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"Withcott Warbler"



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Welcome back everyone!

On behalf of the school staff I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our students and families after an enjoyable Easter break.

The Easter holidays provided a well-deserved opportunity for our students to recharge their batteries, spend quality time with loved ones, and perhaps indulge in some delicious Easter treats. Now, with renewed enthusiasm, we return to our classrooms and playgrounds, eager to embark on the next phase of our educational journey together.

In addition to our regular curriculum, we are looking forward to several upcoming events that will enrich the school experience for our students.

Thank you in advance for supporting our students to participate in events such as Cross Country, ANZAC Day and the Didjeribone incursion. Your commitment to the success and well-being of our students is truly appreciated and makes all the difference in creating a positive learning environment.

Lyndal Symonds, Principal

DIDJERIBONE CULTURAL INCURSION

Date: Wednesday 8 May 2024

Cost: \$6.00 per student

Payment due by Wednesday 1 May 2024

Didjeribone



Withcott staff are still raving about how good this performance was two years ago. Do not miss out.

'Quirky and laid back, Tjupurru quickly has an audience greeting him and responding to his questions in the language of his ancestors the Djabera Djabera people from the Kimberly region of WA. With numerous opportunities for both individual on stage and whole audience participation, Didjeribone is a uniquely Australian music experience accompanied by personal and ancestral stories. Using the Didjeribone, face bass and cutting-edge music production equipment, music is played, recorded, then instantly played back on a loop to form a backing track. The process is repeated with loop track after loop track being added, creating a rich, deep, multilayered soundscape. It's then that the true magic happens as from the Didjeribone the haunting wind, howling dingoes and humorous kookaburras populate this genuinely Australian piece of music.'

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**.

ANZAC DAY

The Student Council will be selling ANZAC DAY stickers before school on Monday 22nd April, Tuesday 23rd April and Wednesday 24th April. The stickers are 50 cents each. The Helidon RSL has given our school permission to use the proceeds of the sales to purchase ANZAC Day related resources for our library. Thanks for your support.



Student Council

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

On Tuesday 23rd April our school will be supporting Clean Up Australia Day. Each class will be given an area of the school to be responsible for. Students can wear free dress for a gold coin donation. The raised funds will go towards the purchase of our Harmony Tree. We encourage students to wear suitable sun safe, working clothes.

The student council will be collecting the donated gold coins before school. Thanks for supporting this great initiative, supporting our school and our environment.

For more information: <https://www.cleanup.org.au/cleanupaustriaday#>



CURRICULUM CORNER

The importance of a literacy rich environment at home

Reading comprehension involves two primary processes. Reading printed text and understanding the language of the text. Becoming a reader is not effortless.

A great deal of research has demonstrated strong links between early spoken language skills and learning to read. Supporting children spoken language development provides a natural bridge, if you like, for the development of literacy skills.

These keys skills are phonological awareness. This refers to a child's awareness of different sounds in their language and includes an awareness of rhyme and how sounds link together to make words.

Other important skills include understanding that print carries meaning, how to hold a book, turn pages in a book and read from left to right.



Also, understanding and using words of different types such as naming words, action words and describing words, and having a wide range of words to express their thoughts, feelings and ideas.

Finally, a child's ability to tell a story and describe real or fictional events from the past, the present or the future is a valuable skill.

Parents and carers can support the reading development of children by creating language and literacy rich environments, engaging their child in conversation, and through shared story book reading.

If you have concerns about your child's speech or language development or their progress in reading, discuss this with their classroom teacher.

Traci Cash, HOD-C

P&C NEWS: P&C Meetings are held every fourth Tuesday of each month. Next meeting will be 23rd April at 6.30pm in the 5/6DB classroom, all welcome!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser for Chappy Tahlia. It is much appreciated.

Withcott State School P&C

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.

Withcott State School P&C

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024	Term 2
19 Apr	Interhouse Cross Country
23 Apr	Clean Up Australia Day
24 Apr	Regional Touch
25 Apr	Public Holiday
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 Amaroo
13 May	5.6 DB & SB Amaroo
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 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

1 May	Didjeribone Payment
3 May	5.6 Amaroo Payment and 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!!

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.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. Bye for now from Team Camp Australia OSHC.~ Guiding Children's Growth

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Foothills Art Show: Friday 31 May - Sunday 2 June, Steve Jones Community Centre, Withcott. Information and application form attached.

Cloncurry Prize Poetry Competition: Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/juniorcloncurrypoetryprize> for further information.

School Photo Day is on....

Thursday 2nd of May 2024

Please take note of the following important information:

- All students are to wear the correct school uniform.
- Order forms have already been distributed to students. However, if you haven't received one, please don't worry. You can easily collect a blank form from the school office. If you have misplaced your shoot key, you can request this from school administration or phone MSP (phone number below).
- Order online at msp.com.au, or by placing cash in the envelope (if this is an option for your school). We encourage you to order early to ensure your photos are processed without any additional charges.
- All orders received after photo day are subject to a late fee. These orders can be placed by phoning MSP.
- Sibling photos – For those interested in sibling photos, Order form can be collected from the school admin. These photos are taken before school starting at 8am. Be sure to follow the instructions on the envelope for a smooth process.

Extra Curricular Photos

- If your child's photo is taken in sports, music, or leaders photos, they will be given an order form soon after photo day so that you can place this order.

We are here to help!

Please call us on **3848 3946** if you have any questions.

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.