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"Withcott Warbler"



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

School Opinion Survey- Thank you!

I would like to sincerely thank the parents and students who participated in the School Opinion Survey this year. We had 68 parents respond and 47 student responses, this is one of the highest response rates for 5 years. A larger response rates helps me to feel that we have a broader cross-section of the school community and helps me to trust that we have a valid outcome, one that is truly representative of the school.

Below I have included three of our highest scoring questions and three of our lowest scoring questions.

Highlights report for (1930) Withcott State School, 2021

Most positive Items	Agreement
This school celebrates student achievements.	100.0
Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best.	100.0
The expectations and rules are clear at this school.	100.0

68
participants in the
Parent/Caregiver Survey

Most positive Items	Agreement
The expectations and rules are clear at my school.	100.0
I feel safe undertaking online activities using my school's internet.	100.0
My teachers expect me to do my best.	97.9

47
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Student Survey

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Least positive Items	Agreement
This school keeps me well informed.	88.1
This school asks for my input.	89.2
My child's learning needs are being met at this school.	89.4

Least positive Items	Agreement
I feel accepted by other students at my school.	78.7
I can talk to my teachers about my concerns.	79.5
I am interested in my school work.	83.0

The School Opinion Survey is used by the school to guide planning and highlight areas that need addressing or areas that need to be sustained. From this data we will commit to assembly celebrations of student achievement, PBL expectation lessons and maintaining high expectations. Also, from this data we will commit to formalising our Respectful Relationships lessons, building teacher/student relationships and survey student interest areas for integration into our units of work.

Lyndal Symonds, Principal

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM

All students from Prep to Y6 are being offered the opportunity to participate in our School Swimming Program this year and I encourage all students to take part. Swimming lessons will take place at Toowoomba Grammar School Aquatic Centre and will **commence Monday 22 November and finish on Friday 3 December**. The ten-lesson block, including travel to and from the Aquatic Centre, **\$125.00. Final payments due Monday 8 November**.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Christy Gentz, from Learning Pathways, who very kindly donated some sandstone and wood for our Prep Playground area! Thank you for thinking of us!

SCHOOL SPORT

Congratulations to Jessica Johnston who has been selected in the Darling Downs Girls U12 Cricket team who will be competing in the State Championships in Maroochydore/Caloundra from 14-17 November. Best of luck Jessica and enjoy the experience!

STUDENT ABSENCES

A reminder to all parents at Withcott State School to notify the school office by 9am if your child/ren will be away for the day. You can leave a message on **ABSENTEE LINE**: 4614 9360 or **TEXT**: 0427 259 562

DAY FOR DANIEL

'Day for Daniel' is the Daniel Morcombe Foundation's national day of action for child safety awareness and education. It's all about keeping kids safe in our community and providing education on child safety. This year, 'Day for Daniel' is held on Friday 29 October. Next Friday, we invite all students and staff to wear red to raise awareness for child safety. Please bring a gold coin to donate to the foundation and this worthy cause.

Student Council

P&C NEWS

P&C Meetings are held **every fourth Tuesday of each month**. The next P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday 26 Oct at 6.30pm in the 5/6D Classroom**. All welcome!

Please note that at the P&C meeting on **23 November**, the **STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME (Instrumental Music Program)** will be discussed including the offer of continuing the scheme in 2022, inclusions and fees. The Annual statement from this year's

scheme will be presented.

P&C Levy: Thank you to all families who have contributed to the P&C in 2021 through the P&C Voluntary Contribution. 2021 P&C Voluntary Contribution payments are still payable at the school office. \$50 for single child, \$100 for families. **Please mark clearly in a sealed envelope.** For details on how to pay your P&C Voluntary Contribution please contact anitakrugersecretary@gmail.com.

Family Fun Day Volunteers Needed: Withcott Family Fun Day Volunteers Needed: Withcott and District Progress Association are excited to be holding their first 'Family Fun Day'. This event will be held on **Sunday 14 November (NEW DATE)** at Springbrook Park in Withcott from 9:30am to 3:00pm. On the day there will be a showcase of community organisations, associations and local businesses as well as free family fun entertainment. There will be plenty of fair activities that will be running on a wrist band purchase system. Withcott State School P&C will be operating a canteen, bake stall and dunk tank.

To make this day run smoothly, the P&C requires helpers. Please email pandc@withcottss.eq.edu.au or contact Taryn on 0400 898 869 if you are able to help out. At the event there will be limited parking, it is appreciated if you can walk or car pool to the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Withcott State School P&C

Tuckshop News: Thank you to all who supported treat day last week! Thank you to our volunteers Josie Crowe, Anna Goldsmith, Jenny Johnston, Bonita Waters and Narelle Wilks. The food prepared was enjoyed by all with some wonderful comments received from our student and staff community so a big thank you for your assistance in continuing to make such days possible! Any questions, queries or concerns send me a message either via phone 0402 785 692 or email mishiegeitz@gmail.com and I will endeavor as always to respond promptly.

Michelle Geitz, Tuckshop Convenor

Uniform Shop: The Uniform Shop will be **open each Wednesday morning 8.15am - 9.30am**, card payments accepted. Second-hand uniforms are also gratefully accepted on a donation basis. Any queries please contact Lisa.

Lisa Askin (0418 797 467) Uniform Shop Coordinator

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.

TOOWOOMBA STATE HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 ENROLMENT

Enrol Now: Enrolments are still open for Year 7 2022. We are taking enrolments from students in catchment. Out of catchment enrolments will also be considered. Get your enrolment pack in ASAP so enrolment interviews can be organised. Please contact the school if you have any queries or email enrolments@toowoombashs.eq.edu.au

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

I hope you are all enjoying the term. The rain has made everything look beautiful. It is nice enjoying the playgrounds which are so fresh and green. It seems to make the kids smile. At OSHC we are focusing on Halloween craft for the next couple of weeks. We are going to decorate the room with our black cats, witches and brooms and I might even have a cauldron! One of the OSHC children has indicated they would like to make a model of Withcott School, which we will start this week. I will take photos and keep you up to date. If you would like to book your child in for before or after school care, go on-line www.campaustralia.com.au or phone 1300 105 343 or call me direct on 0426 651 149 ~ *Guiding Children's Growth.*

Roxanne and Team Camp Australia OSHC

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2021	TERM 4
26 Oct	P&C Meeting 6.30pm - 5/6D c/room
29 Oct	Day for Daniel Day
29 Oct	Aquathlon
9 Nov	CHSHS Y6 Interface afternoon
10 Nov	Y5/6 Amaroo Excursion
12&19 Nov	Y4 PCYC Bike Safety
16 Nov	CHSHS Y6 Interface afternoon
22Nov-3Dec	P-6 Swimming Program
23 Nov	P&C Meeting 6.30pm - 5/6D c/room
24 Nov	Prep 2022 Transition Visit
25 Nov	Prep 2022 Transition Visit
29 Nov	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
30 Nov	CHSHS Y6 Interface afternoon
6 Dec	Interhouse Swimming Carnival
7 Dec	Y6 CHSHS Orientation Day
8 Dec	Final Assembly 9.00 am
8 Dec	School Concert Night
9 Dec	Y6 End of Year Celebration
9 Dec	Class Parties P-Y5
10 Dec	Final Day Term 4

PAYMENTS/
PERMISSIONS
DUE

Now	P&C Levy \$50 single /\$100 family
3 Nov	Y6 End of Year Celebration \$52.00
8 Nov	Y6 Farewell Dinner RSVP
8 Nov	\$125.00 Swimming Program P-6

LAMINATING

Laminating takes place on the **first Thursday morning of each month** and will be ready for collection the following day.

Next Laminating Date: Thursday, 4 November.

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

STUDENTS P-2



All students in P-2 should always have a **change of clothes** in their bag in case of toileting accidents.



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.