



Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 19th July 2016



'For Our Children'

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NEXT P&C MEETING – Wednesday 24th August 7pm MiHub

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hi everyone. WOW! What a busy first week back we have had. We started with our first P&C meeting for the term and then we had Creative Generation.

Mrs Bath took 25 Year 5&6 students to participate with 700 other students to join the mass choir and one Year 6 student who joined a group of mass dancers. I had the honour to be a part of the three days and assist Mrs Bath back stage. The parents of the 26 students should be very proud of them. They are a great group of children that showed respect for each other, Mrs Bath, the three assisting parents and all the Creative Generation cast and staff. They had to deal with changes on the spot and extra dance moves added in at the last minute. The three days were massive and at times they had very little breaks in between but these students dealt with it and I never heard them complain.

Mrs Bath, you are one amazing music teacher and our school is very lucky to have you. You have gone above and beyond for these students and have given them an experience they will never forget.

The production was amazing. This was my first time seeing this production and I could not believe the talent. The students were amazing and the show was fantastic. Mt Cotton State School should be very proud of these students and the way they represented our school.

Regards Nicole

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Hello to all. Our pie drive is now underway. Order forms went home last week. If you didn't receive one there are a few spares near the P&C box outside the office. All order forms and money need to be returned by next **MONDAY 25th JULY**. The orders will need to be picked up from school **WEDNESDAY 3rd AUGUST** between 2-5pm. If you cannot pick up that day then please email or call me before taking your order form back. Thanks. Jen
fundraisingmcss@gmail.com 0437020093

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening hours for Term 2:

Tuesday afternoons	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Thursday mornings	8.15am – 9.15am

Price List & Order Form can be found on the school website (www.mtcottonss.eq.edu.au: Support & Resources/ Documents/ P&C Assoc/ Price List & Order Form), at the office or uniform shop. These can be returned to the P&C box, uniform shop, or emailed to the Uniform Shop Convenor. hello@knoxwear.com.au / 0421 556 932
Kylie :)



TUCKSHOP NEWS

Where did that week go?!

OUR NEW ONLINE SUPPLIER IS FLEXISCHOOLS!!! To open an account simply log onto www.flexischools.com.au Click the 'register' icon and follow the prompts. This is a far easy system to use than our last online supplier, for both you and for the tuckshop.



If you need to cancel an online order because your child will not be attending school, please call Flexischools before 8.30am on 1300 361 769. If you plan on ordering tuckshop on Friday, Thursday night is the best time because Friday mornings there is always a high volume of orders and it may take some time.

WE NEED YOU! As the tuckshop is becoming busier and busier more volunteers are needed. If you like to have a bit of fun while giving back to your school, the tuckshop is the place for you. If you could spare anywhere from 30 minutes up to a couple of hours, on any day, I would love to see you. Grandparents and fathers are also welcome. Unfortunately, due to health and safety, we can't have any little ones in the tuckshop.

If you need to contact me for any reason, I can be contacted via the school phone number on 3822 0444, or alternatively via email at tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au Enjoy your week! I hope to see some of you soon. Rachele

FIND MCSS ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER

MCSS is on FB at **Mount Cotton State School Community** and on Twitter at **MCSS Community**. Email P&C to share info with other school families.



HOW CAN I HELP?

- You could ask your teacher if there is anything they would like help with for the **classroom**.
- Speak with Rachelle about helping in **tuckshop** if you have spare time Weds, Thurs or Fri.
- Contact Kylie if you are can help in **uniform shop**.
- Keep your eye on **P&C events** as volunteer support is much appreciated! Contact Nicole.
- Our **fundraising sub-committee** is currently seeking members! Email Jen for info.

From the Principal:

World Skipping Championships:

Best of luck to Stephanie, Holly, Kirra and Ms Hodgson who have headed overseas!! Kirra, Stephanie and Holly were selected to compete in the 2016 World Jump Rope Championships in Portugal. Holly was also selected to compete at the 2016 FISAC World Rope Skipping Championships in Sweden. They have trained hard and we wish them all the best!

Cross Country State Championships:

On Sunday and Monday, Alfie participated in the Cross Country State Championships in Maryborough. In his individual race, Alfie came 18th out of 54 runners. The top 20 in Queensland in his age group is fantastic! Yesterday, Alfie was a member of the Met East relay team and they came 2nd! A great achievement by Alfie in some very muddy conditions! Well done!

Creative Generation Students:

For many months, our students have been rehearsing for Creative Generation, Queensland's largest youth performing arts event. Creative Generation aims to mentor and foster the next generation of performers and provides opportunities for them to work with and learn from professional artists. 24 students who were part of the mass choir and one student, Jessica was part of the dance group. On Friday and Saturday, the children were part of four performances at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. I was very impressed, we certainly have talented students! Thank you to Mrs Bath for all her hard work.

School Opinion Surveys:

The *School Opinion Survey* is undertaken each year to obtain opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and school staff to help schools identify what they do well, and how they can improve. The access codes for the online survey are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department.

Your logon details were sent home with the eldest in the family last Thursday. Parents/Caregivers who do not have access to the internet are welcome to complete their survey online at our school. Access to school computers in the Library can be arranged on request. The online survey will be available until **29 July 2016** and should take less than ten minutes to complete. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts.

www.education.qld.gov.au/schoolopinionsurvey

Curriculum Letters:

Our Term 3 curriculum letters will be sent out this week. They will outline the unit overview for each Key Learning Area.

Team IQ:

As you are aware, in 2016, we are continuing with our Team IQ. Team IQ is when our teachers meet in small groups, to share expertise and work collaboratively to improve the academic performance of students. Each teacher has an explicit focus for 6 weeks (written below). Our students complete a pre-check (Week 2) and then after the intensive focus (6 weeks) they complete a post-check/test (Week 8). The teachers have additional staff meetings this week (Week 2) and 8 to discuss their explicit focus and their students. **Every student counts!**

Team IQ Term 3: This term, we will have a literacy focus.

Prep	Identify rhyming words Create rhyming words Identify the odd one out.
Year 1	Verb tenses - word endings - s, ed, ing, er
Year 2	Retell
Year 3	Recount
Year 4	Vocabulary – STRIVE words
Year 5	Apostrophes
Senior	Note Taking
PE	Year 4 - Oz Tag skills
Music	Yr 2 - Aural Perception of s-m-l intervals (m3 and M2)

Triple P offers free parenting help

Sick of nagging your kids to get ready? Find out how Triple P strategies fixed this problem for a Queensland family, plus get tips that work, recipes and more, in your Triple P parent Tippet paper.

Read it online now at www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-uken/blog-and-more/queensland-parent-magazine/.

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is **95%**. Below is the attendance percent for Week 1.

Prep	96
PA	98
PB	100
PC	94
PD	92
Year 1	96.75
1A	95
1B	97
1C	97
1D	98
Year 2	93.25
2A	93
2B	88
2C	94
2D	98
Year 3	94.25
3A	95
3B	98
3C	90
3D	94
Year 4	94.3
4A	99
4B	97
4C	97
Year 5	89.75
5A	93
5B	88
5C	93
5D	85
Year 6	91.3
SA	95
SB	93
SC	86

Your support as parents in achieving the best possible academic, social and emotional outcomes for your child is greatly valued.

Kind regards,

Meagan Steward

mstew40@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy Principal:

Congratulations to our Semester 2 Student Councillors

Class	Student Councillors
4A	Sienna
4B	Bianca
4C	Mason
5A	Angus
5B	Emerson
5C	Chloe
5D	Ember
Senior A	Ocean
Senior B	Kaleb
Senior C	Amy

Our student councillors will be receiving their badges at the senior assembly this week.

Assembly

Prep, Year 1 and Year 2: Wednesdays

Year 3s, Year 4s, Year 5s and Seniors: Thursdays

Our Year 3s will join our Senior assembly for Semester 2.

Assemblies will begin in Week 2.

National Pyjama Day

On **Friday 29 July**, students are

invited to **wear their pyjamas** to school

and give a **gold coin donation** to the Pyjama Foundation.

The Student Council are supporting this charity to raise awareness and funds for children in foster care.



The Pyjama Foundation provides opportunities for children in foster care to be involved in activities that promote learning, life skills and confidence. The money raised on National Pyjama Day will help the foundation to offer opportunities to more than 1300 children in foster care. 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.

We look forward to seeing everyone at school in their pyjamas on Friday 29 July!

Great Mates:

Great Mates is a lunchtime activity program for students and will be run in the hall at second break. Each year level has been designated a day they are able to come to the hall and participate in fun activities. Students may come and go from the hall, but only 50 students can be in the hall at a time.

The activities this term are:

Week Number	Activity
1	Disco
2	Camp Games (Monte Carlo etc)
3	School Yard Games
4	Trivia
5	Board Games/ Twister/ Celebrity Heads
6	Dress Up Relays
7	Obstacle Course
8	Fitness Circuit
9	Bingo
10	Disco

Days for each year level are:

Monday	Year 2 and 3
Tuesday	Year 1
Wednesday	Year 4 and 5
Thursday	Prep
Friday	Seniors

Kind regards,

Glenice Cleary



Congratulations to the following children who have completed the challenge. These children will now go into the book prize draw. This will be drawn at the end of the reading period (26th August).

77 MOUNT COTTON STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE AND READ JUST OVER 1500 BOOKS.

There is a competition being conducted by Q Super in conjunction with the Premiers' reading challenge where they are giving away \$1000 worth of books to a lucky school, plus three \$500 bonus vouchers to the overall winner. Visit <https://gsuper.qld.gov.au/readingchallenge> to find out details and to enter.

Happy Reading
Carol Donhardt – challenge coordinator

Forensic Science

The Forensic Science Day for Years 3-,6 postponed earlier in the year is scheduled for this Friday 22nd July, 2016. Each class will participate in an hour long session solving a mystery using the components of forensic science.

Provisions have been made for students who will not be participating. I trust that the students will enjoy this activity as much as they did last year.

Sally Bedford
Head of Curriculum

From the Library

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club catalogues for Issue 5, 2016 were distributed to children today. Please note we are now sending home **1 brochure per family** and these will be given to the youngest child (as per newsletters). A limited number of spare brochures are available from the Library or the catalogue can be accessed online -

<http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/>

When ordering – either -

1 – send your order form to school **(to the Library)** with either cash or cheque (cheques payable to Scholastic Australia Book Club) payment making sure the details for student's name and class are filled in clearly.

2 – **LOOP** - Order and pay directly to Scholastic via [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the app. You will need to specify your child's class and fill in their first name and initial of their last name. Order forms do not have to be returned to school as they are processed with the school order.

The due date for orders is Wednesday July 27.

If you do not wish your child to collect the order - for orders through the school - please write 'HOLD' on the order and we will contact you. For orders made online please use the email address below to advise the Library of your contact details.

Helen Plaschke
Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator
library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au

Lost Property Bin

The lost property bin is overflowing.

Could students and parents please check for lost belongings. All items still left in the bin at the end of the term will be donated to charity.

Please ensure that all student's belongings are named.

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 unable to accept late payments because of deadlines imposed by bus companies, staffing arrangements etc. **Please note that class teachers are not permitted to accept payments due to audit regulations.**

Events Money Due:

- **Voluntary Contribution Scheme \$40 per student or \$140 for families of 4 or more. Please use Code: VC or Levy if direct debiting**
- **Year 4 Camp. Final Instalment \$100 - BPoint deadline Mon 25th July and Cash Window deadline Thurs 28th July**
- **Stella Science Day Yr 6 \$18 due Thursday 28th July**
- **Jacob's Well Prep Excursion \$23.50 – Bpoint deadline Mon 15th Aug and Cash Window deadline Thurs 18th Aug.**

Permission forms:

- *Cash Window – hand into Cash Window with payment.**
- *BPoint – hand into Cash Window Slot once payment has been made with Reference Number.**

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.

Total Football Academy

Total Football Academy will be running an after School soccer program during Term 3 at Mt Cotton State School. The program is for Prep to Year 4 pupils. Registration forms will be distributed during a free demonstration.

During the 6 week program games will be played inside an inflatable soccer field, which captures the imagination of students, giving them a great soccer experience. Training will take place inside a skills square focusing on different skills each week, such as dribbling, turning and shooting. As part of the program players can also purchase a soccer kit (Top and Shorts).

The program starts on Monday 25th July, 3.15pm - 4.15pm. To sign up online visit www.totalfootballacademy.com.au or call Danny Morton on 0473 344 778. Find us on Facebook for wet weather information and special offers.

*please note no session Monday 8th August due to Ekka holiday.

Andrew Robinson | General Manager

**Have a great time at the Gold Rush Excursion
Year 5's!**

