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"Withcott Warbler"



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

It takes a village to cultivate a garden and we are fortunate to have generous volunteers and motivated members of the environmental management team who have tended the soil, pulled weeds and watered thirsty plants to create this beautiful sight.

We appreciate your hard work to not only help our flowers bloom, but to foster lessons in teamwork, responsibility and effort.

Thank you for your dedication, passion and generosity.

Lyndal Symonds, Principal



SPORT NEWS

2024 Lockyer Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the students who represented Withcott State School at the Locker Zone Cross Country on Friday 3 May. We are very proud of your determination, effort and good sportsmanship.

2024 Lockyer Zone Soccer

Congratulations to Hayden D'arcy and Lachlan Francisco for successfully being selected for the Lockyer Zone Soccer Team (10-12 year old boys). Well done and best of luck.



CURRICULUM CORNER

CYBERSAFETY

The internet is having an increasing influence on the social development of children. Social media, smart phones and other technologies provide children with wonderful opportunities to learn, be creative and socialise. However, just as with face-to-face interactions, sometimes behaviour between people is inappropriate.

As parents and carers, you play a key role in supporting your child to have a positive and safe online experience.

Online Safety Tips

- ◆ encourage your child to be open with you about being online. Often, the fear of losing access to social media or their personal devices is why children are hesitant about talking with their parents about online issues
- ◆ teach your child how to take a screenshot on their device so they can capture evidence of cyberbullying or inappropriate behaviour
- ◆ form clear and agreed rules for your child's internet use. This may include regular device check-ups where you can review their recent activity
- ◆ know your child's online friends and followers
- ◆ encourage your child to think before they share. They should ask themselves, is it positive, useful and true? What your child says online could affect their friendships, other relationships and prospects for study and work
- ◆ review privacy settings regularly as they can change without notification—particularly after device, app or system updates are installed
- ◆ introduce a communal charging station where devices are placed at the end of the day to avoid late night use of devices in bedrooms
- ◆ enable parental controls from the settings menu on your child's device to prevent access to specific features and content.

For more information:

Department of Education Cybersafety website: qld.gov.au/cybersafety

Cybersafety Facebook page: facebook.com/QEDCybersafetyAdvice

Traci Cash, HOD-C

Reminder: P&C Meetings are held every fourth Tuesday of each month. Next meeting will be 28th May at 6.30pm in the 5/6DB classroom, all welcome!

2024 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (EFTPOS available) / FAMILY READING MONTH

Date: - Starts lunchtime on 22nd May 2024
Last shop Wednesday morning 29th May 2024.

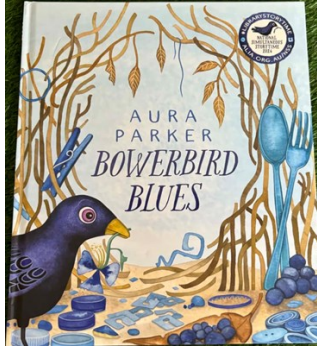
Place: - School library

Time: - 8.30-4.30 daily (bar day 1 as Book Fair will arrive during the morning & open at lunchtime.)



Our fabulous annual Book Fair, a shop in our school, a chance for students to practice real world use of money, is coming in May – Family Reading Month. The commission we receive and take in books adds substantially to our library. Since 2006, Book Fair has put over \$32,000 worth of books on the shelves, resources the school would not otherwise have had. Every dollar equals resources for our school. Please come and support it. Book Fair commences on National Simultaneous Storytime day. 2024's nominated book, *Bowerbird Blues* is on the shelf.

Reading is food for the soul and like riding a bike, the more we do the easier it grows! It begins with parents, board books and babies, snuggles at bedtime and precious time with mum and dad. It requires imagination and comprehension, develops brains, enriches vocabulary and increases understanding. A longitudinal study on 4000 Australian children from age 4/5 in 2004 to the age of 10/11 in 2010 found the single most important determiner of success in reading, assessments like NAPLAN and schooling was whether or not children were read to from a young age. Many other studies concur. **It isn't wealth, cultural background, parental income or education that determines how well a child will do academically. It's whether or not they have books at home and people to share them.**



CHESS TUTORING 8-9am Tuesday Mornings

Cost: \$7 week per child

Location: Library

Tutor: Ben Peach

If interested, let the office know.



Schools and intellectual communities all over the world recognise the incontestable value of chess. It promotes memory, strategy, problem-solving, the ability to learn from a loss and apply that next time around, base skills that lift all other learning. It nurtures self-discipline, self-control and such values as play by the rules, take turns and don't throw in the towel, have the confidence and resilience to try again! Little superheroes need these skills.

Roslyn Stemmler, Teacher Librarian

Discus Consent Forms

A discus consent form was sent home with all Year 3-6 students. This form needs to be returned to school as soon as possible. This consent allows for your student to be able to participate in discus practice in PE as well as sessions leading up to the Interhouse Athletics Carnival as well as at the actual Carnival. Students who do not return the consent form will not be eligible to participate in the discus event or in discus practices.

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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024	Term 2
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 Amaroo
10 Jul	1.2 SM Amaroo
11 Jul	1.2 AM & KN Amaroo
18 Jul	Regional Rugby League
26 Jul	Upper Lockyer Athletics Carnival
30 Jul	3.4 A Amaroo
31 Jul	3.4 E & MM Amaroo
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

5 June
ASAP

3.4 Bento box lunch
Discus 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, 2 May.

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.

P & C News

- **Next meeting:** 28th May
- **Tuckshop News:** We have a new Tuckshop Convenor!.....The P&C welcome June to the role of Tuckshop Convenor. Regular Tuckshop service will recommence from Term 3. Can you volunteer on a Tuesday or Wednesday in Tuckshop? Please email pandc@withcottss.eq.edu.au to advise your availability.
- Thank you to all the families that provided donations for the Family Fun Day Bake Stall. The Stall was a great success!
- Thank you to the volunteers that helped with the Mother's Day Stall...we couldn't have done it without you! A big thank you to EMT, Ms Damrow & Mrs Potts for the wonderful plants.
- **Disco & Pizza Party**
- Theme: Under the Sea, DJ: Mr D
- Friday 24th May, Pizza available from 5.30pm, Disco 6pm -7.30pm
- \$5 entry fee per family - only Withcott SS students, younger siblings and their parents/carers invited - NO older siblings please.
- Parent supervision of children while at the Disco is required
- Pre order Pizza - order form attached - please have orders in by 9am Wed 22nd May.

Anita Kruger, Secretary of P&C



Withcott State School P&C

"Under the Sea" Disco Night - Pizza Order Form

Friday 24th May 2024

Pre ordered Pizza arrives at 5:30pm Disco 6:00pm-7:30pm

Orders Close - 9:00am Wednesday 22nd May 2024

Order online withcott-pandc.square.site or cash accepted
Please put cash orders (labelled Disco) through Tuckshop slot, not the office.

Pizza	Price	Number	Total
Cheese	\$12		
Ham & Cheese	\$12		
Hawaiian	\$12		
Supreme	\$12		
Cheeseburger	\$12		
BBQ Meatlovers	\$12		
GF Supreme	\$12		
GF Meatlovers	\$12		
GF Hawaiian	\$12		
Vegetarian	\$12		
Total			

If you have any other dietary requirements, please let us know.

Please note: NO whole pizzas will be sold on Disco Night.

Whole pizzas **MUST** be pre-ordered.

Pizza by the slice will be available for purchase at \$2.00 per slice on the night.

Limited pizza available on the night - please pre-order.

Other items for purchase on the night:

Garlic Bread Drinks Lollies Chocolates Dessert boxes

Pre-ordered pizza will arrive at 5.30pm, please arrive promptly to avoid cold pizza.