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"Withcott Warbler"



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

PARENTS MAKING OUR EMTS BLOOM

This year we have been very fortunate to have two of our amazing parents volunteer to help our students. Our volunteers are Ms Damrow and Mrs Potts and they are taking our EMTs to new heights, including plant selection, germination, planting and harvesting.

Our Environmental Management Team (EMT) work with our volunteers each Wednesday lunchtime. This time includes some theory in a classroom and then some practical activities.

Our EMT student leaders have the ability to invite students from their class to join these gardening activities.

Our EMT volunteers and our P&C president are currently writing grant applications to extend their opportunities for new activities.



Lyndal Symonds, *Principal*

NB Some hats were removed for photo purposes.

HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

Pick up of ordered Hot Cross Buns will be Thursday 28 March, the last day of term at the Tuckshop from 3:00pm to 3:30pm.

GRANDPARENTS MORNING & EASTER BONNET PARADE

Grandparents morning with an eggcellent twist. We invite grandparents to come along at 9:00am on the final day of term, 28th March 2024, visit the class of your grandchild, help them create a fabulous Easter Bonnet, attend an Easter Bonnet Parade, stay through morning tea for a nibble and a chat. If you feel bold and daring, have some hop in your step, join the fun, wear an Easter Bonnet. RSVP essential to help with catering for grandparents. Grandchildren may join you in the auditorium with their lunch box at 11am. Catering will not take them into account. RSVP on Facebook or ph: office 46149333.

Roslyn Stemmler, Teacher-Librarian/Events Co-ordinator



SPORT NEWS

2024 INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY 9-12yr olds and FUN RUN 5-8yr olds

The **Interhouse Cross Country** for children born **2012-2015 (9-12yr olds)** is to be held on **Friday 19 April**, starting at **9.00am**. Students may **wear their house coloured polo shirt**. Whilst every student may not be able to run the full course, we encourage all students to participate at their own level. Every student who participates receives a point for their house. This may involve students walking part of the course. By participating at their level, all students increase their fitness and develop resilience in 'having a go'. Selected students will then compete in the Lockyer Zone Cross Country on Friday 3 May in Gatton.

The **Fun Run** for students born **2016-2019 (5-8yr olds)** will take place approximately around **10.00am**. Spectators are welcome to attend.

Please note: The Interhouse Cross Country Information letter that was previously sent home only needs to be returned to the office for **students not participating**.

P&C NEWS: P&C Meetings are held every fourth Tuesday of each month. Next meeting will be 26th March at 6.30pm in the 5/6DB classroom, all welcome!

The P&C would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all the families that donated baking for our election day bake stall. Thank you to the following families: Bradfield family, Friis family, Batham family, Keong family, Waters family, Arnold family, D'Arcy family, Dow family, Case family, Strenzel family, Doherty family, Johnon family, Potts family, Kruger family, Mathison family.

Thank you also to those that volunteered at P&C Events on Saturday.....helping at the Election day BBQ & Bake Stall and also selling raffle tickets at the Murphys Creek Tavern Twilight Markets. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Withcott State School P&C



Parent-Teacher
Interviews

Date Reminder:

Parent - Teacher Interviews Wednesday 27 March

TUCKSHOP NEWS: The P&C are readvertising the Tuckshop Convenor position as circumstances have prevented the previous applicant from commencing.

- The Withcott State School P&C Association is calling for expressions of interest for the position of a Casual part paid Tuckshop Convenor
- The person will be responsible for the operation of the one day a week tuckshop service offered at Withcott State School. This entails managing stock, menus and food preparation, coordinating volunteers, meeting health and safety requirements, and reporting and liaising with the P&C.
- This is a casual part paid position requiring a total of 16hrs work per week which consists of 8 hrs voluntary work and 8 hrs paid work and is expected to commence at the start of the school Term 2, 2024.

A separate email will be sent with position description, selection criteria and details on how to apply.
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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.campaaustralia.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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lockyer Valley Netball Association: Multiple flyers attached regarding upcoming Come & Try Clinics and Registration.

SU Australia: SWAK Kids Camp - Are you up to the challenge? Do you think you can survive a week of fun? Flyer attached

Mini Neers Holiday Camps: The Toowoomba Basketball's Mini Neers Holiday Camps are about kids having fun and using a "game sense" approach, while learning the experience of basketball by playing a series of Skill Development and Games. Our Mini Neers Holiday camps are for boys and girls of any ability between the ages of 6 and 14 years. REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN -

<https://toowoombabasketball.com.au/mini-neers-holiday-camps/>

Mini Neers Programs—Term 2 2024: Our Mini Neers Programs is for ages 6-14 will continue in Term 2 - 2024. Registrations and information can be found at the following link -

<https://toowoombabasketball.com.au/mini-neers/>

Junior Club Competition – Term 2 and 3: The Junior Club Championship will be running in Term 2 and 3. Boys and Girls can participate. To play in any TBA Competition, you need to be registered with one of 4 Toowoomba Basketball Clubs: Saints, Eagles, AllStars & Runnin' Rebels. You will also need to register with Toowoomba basketball and Basketball QLD through Basketball Connect. The structure of fees can be found on the Junior Domestic link. Club Information -

<https://toowoombabasketball.com.au/junior-domestic/>

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024	Term 1
25-26 Mar	Year 5.6 Camp Emu Gully
26-28 Mar	State Swimming Championship
27 Mar	Parent/Teacher Interviews
28 Mar	Grandparents Day
28 Mar	Final Day Term 1
15 Apr	School Resumes Term 2
19 Apr	Interhouse Cross Country
24 Apr	Regional Touch
25 Apr	Public Holiday
29-30 Apr	Regional Rugby League
2 May	School Photo Day
3 May	Zone Cross Country
6 May	Public Holiday
8 May	Didjeribone Performance
9-10 May	Regional Football (Soccer)
10 May	5.6 R Amaro
13 May	5.6 DB & SB Amaro
14 May	Regional Cross Country
14 May	Prep Vision Screening
20-21 May	Regional Rugby Union
22-29 May	Bookfair
27-28 May	Regional Football (Soccer)
20-21 Jun	Interhouse Athletics Carnival
21 Jun	Final Day Term 2
8 Jul	School Resumes Term 3
9 Jul	Prep B & W Amaro
10 Jul	1.2 SM Amaro
11 Jul	1.2 AM & KN Amaro
18 Jul	Regional Rugby League
26 Jul	Upper Lockyer Athletics Carnival
30 Jul	3.4 A Amaro
31 Jul	3.4 E & MM Amaro
7 Aug	Zone Athletics 1500m
9 Aug	Zone Athletics
12 Aug	Show Day Public Holiday
20 Aug	Regional Athletics
30 Aug	Student Free Day
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
25Nov-6Dec	P-6 Swimming Program
9 Dec	Interhouse Swimming Carnival
12 Dec	Year 6 Day Out
13 Dec	Final Day Term 4

PAYMENTS/
PERMISSIONS
DUE

Overdue	Prep Hearing Screening
Overdue	Camp Payment
Overdue	Instrumental Payment
28 Mar	Chess Tournament Payment

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, 2 May.

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

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.