



# Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015



*'For Our Children'*

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## NEXT P&C MEETING



Hi everyone,  
I hope you've all had a great few weeks back at school. Last week was our first P&C meeting of the year, thanks to all of those who took the time to come along.

We have our first fund raising event approaching fairly quickly. We have booked ***Cinema on Sunset*** to do the ***Movie Under the Stars Night***. The date this is booked for is the Saturday the 21st of March. We are also planning a mini fete prior to the start of the Movie. This should turn out to be a great afternoon & evening. We will be putting a call out for volunteers in the next few weeks.

This term will also see the second of our fund raising events for the year. The Easter Raffle. This year we are looking at increasing the amount of prizes we will be giving out. Stay tuned for further information.

As we all found out last week James Forest is leaving us for the remainder of this year. Sometime this week I will be meeting with Brian Streatfield from Education Queensland & the person he has in mind to be our acting Principal. Hopefully this person will be a great fit for our school & be able to take on the job as soon as possible. I would like to thank James for the job he has done with our school & the great programmes he, along with the teachers, have been able to put into action over the last 2 years. I wish James every success with this new position.

Following some discussions we are looking at putting into place an email address for feedback to the P&C on any issue you think we need to know about. This feedback can range from issues related to any event we hold, or any information you may wish to share in being able to improve either of our services - Uniform Shop or Tuckshop. The Executive team will be the only 4 people able to access this address. Some information may need to be shared with other members of the P&C but you can ask to remain anonymous in this situation. We will advise you of this email address when it has been activated.

The next P&C meeting will be our **AGM** which will be held on the **11th of March at 7.00pm** in the school library. Everyone is welcome, memberships need to be renewed & all positions will be vacated & nominations will be called for each position. Please put this date in

your diary & come along to have your say.

Thanks everyone & 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 Nadia Morales so we can share the information with other parents on Facebook. Please email Nadia at [morales13@bigpond.com](mailto:morales13@bigpond.com)



## HOW CAN I HELP?

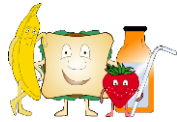


- **CLASSROOM HELP** – Why not ask your child's teacher if there is anything they need help with? Maybe you can take some cutting out or similar home after drop-off and bring it back at pick-up time?
- **TUCKSHOP** – Can you spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday to help out in our 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](mailto:mel-foster@live.com.au) phone 0418 43 87 47 to offer your assistance.

## FUNDRAISING NEWS:

[nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com](mailto:nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com)

## Tuckshop News: [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au)



Wed 18th Feb Val , Vanessa  
Thurs 19th Feb Kerry, Debbie  
Fri 20th Feb Debbie , Stacey

A would like to say a big thank you to Karlene Cunningham for all her hard work updating our till, also thank you to the P & C for getting us a new computer so quickly after our last one died unceremoniously last week. It has made life so much easier. Our new volunteers are going great guns, it's amazing to have so many mothers/grandmothers putting their hands up this year to help. If you are considering helping, even for half a day, come on down and introduce yourself, we would love to have you on board.

**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](http://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! And 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



## School Banking:

We are holding an "Account Opening Day". So, if you want to participate in School Banking and you don't have a Commonwealth Bank account, pop along and you can open one. All you need to bring is a Drivers Licence, fill out a quick form and you are good to go. (If you are opening an account for a sibling who is not yet at school, you will need to bring a birth certificate for them.)

**Date: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**Time: 8.15am – 9.15am**

**Where: Outside the Hall**

The 2015 information packs will be handed out this week. When you are next in the library, check out the banking display showing the new reward prizes that are on offer. This year we are "Outer Space Savers". There is some cool stuff to collect. We have "E.T." the movie on DVD, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, an Intergalactic Rocket and many other exciting rewards. We also have on display some money boxes that you can also redeem as rewards. (*The money boxes are until stocks run out*).

You could win a family trip to Disneyland. Students who make 25 or more deposits during 2015 will automatically receive an entry into the competition. The prize includes return airfares, 5 nights accommodation, transfers and 3 days park entry for 2 adults and 2 kids, plus \$2000 spending money. WOW !!

We have got a lot going on in banking this term so get those banking wallets out, dust them off and get banking. Every time you deposit you get given a token. 10 tokens and you can go shopping. It is that easy !!  
Anita, Banking Guru

## From the Acting Principal...

### **Student Council Representatives**

The Student Council Representatives for Semester 1 2015 have been selected for each of the year 4-6 classes. The representatives are:

**4A – Jorja**

**4B – Max**

**4C – Xavier**

**4D – Alfie**

**5A – Coral**

**5B – Olivia**

**5C – Jessica**

**Snr A – Hayden**

**Snr B – Nick**

**Snr C – Madison**

These students will receive their badges at this week's assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

### **Younger Siblings**

I would ask that parents who bring toddlers with them to school to drop off and collect students keep their toddlers with them and under their control at all times. We have had a few occasions over the last week where classes have been disrupted by toddlers making an excess amount of noise around classrooms and running into rooms disturbing the learning of students.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

***Glenice Cleary***  
***Acting Principal***

## Sports News

Congratulations **Jamie, Lochlann and Ben**. These 3 swimmers swam at the inaugural Bayside District Swimming time trials.

While they were unsuccessful in being selected in the Bayside team they all swam hard producing some personal best times well done.

Good luck to the students who have been selected to represent Mt Cotton at the Cluster swimming carnival at Cleveland SS on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

**Cross Country** is drawing closer students in year 4-6 are reminded that before school fitness sessions are on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00am – 8:30am, bring your hat, water bottle and parent permission along.

***Yours in Sport***  
***Sue Harris***

## Music Notes 🎵

It's still not too late to join us in the Choral Program. Just see Mrs Bath for notes and visit the music room at the following times:

Mini Melodies (Yr 1 &2) – Tuesday Morning at 8.00am  
Mt Cotton Voices (Yr3-6) – Thursday Morning at 8.00am  
Mt Cotton Cantabile (auditioned ensemble) – Friday Morning at 8.00am

**Strings: There will be no Strings this Thursday as Ms Slater is on leave.**

Please make Student Resource Scheme Forms and Student Loan Agreement Forms have been returned and you will receive an invoice. Once the invoice is received, and payments are made the students will be able to take the instruments home.

**Instrumental Music Band:** Please ensure all Student Resource Scheme Forms and Loan Forms have been returned so that invoices can be sent home. Once paid, students are able to take instruments home.

***Suzie Bath***  
***Music 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:**

- **Senior Camp Final Payment \$150 due Thurs 26th Feb**
- **Senior Shirts \$41 due Thurs 19th Feb**
- **Instrumental Music Levy \$50**
- **Instrumental Music Hire \$55**
- **Strings Program Levy \$50**
- **Strings Program Hire \$55**

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.**

## Community News:

### LIVEWIRES KIDS CLUB 'OPEN NIGHT' IN NEW VENUE

Primary School children (Grade 1-6 only) are invited to a special fun and games Open Night on Friday 20 February as Livewires Kids Club launches its new year in a new venue. That's right—Livewires will now be meeting in the hall at Mt Cotton State School on fortnightly Friday Nights in the school terms, starting on 20 February.

The night will include many of the regular types of activities so that new children can get an idea of how the club operates and what they can expect. Games will include Seven Ball and King Pin, there will be snacks, competitions and crazy songs. The club is run by adults and wonderful, trained junior leaders.

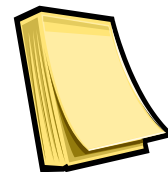
Livewires Kids Club was established by Mt Cotton Community Fellowship over 12 years ago providing children with safe, fun group teaching Christian values and morals in the local area. The club is open to all families, and relies on donations rather than fees so that families are able to pay within their means.

After many wonderful years in the Mt Cotton Hall, the time has come to shift venue to the new school hall, allowing for consistent fortnightly meetings, a bigger meeting area and access to the school oval.

The Open Night will run for the same times as regular meetings, i.e. 5-7pm sharp. For more information, please contact the club coordinator, Ronwyn on 0434 552955.

## Family Court Documents :

Please supply the school with a copy of family court documents that are relevant to custodial arrangements for your student/s in an effort to ensure the school has the most up-to-date information. Thanks.



## 2015 Term Dates

Term 1: 27th Jan to 2nd April  
Term 2: 20th April to 26th June  
Term 3: 13th July to 18th Sept  
Term 4: 6th Oct to 11th Dec