PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Congratulations to all students on their participation at our Interschool Athletics Carnival. Most notable, was the level of sportsmanship exhibited by the students who displayed an admirable level of encouragement and support for their fellow competitors. Many thanks to the staff and volunteers who made the day a success. Best wishes to those students who will represent Witcott State School at the Upper Lockyer Athletics Carnival at Ropehill on Friday 11 July. Congratulations also goes to the parent/carer’s captain ball team who, by the narrowest of margins, won the Golden Oldie’s Trophy.

Sharon Denman
Acting Principal

EARN AND LEARN

Witcott State School will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program this year. The program is designed to support schools in the purchase of valuable learning resources. Our participation in this program, does not encourage or endorse Woolworths and is not asking families to alter their existing shopping habits. We continue to be supportive of our local community business. To participate, if and when you shop at Woolworths you can collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on sticker cards. Once completed, you can place your sticker cards in the collection box located in the school administration block. The official start date is today, 26 July 2017.

5c DRIVE

5c drive is a P&C fundraising initiative. During this term, we are encouraging students to collect 5c coins and bring to school on Wednesday 6 September. These coins will be collected per class and weighed. The winning class will receive an ice cream treat at lunchtime the following Wednesday. Money raised will go towards the purchasing of digital technology such as the OZOBOTS. The target is $500, start saving now.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING – EXPECTATION OF THE WEEK

The focus expectation for this week is ‘eating procedures’ and is linked to the value of being responsible.

TOOWOOMBA & DISTRICT

PRIMARY SCHOOL TEAMS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 29 AUGUST 2017

Please complete the expression of interest form on the reverse of this newsletter and return to the office by Friday 28 July. The cost of $10 will be invoiced once teams are finalised.

Roslyn Steimmel
Teacher Librarian

STREET SCIENCE

5 September 2017

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

As part of the school’s Science Curriculum, all students have the opportunity to participate in a workshop presented by Street Science. The cost is $8.00 per child.

An invoice and permission note/payment slip is being distributed with this newsletter.

Payments $8.00 per child are due Tuesday 22 August 2017

STREET SCIENCE are a team of passionate science educators providing engaging Science Stage Shows and exciting hands-on workshops to teach and entertain. They bring seriously fun Science to schools.

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2017

Darling Downs District Crime Prevention Unit presents the

Children’s Safety Pantomime (Year 2)

at Empire Theatre Church

29/8/17 9.45-10.30am

Students from Year 2 will learn about staying safe in a fun and interesting way with the help of Polly Woggle and Bozz Woggle. Entry and transport is free with transport by chartered bus. A permission note can be found on the reverse of this newsletter. Please return this by:

Tuesday 15 August 2017

BOOKWEEK DRESS-UP PARADE & DAY

Wednesday 23 August 2017 (Week 7)

Theme – Escape to Everywhere

Our favourite time of the year is fast approaching, the day students and staff ditch their everyday look and slip on the skin of another character. Children are invited to come to school on Wednesday 23 August dressed as their favourite character or in keeping with the theme, a place they’d like to go. Keep in mind the cooler weather and need for appropriate clothing and proper shoes. Parents/carers and grandparents are MOST welcome to join us on assembly.

Thanks to fabulous authors who create worlds that become as real to us as our own, books are a magical window to a wilder universe of fact and fantasy. How barren the world would be without Alice, Cinderella, Harry Potter, Jack Sparrow or any other character you know and love! A good book can be the best of friends and safely take us to parts of the world we’ll never go. The secret to a love of learning is reading, the path to intelligence is reading, the power to be more than we are is in reading. Life should start with a book! Everything we can do to encourage a child to read, love books and value knowledge, sets them on a better path! With books we unlock the imagination and give it wings! Roslyn Steimmel, Teacher Librarian

WITHCOTT STATE SCHOOL

ACKNOWLEDGES:

Mr Greg Grimes for the generous donation of the beautiful plants for our school gardens. Your support is greatly valued.

INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS RESULTS

Congratulations to the following:

Overall Team Winner - Gorman
Team Events Trophy - Gorman
Trophies - Gorman
Best Presented - Cunningham
Golden Oldies Trophy - Parents/Carers
Age Champions
9yr
10yr
11yr
12yr
Runner-Up Age Champions
9yr
10yr
11yr
12yr
New Records n/a

THANKS TO SPORTS DAY VOLUNTEERS

A huge thank you to all the classes and helpers for making the day so successful.

*Winning class….3/4A - most volunteers in one class (They have been rewarded in the tuckshop basket today.)
*Congratulations to Michelle Vaughan, winner of the Volunteers P&C hamper.
*Deb McFadyen - Our volunteer Tuckshop convenor
*Cari Nicholls (past staff member)
*Elise Duggan (past student)

UPPER LOCKYER ATHLETICS 2017

Following a very successful Interschool Carnival, sixty-one students will represent Witcott State School at the Upper Lockyer Carnival Friday 11 August at Ropes Hill Community Centre. Good luck to our team! Selected students will receive a note and invoice tomorrow.

GOOD LUCK BILLY!

We wish the very best of luck for the State Football (Soccer) Championships being held at Hervey Bay 27-30 July. All the best for an enjoyable carnival!
WHAT’S ON? - LANGUAGES
Konnichi wa!
Toowoomba City Library - Did you know that there is an Anime Club at the Toowoomba City Library? The Anime Club meet at 4pm-5:30pm on the last Friday of the month (term time only). It is open to ages from 12 to 18. Join them to watch anime, talk manga, eat food, do a little gaming and host cosplay and trivia competitions.
Toowoomba Languages and Cultures Festival – Sunday, 20 August (10am-4pm). “One World Many Faces” is the theme of the iconic Toowoomba Languages and Cultures (TLC) Festival – an annual celebration of the diversity in our community and a showcase of talents and colour from across the world.
EZ Japanese Tyke-Oh Drumming Event – Thursday, 24 August. Kiyomi Sensei returns for a second year to instruct Year 5 and 6 Language students in the art of Japanese Taiko Drumming. Kiyomi Sensei delivers authentic Japanese educational programs and we look forward to drumming with her again!
TOOCON: Pop Culture Festival – 2nd September 2017: FREE ENTRY + KID FRIENDLY. TooCon is back for its second year at the Toowoomba City Library. TooCon is a family-friendly celebration of cosplay, comics, manga, movies and all things pop culture.
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. The Uniform Shop and P&C are looking to alter the current stock of long sleeve polo shirts to short sleeves, as these shirts have been held in stock for a number of years and have limited sales. We are therefore looking for anyone who may have the time and skills to make these alterations in a professional manner. There are approx. 80 shirts for alteration. Please contact Sonia DeBortoli (see manner. There are approx. 80 shirts for
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COMMUNITY NOTICES
Community Notices are published in good faith, though not necessarily endorsed by the school.

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2017 - TERM 3
28 July Interschool Sport against Gatton @ Withcott
31 July Eisteddfod - concert band
1 Aug Eisteddfod - small band
11 Aug Upper Lockyer Athletics Carnival
12 Aug P&C Trivia Night - more details to come
14 Aug Exhibition Holiday
15 Aug P&C Meeting 7pm in Reflection room
18 Aug Lockyer Zone Athletics Carnival
22-24 Aug Instrumental Music Camp
23 Aug Junior Choir - performing on assembly
23 Aug Bookweek assembly
24 Aug Japanese Drumming (Yr 5,6)
25 Aug Interschool Sport against Gatton @ Gatton
29 Aug Year 2 Children’s Safety Pantomime
31 Aug-1Sep Year 2 Children’s Safety Pantomime
9.30am. A noticeboard in the uniform

P&C NEWS
Tuckshop Please note that all orders must be in by 9.30am Tuesdays, online or cash orders accepted. On-line ordering can be found at: www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au Note to parents: Mini pies are available for $1 and for the remainder of term 3, cookies are available for 80c. Volunteers What a great sports day! Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. The next P&C meeting will be Tuesday, 15 August at 7:00 pm in the Reflection Room. All welcome!

PAYMENTS/PERMISSIONS DUE
27 July Concert Band Eisteddfod $13.00
28 July Small Band Eisteddfod Permission Note
28 July Team Chess Expression of Interest
7 Aug Upper Lockyer Athletics Carnival
10 Aug Y5-6 Japanese Taiko Drumming $5.50
11 Aug Y6 Emu Gully Camp $174.00
15 Aug Y2 Children’s Safety Pantomime Permission slip
22 Aug P-6 Street Science $8

PARENT PERMISSION FORM
YEAR 2 CHILDREN’S SAFETY PANTOMIME DUE TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2017
My child will □ not □ be participating
I hereby give permission for ___________________ to participate in the Year 2 Children’s Safety Pantomime travelling by bus on Tuesday 29 August 2017.
Parent/Carer’s Signature: ___________________
Family Name: ___________________
Roll Class: __________

24 HR ABSENCE LINE
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