**PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS**

Dear families and our community this will be our final newsletter for the term. With that in mind, our staff and students still have many events to see through i.e. TYME, Soccer/Netball carnival, Behaviour Rewards day, last day Free Dress day. We look forward to seeing all of our students at school, every day until the end of term.

**Teacher-Aide Day**

On the first Friday of September each year we celebrate our teacher aides on Teacher-Aide Day, recognising the very special contribution our aides make in our classrooms and school. Due to many of our Teacher-Aides not working on a Friday we have made a week-long celebration thanking Mrs Warren, Mrs Lance, Mrs Quade, Mrs Weir, Mrs Russell, Mrs Parle, Mrs Askin, Mrs Browne and Mrs DeBortoli for the for the vital role they play in the teaching and learning in our classrooms.

**Disability review underway**

Parents, carers and students are invited to participate in the independent review into the educational provision for students with disability in Queensland state schools. The review is aimed at ensure world-class inclusive education is available to all students. Have your say through the online survey (http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/disability/qld-disability-review.html) before Friday 30 September.

**Focus on improving quad bike safety awareness**

The increasing popularity of quad bikes for recreational and work use has sparked a key initiative by the Queensland Government. The Ride Ready campaign (https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/rideready/ride-ready) has developed to raise awareness of the risks associated with quad bikes and improve rider safety. Queensland has consistently recorded the highest number of quad bike related hospitalisations compared to other states. By providing resources and tools to improve quad bike safety, Ride Ready aims to reduce the growing rate of serious injuries and fatalities, particularly for children under the age of 16. Further information about quad bike safety is also available on the Creating Healthier Workplaces website (http://education.qld.gov.au/health/safety/hazards/driver-vehicle-safety.html).

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING**

**Expectation for Week 9:** *Be Responsible and Respectful*

The focus setting for the week is ‘all classrooms’ which is linked to the values ‘Be Responsible and Respectful’. The expectations are: ‘following classroom procedures and being responsible while following these rules’.

**Expectation for Week 10:** *Be Responsible and Respectful*

The focus setting for week 10 will be ‘all areas’ which is linked to the values ‘Be Responsible and Respectful’. The expectations are: ‘following classroom procedures for transitioning between lessons and classrooms’.

Keiryn Clements
Principal

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**FREE DRESS - LAST DAY OF TERM FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER**

(Apart from those involved in the Lockyer Zone Soccer Netball Carnival)

Wear sun-safe & appropriate clothing, closed-in shoes & school hat.

*School Resumes Tuesday 4 October 2016*

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**BEANIE FOR BRAIN CANCER**

Thank you to everyone who wore a warm beanie and donated a gold coin in support of Beanie for Brain Cancer and the Mark Hughes Foundation. An amount of $213.55 was raised. Brain cancer is a serious disease that affects many children and adults in our community. Every little donation helps to raise awareness and funds and we really appreciate it. Thank you for your support.

Student Council

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**DENTAL FORMS**

All students should have received a Dental form permission form. This needs to completed and returned by Wednesday 14 September. It can also be completed online at: www.westmoreton.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth (Click on form)

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**DARLING DOWNS REGIONAL ATHLETICS**

Eleven of our students represented the Lockyer Zone at the Darling Downs Regional Athletics yesterday. Congratulations on your outstanding performances!

Placings for Withcott State School students were:

- 2nd Long Jump, 3rd 800m. Well done!

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**MAGPIE ALERT**

There is a swooping magpie in our area. A flyer is with this newsletter today.

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**SCHOOL TEAMS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Yesterday, nine Withcott students went to a chess competition at TACAPS in Toowoomba, it was a great day and we all had an awesome time. Everyone played seven games against different opponents from different schools. Withcott showed great sportsmanship and we learnt some new chess skills. Thanks Mrs Stemmler for organising the day for us.

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**ROLE OF THE SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR**

The function of a School Crossing Supervisor is to:

- *Assist children to safely cross roads*
- *Monitor and report serious incidents and traffic violations at school crossings (including the surrounding no stopping area)*
- *Provide advice to pedestrians on safety rules and regulations pertaining to school crossings*
- *Carry out duties within the parameters of workplace health and safety requirements*
- *Identify and make recommendations for changes to standard practices*

Please support your School Crossing Supervisor by adhering to the road rules.

Road Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility!

If you would like more information on this or any other road/child/bike safety or other transport issue, please phone your local Road Safety Office on: ph 1300 360 135.