BOOK WEEK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY WED 24 AUGUST

The theme for Book Week this year is ‘AUSTRALIA – STORY COUNTRY’. On 24 August staff and students will dress up and pretend for a day that they are somebody else. This year the challenge is to dress as an Australian character. Parents, carers and family are invited to attend parade and join the fun. Stories that connect with prior experience and emotion are at the very heart of every culture world-wide. As people age and memories dim, the ability to recall factual information is frequently lost. Stories are remembered however, because they connect very strongly to emotion. In living life, we create our own unique stories! Stories of power and interest because they are real! What’s your story? Don’t forget to share it with your kids? Your descendants will thank you one day!

Roslyn Stemmler, Teacher Librarian

“STOP FOR A STORY”

As part of its first 5 forever project to stress the crucial role reading to young children plays in the development of language, social skills and knowledge, Lockyer Valley libraries will run a free morning of stories, games, singing and fun for little ones under the age of 5 years, parents and carers in the Withcott State School library on Thursday 1 September from 10-11am. All are very welcome. Please feel free to pass this invitation along to family, neighbours and friends. As we near the end of the year they may like to take the opportunity to check out our beautiful school.

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GOOD LUCK TO OUR COMPETITORS THIS FRIDAY 12 AUGUST

Selected students will represent Withcott State School at the Upper Lockyer Athletics Carnival this Friday. Good luck and enjoy the day!

ABORIGINAL SURVIVAL TECHNOLOGY

We were very lucky because the Wild Man visited Withcott State School to teach us about aboriginal survival technology. We learnt about plants that can work, like medicines. For example the Vicks Plant smells like Vicks and another plant would be good if you had a toothache because it is numbing. The Wild Man brought lots of artefacts for us to see and touch, such as an emu egg, echidna spikes, seaweed bowls and fur from different animals. The Wild Man showed us an interesting slideshow with pictures from all the places he has visited. He explained how to cook some bush tucker, particularly snakes, which taste just like fish apparently. The Wild Man kept us entertained with lots of actions and funny stories. Thank you for coming to our school.

Keiryn Clements 
Principal

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING – PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with the Week 5’s Principal Award for consistently demonstrating and/or showing the most improvement in exhibiting the school-wide values and expectations for behaviour.
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