knowledge of naturalist David Attenborough, the humour of Robin Williams and the daring of Indiana Jones, Philip’s visit will inspire the students and fire their imaginations.

An invoice and permission slip is being distributed with this newsletter today. Please return by Tues 26 July, 2016.

ART SPEAKS JAPANESE COMES ALIVE
STUDENT CONTEST
Language classes will be participating in a combined unit of work during Term 3. Mrs Cash has kindly offered to work alongside our Japanese unit of work and develop an Art unit so that our students will be able to enter the Art Speaks Japanese Comes Alive! Student Contest. Art Speaks Japanese Comes Alive! is an annual art and language contest for school-level students of Japanese. Students create their own artwork inspired by the Art Speaks Japanese 日本の美術 Japanese Language Education Kit (from the collection of the Art Gallery of New South Wales). Students will work together with classmates to create a group artwork display at school. 2016 Entries close 23 September. The results will be announced in October.

TOOWOOMBA STATE HIGH SCHOOL 2017 ENROLMENTS
An Information night will be held at the Mt Lofty Assembly Hall 8pm 9 August 2016. An electronic letter explaining enrolment is attached with this newsletter. Enrolment folders are also available from the school office.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to ……………… who recently represented Darling Downs in Hockey. The team was undefeated and are now the State Champions (the first time in seventeen years). A fantastic result as the boys played some very tough games and only had one goal scored against them for the entire tournament. All the boys and parents/carers enjoyed themselves, despite the weather!

Equestrian from 1/2S recently represented Withcott State School at the Millmerran State School Sports Day Gymkhana. ……………… won age champion for 7 & 8 year olds and also won rider with the highest points for the day out of 166 riders.

Well done …………..!

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"Withcott Warbler"
MUSIC NOTES
Evening of Music: A wonderful evening of music was enjoyed by the very large audience who filled the School Auditorium. Congratulations to our Music Captains on your M.C. duties for the evening, and all the children who performed for us, giving a wonderful program of music.
SINGOUT: With the experience now a treasured memory, its time to reflect on what was a wonderful event for our Senior Choir. Not only did they present themselves impeccably on The Empire stage, but they experienced performing in a 500 voice massed choir, and came away with more skills to apply to their singing. Sincere thanks to staff and parents who supported them through the day and evening.
Any students wishing to join either choir for the school office for a credit request form.

P&C NEWS
Our next P&C meeting will be Tuesday 19 We hope to see all you on Sports Day, come and enjoy the day! Ooh La Latte will be serving hot beverages from 9am.
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.
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.
Week 3 - 20 July: Normal tuckshop day - more helpers please.
Friday “Sports Day” - 22 July: P-Y2 must be pre-ordered, on-line or cash and must be in by Tuesday 19 July. Older students can either pre-order or “free-sell”. Helpers desperately needed throughout the day (even for small timeframes).
Please let me know if you will be on the day. Sports Day menus will be distributed tomorrow.
Leissa Whiteman 0478782182, Tuckshop Convenor

COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM
There are two new rewards released for Term 3 – jump and skip rope and a backtractor eraser pen, so be sure to keep banking to earn these great rewards. There is also a special competition running for Term 3 where you can win one of 50 camping kits, 50 Playstation packs, 200 magazine packs or 90 instant cameras - you just need to deposit in Term 3 to be eligible. This will also make the school eligible to win a sporting goods pack. See the flyer coming home with your deposit book, or call in at the office to collect one. Information packs and account application forms are available at the office, or if you have any questions regarding school banking, please email withcottschoolbanking@gmail.com.

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 July 2016.
Prices: A4 - $1.50, A3 - $2.50, Posters - $5 a metre. Drop items into the office at any time!!

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2016 - TERM 3
11 July School Resumes
15 July Y2/3P/3A,4/5C Empire Theatre Excursion
19 July P&C Meeting 7.30pm in staff room
20 July Poet, Marco Giori performing - no cost
22 July Interhouse Athletics Carnival
29 July School Opinion Survey closes
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
1 Sep Stop for a Story - Library (under 5’s)
1-2 Sep Year 6 Emu Gully Camp
5 Sep Year 1/2S, 2/3P Amaro Excursion
6 Sep Regional Athletics Carnival
16 Sep Lockyer Zone Soccer Netball Carnival
16 Sep Final Day Term 3

2016 - TERM 4
4 Oct School Resumes
9 Dec Final Day Term 4

COMMUNITY NOTICES

AUSSIE HOOPS
9am Saturdays at the Withcott Sports Centre. Aussie Hoops is a fun and innovative program which introduces 5-10 year old kids to the game of basketball, with an emphasis on fun! The Aussie Hoops program uses a “game sense” approach through various activities and games, designed to emulate the experience of basketball. Aussie Hoops is for boys and girls between the ages of 5-10 years, of all abilities (including those with physical and development impairments).
More info: withcott@bowoomabasketball.com.au

DOG GROOMING - WITHCOTT
Clipping, bathing, winter tidy ups, nails and groom outs to remove unwanted coat. Ph: Natalie 0447 316 536.

LAIDLEY SPRING FESTIVAL
8-10 September. Theme “We are Australian”.

PAYMENTS/PERMISSIONS DUE
26 July Philip Green: Aboriginal Survival Technology $5.00

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Ooh La Latte will be at the sports carnival from 9.00am serving hot beverages
Come and see us!

HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THE SPORTS DAY CALENDAR - FRIDAY 22 JULY

2016 TENNIS COACHING WITHCOTT STATE SCHOOL
ROBERT WILLIAMS
TCA ADVANCED (LEVEL 2) TA CLUB PROFESSIONAL COACH
Monday (Prep only) 12.30pm-1.00pm
Monday (higher grades) 1.10pm - 1.40pm
Wednesday (lower grades) 1.10pm - 1.40pm
6-8 pupils - $55.00 per term (family discount) min 8 wk term
Term 3 commences Monday 18 July 2016
For further information and enrolment Phone Robert Mobile 0413 488 303 / home 4635 5655
e-mail rwt@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.