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"Withcott Warbler"



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

A Time of firsts and lasts

The end of the year is a time of firsts and lasts, a time of delight and also a time of sadness.

Lasts

For some families, we say goodbye to them for the last time, some after a number of children and many years of association with the school. It has been a pleasure to have had you in the school community and I would like to thank you for all that you have contributed to us.

Bentley Family	Bourne Family
Brady-Johnston Family	Burling Family
Chandler Family	Claydon Family
Cole Family	Corry Family
Dow Family	Elliott Family
Gossow Family	Henderson Family
Marsden Family	McDougall Family
Pearson Family	Perrett Family
Robinson Family	Sos Family
Waters Family	Western Family

Firsts

- The Year 6 students have had their first shared dinner and graduation with their parents.
- Some of our Year 5 students have been selected in their first leadership position.
- Our 2026 prep students & their parents have had their first visits and experiences of school as they choose this amazing school to start their educational journey.

Thank you for being part of the many firsts and lasts associated with school. Thank you to the parents and students who have touched the school on any small way and supported teachers to fight for your children's education. Thank you to the teachers who have paved the path to success for our students.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Final Assembly and End of Year Concert on the 11th December. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Congratulations to Past Students at CHSHS

We are very proud to follow the achievements of our past students. Congratulations to them all!

Year 7 Awards

Adelaide Damrow - Academic Award and Community Award

Lillian Ford - Academic Award

Nicholas Kruger - Academic Award

Eli Mathison - Academic Award

Azmaria Metzroth - Academic Award

Hannah Watson - Community Award

Year 8 Awards

Harrison Bourne - Academic Award

Emily Brettschneider - Academic Award

Nate Buller - Academic Award

Carter Forrest - Academic Award

Kaitlyn Gilmour - Academic Award and Community Award

Hope Van Zandbergen - Academic Award

Evie-Rose Biscaya - Sports Award and Age Champion in Swimming

Year 9 Awards

Nat Manning - Academic Award

Year 10 Awards

Beau Van Zandbergen - Academic Award and Community Award

Year 11 Awards

Gabby Brettschneider - Academic Award

Rhianna Gilmour - Academic Award and Age Champion in Swimming

Will Van Zandbergen - Academic Award and Age Champion in Swimming

Year 12 Awards

Jemma Seymour - Academic Award, Community Award, Behaviour Award and Performing Arts Award

Ella Williams - Community Award, Behaviour Award and Sports Award

Tyler Ward - Industrial Graphics Skills Subject Award

Lyndal Symonds, Principal



Celebrating Mrs Suzanne Sigley: 32 Years of Heart, Humour and Unforgettable Teaching

After an extraordinary **32 years in the classroom**, we are honoured to celebrate the retirement of a teacher who has shaped our school community in countless ways—**Mrs Suzanne Sigley**.

Mrs Sigley began her Queensland teaching career at **Lundavra State School**, where life was certainly full of character! She fondly remembers the *senior girls removing frogs from the toilets with tongs each morning*, and sheep being used to keep the grass down. Those early

days helped shape the cheerful resilience and good humour she would carry through her entire career.

In **1997**, Mrs Sigley moved to **Withcott State School**, which soon became her second home. Long before air-conditioning arrived, classes took turns in the computer lab to keep cool, and lunchtime often meant a run through the sprinkler. With no groundsman at that time, parents worked on a rotating roster to keep the school looking beautiful, and the now-familiar Bendigo classrooms did not yet exist. Through every change and challenge, Mrs Sigley remained a constant source of stability, joy and kindness.

Throughout her career, Mrs Sigley has been driven by a deep belief in the wonder of learning. She says she has *loved seeing the children every day* and feels it has been a *privilege to watch curious minds grow*. She has shared the excitement of student achievements, supported them through challenges and celebrated every moment of discovery.

Her passion for the **natural world** has been a gift to generations of students. Over the years, her classrooms have hosted **chickens and hatching eggs, butterflies, fish**, and even a **class budgie**—all part of helping students appreciate the magic of plants and animals. These hands-on experiences created the kind of learning memories students never forget.

One of the joys she treasures most is seeing the **second generation** come through—children of former students returning to her classroom with the same bright eyes and eagerness to learn.

As Mrs Sigley reflects, she says she will miss *the stories, the fun times, the laughter and the energy that kept her on her toes*. She describes her years of teaching as *so much more than work*—a journey filled with shared discoveries, joy, and a whole collection of unforgettable moments that have shaped her life as much as she has shaped ours.

To Mrs Sigley:

Thank you for your dedication, your warmth, your creativity and your endless care. You have made our school a better place, and your legacy will continue in every student whose life you've touched.

We wish you a retirement filled with peace, adventure and happiness.

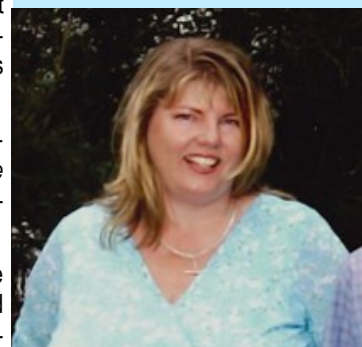
How quickly the years have flown—and how lucky we have been to share them with you.

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025	Term 4
24 Nov	P-6 Swimming Program
5 Dec	
8 Dec	Swimming Carnival
9 Dec	CHSHS Orientation Day
9 Dec	Under 8's Day
10 Dec	Year 6 Day Out
11 Dec	Final Assembly/School Concert
12 Dec	Final Day Term 4

PAYMENTS/
PERMISSIONS

5 Dec Year 6 Fun Day Consent
OVERDUE Swimming Payment



Mrs Suzanne Sigley



2026 BOOK DROP OFF

(Booklists have been sent home, they are also available on the school website)



You can come in and meet your teacher and leave your books in your classroom.

2:00pm - 3:00pm Wednesday 21 January, 2026

P&C NEWS:

The P&C is looking for new members to join the Executive Committee in 2026. Due to personal and work commitments we have a number of current Executive members that will be stepping down from their Executive roles.

In 2026 Executive roles that will become vacant are:

- **President**

- The President acts as a representative of the P&C Association, encouraging communication between the P&C, the school administration and the community and participation of parents in the P&C.
- The President will be the chair of meetings and conduct them in an efficient and timely fashion, being familiar with the rules, constitution and other documents governing P&C operations.

- **Vice President**

- The Vice President acts as an understudy to the P&C President, providing support to all Executives and stepping in as Chair if the President is absent.

- **Treasurer**

- The Treasurer has overall responsibility for the financial management of the P&C Association, including all subcommittee accounts. In their role they must comply with the Accounting Manual for P&C Associations in all respects. They prepare an annual budget and Annual Operational Plan for the P&C in consultation with the Association's Executive Committee. It is the Treasurer's responsibility to keep accurate accounts of receipts and expenditure.

One of the key aspects of the role of Treasurer is managing the finances well. It is not only an important part of keeping the functions and P&C operations running, but GOOD financial management is also critical to ensure transparent use of funds and monitoring how funds are used to benefit all students in the school.

Can you see yourself filling any of these roles? Please reach out to the P&C....we are more than willing to provide more information, explain what roles involve and answer any questions you have. The P&C is an integral part of our school and we require an Executive Committee to be able to function. So please consider joining the P&C and nominating for a role on the Executive committee. The P&C is very keen to provide a comprehensive handover and support to new Executive members.

The next General P&C meeting is 3rd Feb 2026. The AGM will be held on 24th Feb 2026 - the Executive Committee will be elected at the AGM. All are Welcome.

End of Year Concert - 11th December

- P&C has arranged food trucks - Taste & Design Co (menu to be advised), Glory Buzz Coffee, Supa Catering Van (Hot chips, Chicken chips, dagwood dogs, hot dogs and drinks)
- P&C have hired a snowcone machine - we will be selling snowcones and drinks in the lunch break only

P&C Voluntary Contribution:

- Multi Draw will be held Thursday 4th December at assembly

Are you a member of the P&C's [facebook group](#)? If you're already a member, but don't seem to get notified of many updates, we encourage you to jump on there and like and/or comment on a few of the posts. That way, the facebook algorithm will pick up that you're interested in this content and show you more of it! Although it's not the only channel of communication used, it will often be the first place that we can share important messages - like when coffee is available, or when tuck shop is on!

Not already a member of the group? Head over and [join now!](#)

We're Hiring! Tuckshop & Uniform Shop Convenor – 2026

The Withcott State School P&C is seeking expressions of interest for our **2026 Tuckshop and Uniform Shop Convenor**. This rewarding, community-focused role offers the opportunity of **14 paid hours per week** (about two days), with the option to take on:

- **Tuckshop Convenor only – 11 paid hours/week**
- **Uniform Shop Convenor only – 3 voluntary hours/week**

Both roles – 14 paid hours/week

You'll be supported by volunteers, trained on the job, and welcomed into a friendly, social environment. As Laura, this year's Convenor, said: *"I looked forward to tuckshop day every week... the smiles from the kids were the best!"*

About the Role:

- Run the one-day-a-week tuckshop (day flexible)
- Oversee uniform shop operations, opening once per week
- Manage stock, menus, and volunteer coordination
- Meet health and safety requirements and liaise with P&C and staff

Start: Term 1, 2026 **Applications Close:** **Friday, 5th December 2025**

Enquiries: Anita Kruger (P&C Secretary): 0407 759 943 or Matthew Arnold (P&C President): 0447 154 849

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open 3.10pm - 3.45pm each afternoon (Monday - Friday) until the end of the term. Uniform Shop will NOT be open on Thursday Mornings for the remainder of the term.

Orders can be placed and paid for [here](#), and collected from Uniform Shop during opening hours.

INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival is on Monday 8 December at the Lockyer Valley Aquatic Centre in Gatton. A very big thank you to those that have already volunteered to help with timekeeping on the day of the carnival. *We still require additional volunteers.* Please contact the office if you can help out. Please note the following: **Depart:** 8:40am **Return:** 1:30pm (approx.) **Transport:** Private transport or chartered bus as indicated on returned swimming nomination. **Wear:** Coloured house shirt (red, green or yellow) and school broadbrim hat. **Take:** Morning tea, lunch, water bottle, togs, towel, goggles, swimming cap and sunscreen. It is recommended that student swimming attire to be highly visible in the water and is not too loose or heavy.

MEDICAL ACTION PLANS AND MEDICATION

A reminder that all emergency and medical action plans need to be reviewed by your GP for students with Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Seizure Management, Diabetic Plan etc. Could parents/carers please check the date on the current plan and bring in updated/new plan to the office at the beginning of the year.

All student medication needs to be collected from the office on your student's last day of school. 2026 medication will need to be dropped off in the new year, with all required forms and consents. Attached is the Administration of Medications in Queensland State School: Information for parents/carers as well as the Consent to Administer Medication form.

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.campastralia.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.

Congratulations to the Withcott Students at OSHC for winning a games prize pack during Camp Australia's National Campaign-Children's Week! The students created some AMAZING ACTIVITES, thank you to all who participated!

Bye for now from Team Camp Australia OSHC.

BACK TO SCHOOL BOOST 2026

Please see attached flyer for more details.

YEAR 6 CREDIT

A reminder to families with students in Year 6, bank details need to be provided to the office for refunds to be issued. If you have a student remaining at the school in a younger grade, please advise the office if you would like the credit transferred instead.

FINAL ASSEMBLY AND WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT

11 December, 2025 '*A Festive Season*' theme



Time	Event	Notes
9am-10am	Final assembly and award presentation	2025 final assembly Awards Year 6 presentations
10am-10:30am	Year 6 parents invited to enjoy light refreshments in the library.	All students return to their classes to get prepared for their concert.
10:30-12noon	Senior Concert (Year 3-6)	
12 noon-1pm	Whole school picnic Shade shelters out Benches out in shade BYO chairs/blankets	Food available to purchase from food vans. Carnival atmosphere Bubble machines Snow cones Chappy Elf arrives with lollies
1pm- 2pm	Junior Concert (P-2)	
Note:	Students will either go home at the conclusion of the concert or go back to the classrooms with teachers.	

2026 Enrolments

Please advise the school office if your student/s will not be returning in January 2026.

STUDENTS P-2 All students in P-2 should always have a **change of clothes** in their bag

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.

COMMUNITY

Community Defibrillator - Reminder to the Withcott Community that a community defibrillator is located at Withcott State School. Access is through the staff parking lot with the defib located on the outside wall of the undercover area at the top of the parking lot.

School Holiday Activities – Coming Soon!

Lockyer Valley Regional Council is creating a **School Holiday Activities Directory** featuring programs from local organisations, community groups, and Council initiatives.

The **Lockyer Valley Libraries** also have their school holiday program, which you can already explore here:

Library Events: lockyervalleylibraries.com/events

Full directory details will be announced soon!

Stay updated:

- **Council Youth Programs:** lockyervalley.qld.gov.au/youth
- Follow Council on [Facebook](#) for the latest updates.

 **Exciting Update:**
QParents sign up now
easier with just a
Licence and Medicare
Card required!

LOCKYER VALLEY COUNCIL UPDATE

Council will be commencing a trial of a loading zone on Biggs Road as shown below in the photo, set to commence in Term 1 2026. Council officers may be inspecting from time to time during the trial.



2026 Enrolments Now Open

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the school website or picked up from the office. We look forward to welcoming you in 2026.