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"Withcott Warbler"



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Show Holiday

The Lockyer Valley has their show holiday this Monday, 12th August. The school and OSHC will not be operational on that day. Please be sure to make arrangements for you children. We will see everyone back on Tuesday 13th August.

Bully No Way Day – Wear Purple

Wednesday 14th August is Bully No Way Day at Withcott State School and we will be wearing purple. Bully No Way have rebranded themselves and now identify with the colour purple not orange. Bullying is the on-going and deliberate mis-use of power in relationships. It can be repeated verbal, physical or social behaviours that intend to cause harm.

This is what we know from research about bullying:

Effective practices

- Explicit teaching of **school values** and **positive behaviour**
- Fostering a **positive school climate**
- Integration of **social-emotional learning**
- Proactive support and teaching of **practical strategies**
- **Whole school** and **multifaceted** approaches
- **Involving students and families** in bullying prevention and policy
- Teaching **bystander strategies**
- Being prepared with **effective responses**



What works

Positive teacher-student relationships

- **Respect** for students
- **Shared understanding** of bullying
- Appreciation for **students' perspectives** about their social interactions
- **Consistent, calm and respectful** responses
- A focus on **lasting, positive solutions**



Positive family relationships

- Parenting that is **calm and firm**
- **Proactive discussions** at home about bullying
- Learning about **effective responses**
- A focus on **lasting, positive outcomes**
- **Collaboration** with the school

Our school proactively teaches weekly lessons on expectations and we as a school community have invested in MooZoom - Social Emotional Lessons to give our students social scenarios to practice solving and to teach them social rules. We really strive to foster strong relationships with all of our students and we take bullying very seriously. Even with all of these things in place, people will still be unkind from time to time.

If I had a magic wand, the act of name calling would disappear. This simple, yet hurtful act is where most bullying starts. Parents can help by listening for name calling between siblings and using those teachable moments to let your children learn about the damage name calling can do. We can carry these labels for life. Do you remember being called names?

Good Luck!

To all of our
Lockyer Zone
athletes for Friday

Lyndal Symonds, Principal

ART IN THE DARK

When - 4th September 2024

Where - Withcott SS

Classroom viewing - 5-6.30pm

Food - P&C selling from 5.30pm in tuckshop

Music - from student musicians throughout evening

Raffle - 5/6 student artworks

ART IN

THE DARK

Art in the Dark is always a highlight of the year. A chance to showcase the talents of our students and huge efforts of their teachers. We always appreciate the efforts of our P&C at events like these. Look forward to seeing you there.

Roslyn Stemmler, Teacher Librarian/Events Coordinator

CHOIR AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Students in choir and instrumental music will be performing throughout the evening on Wednesday 4th September at Art in the Dark. Students will be required to wear the Withcott State School Performance Uniform. The uniform is made up of a vest (loaned out from the school). Students are asked to provide their own white button up collared long sleeve shirt, black pants, black shoes and black socks. The music room has a limited selection of shirts, pants and shoes available to borrow if required.

P&C NEWS: P&C Meetings are held every fourth Tuesday of each month. Next meeting will be 27th August at 6.30pm in the 5/6DB classroom, all welcome!

O'Donnell's Pie Drive - The P&C presents the Famous O'Donnell's Bakehouse Pie Drive! **Orders due by 3pm NEXT WEDNESDAY 14th AUGUST.** Please return the Order form to the Tuckshop slot with cash (if paying with cash). If making Online or Bank Transfer Payments you must still return the order form. See order form & info attached.

Father's Day Stall - P&C will be running a Father's Day Stall on Thursday 29th August. Students will have the opportunity to purchase an awesome gift for Dad from the Tuckshop at a designated time with their class. Gifts range from \$1 - \$10. Please arrange to send cash with your child if they would like to purchase a gift. Please note, due to the following day being a Student Free Day (Friday 30th August) there will be no 'I owe you's' issued....money must be brought on the day.

Volunteers needed to help run the stall. Please contact Anita Kruger 0407759943 or anitakrugersecretary@gmail.com if you can help.

Withcott State School P&C

HELP US SUPPORT JEANS FOR GENES

By generously participating in Jeans for Genes, you're directly helping Children's Medical Research Institute to find cures and treatments for children's genetic diseases, like metabolic disorders, autism, blindness—and even cancers.

Genetic diseases affect more children than most people realise. 1 in 20 kids is born with a birth defect or genetic disease. That's one in every classroom! You likely know and care about someone living with a genetic disease. Genetic diseases are one of the leading causes of death in kids under four and the main cause of ongoing hospitalisation. We are determined to improve these statistics for future generations. We cannot find the cures without medical research, and we cannot fund the research without your support.

Wear your jeans this Friday (9th August) and donate a gold coin to this worthy cause.

Student Council

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024	Term 3
7 Aug	Zone Athletics 1500m
9 Aug	Zone Athletics
9 Aug	Jeans for Genes
12 Aug	Show Day Public Holiday
13 Aug	Maybe A Miracle Incursion
14 Aug	Bully No Way Day
14 Aug	Flag Football Championships
15 Aug	Combined Choir Workshop
19-20 Aug	Regional Athletics
21 Aug	Bookweek Dress Up Assembly
30 Aug	Student Free Day
4 Sep	Art in the Dark
13 Sep	Zone Soccer/Netball Carnival
13 Sep	Final Day Term 3
30 Sep	School Resumes Term 4
7 Oct	Public Holiday
25 Oct	Aquathlon
25 Nov-6 Dec	P-6 Swimming Program
9 Dec	Interhouse Swimming Carnival
10 Dec	CHSHS Orientation Day
11 Dec	Final Assembly/School Concert
12 Dec	Year 6 Day Out
13 Dec	Final Day Term 4

PAYMENTS/
PERMISSIONS
DUE

Due Today
13 Aug

Maybe a Miracle
Choir Permission Form

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, 5 August.

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

**WEAR YOUR
JEANS FOR GOOD**

EVENT DATE CLAIMER: Final Assembly and Christmas Concert

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER

Final Assembly and Awards Presentation 9:00am-10:00am (Year 6 parents invited to enjoy punch and canapes in the Library following assembly.)

Sr Concert (Year 3 to Year 6) 10:30 - 12:00pm

Jr Concert (Prep to Year 2) 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Mark the date in your calendar today! More information to come closer to the event!

TUCKSHOP NEWS:

- Thank you everyone who has supported Tuckshop this term! Tuckshop is every Wednesday, **orders due Tuesday 9am - no late orders please.**

Miss June is Tuckshop Convenor. Please contact June if you have any problems or enquiries relating to Tuckshop, phone 0437 189 687 or email nannajune040555@gmail.com

- **Volunteers needed:** Tuckshop is looking for volunteers on Wednesdays 9am-11am and 11.30am-1.30pm. Please contact June to book in a day that you can help.
- **Cancelling Tuckshop Orders if Student Absent:** If your child is absent from school on a Wednesday and they have a Tuckshop order, please inform the Tuckshop by 9am Wednesday so that the order can be cancelled. Please inform the Tuckshop by calling the school and selecting the Tuckshop option (#2) - this puts you straight through to Tuckshop staff. Please note, texting or emailing June about student absence does not ensure order is cancelled as June does not check her phone during morning prep - please call Tuckshop directly (46149333, option #2). Cancelled orders can be refunded or held for the following week, however this can only occur if food is not already prepared, so please ring Tuckshop by 9am.

Errors in Tuckshop Orders: Tuckshop always strives to provide orders without errors, however occasionally errors do occur. If an error has occurred Tuckshop needs to know about it so that errors can be fixed and in the event of a missed order, food can be supplied. If you have a younger child, can you please ensure that they know that they have Tuckshop and that if the order is missing from the basket that they need to speak to a teacher so that Tuckshop can be informed. If your child is confident they may also come directly to the Tuckshop to speak to Tuckshop staff. We would appreciate it if you could discuss this process with your child.

CURRICULUM CORNER

Shared Reading

Shared reading describes the interaction that occurs between an adult and a child when reading or looking at a book. Although one of the most obvious and engaging features of storybooks is their illustrations, they also provide children with access to a world of sights, sounds, and words that may be quite different from what they experience in their homes, communities, and schools.

Reading aloud with your child builds language development so that by the time children have mastered letter-sound correspondences and can read increasingly complex texts themselves, they will have the language skills to understand what they read. Having strong oral language skills sets the foundations for children to build strong literacy skills.

Reading authentic texts aloud to your child allows them to continue to hear stories, information and written language they may not yet be able to read themselves.

What does shared reading look like?

An important aspect of shared reading is the conversation that occurs between the adult and child during the reading. Pausing while reading and taking the time to discuss details in the story can support your child's oral language development. The conversation might focus on the storyline, such as characters or where the story takes place; it may focus on similar experiences the child has had to those that happened in the book; it may focus on specific words; aspects of print; or concepts that are new to the child. When you read aloud to your child, they hear and learn lots of new and sophisticated words and sentences they may not hear or use in everyday talk.

What books should be used for shared reading?

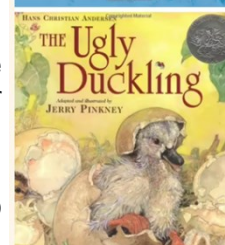
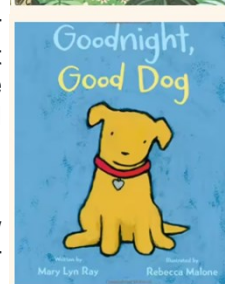
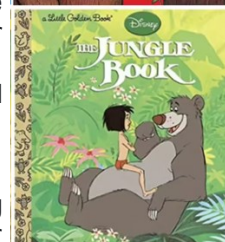
In the early years of reading instruction, children engage with different books for different purposes. They need to read decodable texts to develop their word reading skills and they need to read and hear authentic texts to develop strong oral language skills. Authentic texts include picture books, storybooks, information texts and any reading material the child enjoys.

When children are first learning to read, the books they will read independently are designed to improve their ability to decode (decodable texts). For most children, the language used in these books will be far simpler than the language they already understand and use.

Virtually all children's books are appropriate for shared reading, but the best books will have rich, detailed pictures, and are interesting to the child. Remember, the purpose of shared reading is to stimulate rich talk between the adult and child, not for the child to be able to read the text themselves.

Our school library has a wide range of engaging and exciting books for students to borrow. Encourage your child to bring their library bag, borrow books that interest them and return them on time so they can borrow again.

The Gatton Library and Toowoomba library are free for all Queensland residents and they even have free access to ebooks and audiobooks. Happy Reading!



Traci Cash, HOD-C

SPORTS NEWS

Lockyer Zone Athletics Carnival

Good Luck to the 26 students who will be representing Upper Lockyer Districts at the Lockyer Zone Athletics Carnival on the 7th and 9th August. Reminder that **private transport** is required for students. Wear your normal school sports uniform, bring your hat, water bottle, morning tea and lunch.

UNIFORM SHOP: The Uniform Shop will be **open each Wednesday** morning **8.15am - 9.am**, 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

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If you need care or would just like the assurance that your child is cared for if you have that appointment that runs late, contact www.campaustralia.com.au or phone customer care 1300 105 343. You are always most welcome to come and have a look around, ask questions or just have a friendly chat. Bye for now from Team Camp Australia OSHC. ~ Guiding Children's Growth

QParents

Withcott State School is a QParents School

[QParents](#) is a secure, online portal that is free for all Queensland state schools to use and provides parents with quick, easy access to their student information including:

- student attendance details
- report cards
- upcoming events
- invoices and payment history
- Consent Management – No more easy to misplace paper forms!

The student information displayed in QParents is information that is already recorded and managed in OneSchool. The benefits of using QParents for schools and parents include:

- a faster, more efficient way to communicate with parents regarding student information
- a secure, convenient and automated process for parents to pay school invoices
- significant time and effort savings for both your school and parent community
- an innovative online communication tool that's free of charge for both schools and parents to use.

With a majority of our community already on QParents we are hoping to finalise our transition for the **Term 4 Swimming program**, with **all** consent forms being completed through QParents for this event.

We will be sending out an invitation email soon to those not already signed up with instructions on how to register.

If you have any questions please contact the office.



Reminder that payment and permission forms are due today for this whole school incursion!!!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Summer Sports Bash: 10:00am to 2:00pm, Saturday 31 August, Cahill Park Sports Complex. See attached flyer for more details.

Lockyer Valley Abilities Unleashed Kids: 10:00am to 1:00pm, Tuesday 10 September, Lockyer Valley Sports and Aquatic Centre. See attached flyer for more details.

PLANNED POWER OUTAGE

Thursday 15 August 1:00pm to 2:30pm

The school is part of a planned power outage on Thursday 15 August between 1:00pm and 2:30pm. If you need to contact the school during this time, an alternate number will be sent out through SMS earlier on the day with a reminder of the outage.. Also please be aware that if the school needs to contact you we will be using this number as well, which will most likely come up as an unknown number.

Date Reminder: Public Holiday - Ekka Show Day, Monday 12 August, 2024.

Student Free Day, Friday 30 August, 2024

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.

STUDENTS P-2

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