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"Withcott Warbler"



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Blue card changes are coming from 20 September.

From 20th September, there are changes to the Blue Card legislation that will affect parents.

Parent volunteers will require blue cards if:

- Parent volunteering does not include their own child
- Parents attend overnight excursions or camps
- close personal contact may occur with another child (such as assisting with toileting, bathing or dressing).

External businesses providing services in schools or to children will now need a blue card.

If you want to attend a camp, or volunteer at school in areas such as uniform shop or tuckshop, you might want to consider getting a Volunteer Blue Card. More information is available at: <https://www.qld.gov.au/law/laws-regulated-industries-and-accountability/queensland-laws-and-regulations/regulated-industries-and-licensing/blue-card-system-changes>

Lyndal Symonds, Principal

Blue card changes effective Term 4, 2025.



STUDENT COUNCIL

The student council will be raising money for the RSPCA. They will be holding an Animal Dress-Up Day for a gold coin donation on Thursday 18 September.

✿ Tuck Shop Newsflash! ✿

Regular Tuck Shop service has now come to a close for the year. Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the Tuck Shop throughout the year, whether by ordering lunches, or volunteering. It has been such a fun experience and we're grateful to everyone who has helped make it a success! Keep an eye out for an advert for a new Tuck Shop Convenor! If no one is in place by next term, we will be back to offer a couple of treat weeks in term 4! Bri & Laura

DENTAL VAN

The dental van is coming back to Withcott State School in September. See flyer on the page to register your student/s appointments now!

ADVERTISEMENT FOR SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR

CASUAL POSITION VACANT

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Withcott State School.

The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor **may** be up to an Hour and a Half on any school day in *all weather conditions*.

Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the "Notes for Medical Practitioner" on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme - Health Assessment Form.
- The applicant either must hold a current Blue Card or be eligible to submit an application for a Blue Card to the Commission for Blue Card Services. An applicant will not be employed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads unless they meet this criterion.

Department of Transport of Main Roads will organise and fund both Medical and Blue Card for selected applicant.

Interested applicants should send their Resume to Kerri Rudder on 0417 075 654 or email ipswichroadsafety@tmr.qld.gov.au.





QParents -

If you have not activated your QParents account, do so today, don't miss out! Please contact the office if you require assistance.

The majority of consent/permissions forms will be done through QParents. You can also submit absences, view report cards and pay invoices. Please contact the office with any questions or issues with activating your account.

Families without QParents will be responsible for collecting a paper form from the office.

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

QParents

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025	Term 3
18 Sep	1.2 AM & 1.2SM Amaroo Excursion
19 Sep	Zone Soccer/Netball Carnival
19 Sep	Final Day Term 3
7 Oct	School Resumes Term 4
10 Oct	Run 4 Fun Colour Explosion
13-15 Oct	State Athletics
31 Oct	Aquathlon
4 Nov	CHSHS Interface Afternoon
11 Nov	CHSHS Interface Afternoon
18 Nov	CHSHS Interface Afternoon
1 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
24Nov-5 Dec	P-6 Swimming Program
8 Dec	Swimming Carnival
9 Dec	CHSHS Orientation Day
11 Dec	Final Assembly/School Concert
12 Dec	Final Day Term 4

Prep 2026 Date Claimers

Parent/Carer Information Session: Tuesday 21 October 3:15pm - 4:15pm Prep classrooms



Pre Prep Play Session 1: Tuesday 4 November 9:30-10:30am Prep Classrooms (Please bring hat and water bottle)

Pre Prep Play Session 2: Tuesday 18 November 9:30-10:30am Prep Classrooms (Please bring hat and water bottle)

Parents/Carers stay for the sessions with the Pre Preps and are welcome to attend one or both sessions.

Pre Prep Interviews: 24 - 28 November Booking link to come Parents/Carers and Pre Preps to attend together

Find us on Facebook - Withcott State School

🛒 ⚡ Uniform Shop Extravaganza! ⚡ 🛒

New Hours Alert: The Uniform Shop is now open on **Thursdays from 8:15 AM to 9 AM.** 🕒

Pre-Loved Treasures: We've got a treasure trove of fabulous pre-loved items available for a donation. Hunt for bargains and find the hidden gems before the chilly weather sneaks up on us! ❄️

Online Shopping: Can't make it in person? No worries at all! We've got your back with the P&C website. Now you can snag brand-new uniform items from the comfort of your couch. Head to P&C Website and start shopping! 🛒

Don't Miss Out: Whether you're looking for a winter wardrobe upgrade or just love a good deal, our Uniform Shop has something for everyone.

If you're available to help please email withcottsstuckshop@gmail.com

P&C NEWS: P&C meetings are held **every fourth Tuesday** of each month. The next meeting will be 28 October at 6:30pm in the Library, all welcome!

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.

Please see attached flyer for more details on The Ultimate School Holiday Program happening these next school holidays. Bye for now from Team Camp Australia OSHC.

SWIMMING LESSONS

REMINDER School swimming lessons will be taking place in Weeks 8 and 9 of Term 4. More information to come next term. This is a great opportunity to use any credit your student/s may have.

PAYMENTS/
PERMISSIONS
DUE

EVENT DATE CLAIMER: Final Assembly and Christmas Concert

THURSDAY 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 - 2:00pm

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

COLOUR FUN RUN

Monty's Colour Fun Run coming Friday 10 October

Simply go to www.myprofilepage.com.au and click onto the register button to create a cybersafe, online profile page.

Raise \$10 to receive your first incentive prize or send your donations to one of the great causes on offer!

You can even earn free bonus donations!

Mix and Match prizes or send the donations to one of the causes available – The Great Barrier Reef Foundation, Carbon Neutral, OzHarvest, The Smith Family and Dolly's Dream.

Become a Fundraising Monstar and receive a Monty Handball by completing all your online virtual badges! Can you receive them all?

The countdown is on until our Monty's Colour Fun Run!

Mrs Symonds has put their hand up to be slimed! Simply raise \$20 online to go into the draw to do the sliming!

So jump online at www.myprofilepage.com.au and create a profile page today! It will be an event, not to miss!

Don't forget to fundraise with Monty the Monstar and collect some of the unique items up for grabs!

Monty Handball: Collect all of Monty's online virtual badges.

Champions Medallion: The highest fundraising student in our school.

Online Golden Coins – complete online tasks to redeem up to an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.

Share your profile page to family and friends to receive any last-minute donations.

Remember to bring a white shirt and wear enclosed shoes for the event as you will be covered from head to toe in coloured powder!

We can't wait to get colourful!



COMING SOON!
Register in advance now!

Strong, healthy teeth are important for a child's health and wellbeing.

Poor oral care can result in health problems that go beyond the mouth.

It's important that children receive regular dental health check ups and seek urgent dental care if there is a problem or pain.

The School Dental Service is returning to **Withcott State School** in September 2025

2026 Enrolments

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

FREE dental health appointments are available at your school.

Register now by using your mobile device to scan:



Or phone 1300 763 246

REGISTER NOW
in less than
1 minute!

To be eligible for this offer, the student's name must appear on a current Medicare Card



PREP 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.

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.