



Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 3rd January 2015



'For Our Children'

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NEXT P&C MEETING



Our next meeting will be held **Wednesday 11 February 2015 at 7:15pm** in the school library. Everyone is welcome.

From The President

Hi all. Welcome back to the new school year. We're already 1 week in & hopefully everyone is back into their routine & the kids are all loving being back at school.

Our first meeting for the year is coming up in just over a week. As usual we will be in the Library. It's on next **Wednesday the 11th of February at 7.15pm**. We will be starting a bit later due to the parent information night being on the same night. Everyone is welcome. This will also be our final meeting before this year's AGM.

As discussed last year we are still aiming to have our Outdoor Movie Night at the start of term 2. We are well into the planning of this event but if you are willing or able to help out please contact myself or any of the team.

As noted on the Facebook page last week can everyone please look at all of the current & new street/parking signs & be sure to abide by them. Last year we had the council visit us numerous times & issue parking tickets. I have no doubt that we will again see their presence in the next week or so.

That's it for now so have a great week.

Regards, Richard Forshaw
President Mt Cotton P&C
0417 799 909



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 the P & C so we can share the information with other parents on Facebook.



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 or similar home 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:

nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com

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 michellewelchphotographer@gmail.com

Thanks, Michelle



Tuckshop News:

www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

We ask that parents who order online - please update their child's new class

information on their profiles. Thank you. 2015 menu is attached

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. Can be returned to the P&C box in the school office, the uniform shop. **Firstly welcome back!!** I hope everyone had a safe and happy break! A BIG welcome to all the new students and parents. Our new supplier has delivered all of our uniforms and the shop is overflowing!! You may have noticed that all of our checkered items now have the school logo embroidered on them. We have some of the boys checked shirts that don't have the logo on them selling for \$20.00 We also have a few of the old supplier, old material polos left for \$10. Sizes are VERY limited. **Cheers, Mel**



From the School Office:

Parent Information Evening – Wednesday 11 February

The Parent Information Evening will be held on **Wednesday 11 February 2015** at the following times:

P-3 classes : 6 :00-6:30pm

Yr 4-6 classes: 6:30-7:00pm

The sessions will be held in your child's classroom and is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and get an overview of the year ahead.

If you need to move between rooms due to having children in multiple year levels, please feel free to do so. Again this year, the team at the Helping Hands OHSC are offering free child care for children during the sessions. If you wish to take advantage of this offer please complete the RSVP for the Parent Information Evening. Those families who are not enrolled at Helping Hands will need to also complete the **Child Minding Details form**.

Please note that parents will need to drop off and sign in their children on the evening and then also sign them out when they go home.

The RSVP date for child minding with Helping Hands is Monday 9 February to allow them to staff and cater for the number of children expected. Forms can be returned via email or in person to the service.

If parents bring their child with them on the evening, they must either attend the OHSC or remain with their parent. Students are not to be left unsupervised playing around the school during the sessions.

Sports News

CROSS COUNTRY: The Mt Cotton Senior Cross Country is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 1st April 2015.**

Students will be competing over the following distances
Born 2004 = 1km, Born 2003 = 2km, Born 2002 = 3km

Born 2001 = 3km

Students in year 4, 5 & 6 are invited to attend before school fitness sessions between 8am and 8:30am on Monday & Wednesday mornings.

Due to the Bayside District Swimming Carnival Monday 9th February training will begin on Wednesday 11th February 2015.

Please meet at the green seats on the bottom oval with the following permission form suitable running shoes, hat and water bottle.

Cross Country Training Permission Form

I give permission for my son/daughter

_____ in class/senior _____ to attend the before school fitness session from 8am to 8:30am on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Sign: _____

Bookclub

Scholastic Bookclub catalogues for Issue 1, 2015 were distributed to children today. Our school is rewarded with a 20% commission on each issue – this enables us to add between over \$4000 worth of books and teaching resources to our collection.

Orders with money should be returned to **the library** by **WEDNESDAY Feb 11 . .**

There are several options open for parents for ordering – these options are also explain on the order forms.

Option 1 – send your order form to school 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.

Option 2 – make a credit card payment online or by phone and send your order form to school complete with payment receipt details.

Option 3 (NEW) – LOOP (Linked Online Ordering and Payment system)

Parents may order and pay directly to Scholastic via this link **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. Orders will still earn commission for the school. If you choose this option you do not have to send the order forms to school as orders will appear online when we do the school order. **For all options the due date for orders is Wednesday Feb 11.** Orders after that date cannot be processed through the school – there is an option for home delivery but this will incur extra cost. **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 directly through Scholastic 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

Student Absence Line: 3822 0460. Please simply state child's name, class and reason – sick, other. Please do not leave a long detailed message.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our school leaders for 2015 who will be presented with their badges of office on Thursday 5th Feb at the whole school assembly.