



Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 17th March 2015



'For Our Children'

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NEXT P&C MEETING



Our next meeting will be held **Wednesday 22nd April 2015 at 7pm** in the school library. Everyone is welcome.

From The President

My name is Nicole McGarrity and I am the new President of the P&C. I would like to thank the previous President Richard Forshaw for all his effort and hard work. Richard has some great plans in the pipeline including the fan for the hall and sporting equipment for the school. I will ensure these projects are followed through and completed this year. I would also like to thank Fiona Wishart (Treasurer of 2014) for a wonderful year. Fiona did a great job and will be missed.

I would like to also introduce the rest of the team. Jess Zutt has continued on as our Vice President and this will be her second year. New to the team is Karlene Cunningham who has become our Treasurer and Alison Olsen is the Secretary.

I am hoping this year will be a good year with some great fundraising events on the calendar. I am very much looking forward to our first event of the year which is the annual school disco on Friday 27th March. I can't wait to meet all the new preppies and the new families to our school. I am still deciding which famous person I will be dressed up as.

Please remember this Friday is a free dress day with a gold coin donation to support the Easter raffle and don't forget to wear something orange to show our support for the National Anti-Bullying Day.

Easter raffle tickets are due back this Friday and will be drawn on junior assembly on Wednesday 25th March.

The first term is flying along and soon we will be on holidays, but I am looking forward to the rest of the year. Thanks

Nicole McGarrity

P&C President

P&C Facebook & Twitter Pages

Don't miss out on all the current school information and reminders for upcoming events. 'Like' and 'Share' our **'Mount Cotton State School Community'** page on Facebook, or search for **'MCSS Community'** on Twitter.



Remember to send any reminders or notices you are aware of for your child's class or year level through to Leah so we can share the information with other parents on Facebook. Please email Leah at pandc@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au

HOW CAN I HELP?

- **CLASSROOM HELP** – Why not ask your child's teacher if there is anything they need help with? Maybe you can take some cutting out etc after drop-off and bring it back at pick-up time?
- **TUCKSHOP** – Can you spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday to help out in our wonderful Tuckshop? If so, please drop in and see Jo
- **UNIFORM SHOP** – Can you spare an hour to help out in our Uniform Shop? Please contact Mel Foster email mel-foster@live.com.au phone 0418 43 87 47 to offer your assistance.

FUNDRAISING NEWS:

Friday 20th March is a free dress day with a gold coin donation to support the Easter raffle and don't forget to wear something orange to show our support for National Anti-Bullying Day.

Easter raffle tickets are due back this Friday 20th March and will be drawn on junior parade on Wednesday 25th March. Please return tickets and money to the P&C box in the office.

The first school disco for the year is Friday 27th March the theme is FAMOUS PEOPLE. Junior (Prep – Yr 2) disco starts at 5-6.30pm and Senior (Yr 3-Yr6) starts at 7-8.30pm. Entry cost is \$5 and an unlimited slide armband is \$5. The canteen will have all the regular favourites and the bbq will be cooking. So come in and enjoy a good night.

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Healthy Lunchbox Ideas:

Here's an easy one the kids can help with ☺

Honey Muesli Bars

- 2 1/2 cups nut-free toasted muesli
- 1 cup pitted prunes
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 teaspoon mixed spice
- 50g butter, melted, cooled



Step 1

Process 2 cups muesli, prunes, honey, mixed spice and butter in a food processor until well combined.

Step 2

Place remaining muesli on a plate. Using 1 level tablespoon of prune mixture at a time, roll into a ball, then roll in remaining muesli to coat. Place on a baking tray lined with baking paper. Refrigerate for 30 minutes or until firm.

Step 3

Store muesli balls in an airtight container in the fridge

This Idea was from taste.com.au

Hi everyone and welcome to a new and fresh year 2015. If you have any healthy and tasty lunch box ideas you would like to share with other parents during the year please email below to help out the other wonderful parents. **Do you have healthy and tasty lunchbox idea?**

Please share your recipes by emailing nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com
Thanks, Nicole



Tuckshop News:

www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Tuckshop is open Wednesday's, Thursday's, Friday's for Morning Tea and Lunch. We offer a convenient online ordering system – to register go to www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au Bag orders are also accepted (please drop your bag order directly to the Tuckshop before school).

Jo Wildermoth

Tuckshop Convenor
0468 944 420



Uniform Shop News:

OPENING HOURS FOR TERM 1:



Monday & Thursday afternoons	2.15pm – 3.15pm
Friday mornings	8.15am – 9.15am

Price List & Order Form - Found on the school website (www.mtcottonss.eq.edu.au under Support & Resources/Documents/P&C Assoc/Price List & Order Form), or the school office, or uniform shop. This can be returned to the P&C box in the school office or the uniform shop.

Hi everyone. I hope term 1 has been going well for you all? I know it's still rather warm but it is time to start thinking about winter uniforms!! Crazy I know!! If you are in need of a jumper to keep your kids warm now is the time. We still have a range of sizes in store from last year that are available to buy now so come in and grab one before they go! THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE CLOSED THE LAST WEEK OF THIS TERM. If you need a new house shirt for cross country you have 2 more weeks to come in and get one.

Cheers, **Mel**



School Banking:

Student Banking is done on Tuesdays
Anita, School Banking Co-ordinator

Chaplaincy News

Hi Everyone,
Please remember the paper plane entry forms and \$2 are due by Wednesday 18th March. Class competitions will run Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Year 6 will have both class competitions and the finals next Friday. Week 10 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we will be holding prep to year 5 finals. Have a great week. **Chappy Jo**

Sports News

Congratulations Jeremy and Max.
Jeremy and Max have been selected in the U11 Bayside District Rugby League Team. They will be competing at the Metropolitan East U11 Rugby League Carnival on the 28th & 29th April. Good Luck boys. **Sue Harris, PE Teacher**

Cash Window/Payments Due

The cash window is open every week on **Wednesday & Thursday from 8.15am to 9.15am and accepts cash, cheque and has EFTPOS facilities.** The school is often unable to accept late payments because of deadlines imposed by bus companies etc. **Please note that class teachers are not permitted to accept payments due to audit regulations.**

Events Money Due:

- Instrumental Music Levy \$50
- Instrumental Music Hire \$55
- Strings Program Levy \$50
- Strings Program Hire \$55

Final Instrumental/Strings Deadline:

Thurs 26th March

Please contact the school office, prior to the deadline, if you have difficulty meeting the deadlines, to make alternate arrangements. Cash Window is closed in the last week of school.

Free Dress Day Dress Code:

(MCSS School Uniform & Student Dress Code)

On 'Free Dress' days the following dress guidelines apply:

- Students must wear closed in shoes suitable for participating in all school activities, including physical activity. (Thongs, sandals or open-toed shoes are not appropriate footwear at any time).
- Clothing displaying obvious or implied offensive graphics or wording is not to be worn.
- Sleeved shirts must be worn (for sun safety singlets and sleeveless shirts are not appropriate).
- Short shorts are not appropriate.
- Jeans may be worn on 'free dress' days.
- School Dress Code regulations in relation to jewellery and hair requirements still apply on 'free dress' days.

Parents/carers of students attending school on 'free dress' days wearing inappropriate dress will be contacted and asked to bring appropriate clothing to the school or collect the child and return them wearing reasonable dress.

Orange Free Dress Day!

Friday 20th March

Gold Coin Donation

Bullying No Way! National Day of Action!