



# Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016



*'For Our Children'*

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## YOUR SCHOOL FETE IS THIS WEEKEND!

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 3pm.** The fete will go ahead regardless of weather, unless there is a safety concern. Funds raised at your fete will contribute enormously to audio-visual improvements in the hall. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered, donated, or sponsored - we appreciate it! For more info, please email [mcssfete@gmail.com](mailto:mcssfete@gmail.com). Updates are available at our **Mount Cotton State School P&C fete** Facebook event.



We cannot run your fete without your help - we still need **VOLUNTEERS** on the day! Please complete the volunteer form and return to the P&C box, text 0423 731 175 or email [mcssfete@gmail.com](mailto:mcssfete@gmail.com).

We are seeking **DONATIONS** of:

- \*Books
  - \*Plants
  - \*Soft drink cans
  - \*Sideshow alley prizes
  - \*Temporary coloured hairspray
  - \*\*We are also seeking large eskys and a BBQ to borrow.
- Please call 0423 731 175 if you can help.



**DONATIONS for the cake stall** can be delivered to the hall kitchen on Friday 13 May from 8.15am. Please include a tag of ingredients, and estimated sale pricing. Trays are available near the P&C box. The commercial kitchen of a local community service is available for baking on May 11 & 12, 3.30-6.30pm. Text Megan on 0418180116.

There will be heaps of activities including showbags, market stalls, performances and live entertainment!  
**An ATM is available but COINS will also be handy.**

A **shuttle bus** will run 9.30am – 3.30pm for a gold coin donation per family. The bus will run a loop from the school grounds, along Valley Way to Heinemann Road and return. Pick-up and drop-off stops will be signposted at regular bus stops.



**FOOD & DRINK** will be available including:

- \*Hot chips
- \*Snow cones
- \*Woodfire pizza
- \*Coffee
- \*Hamburgers / chicken burgers
- \*Tuckshop will be selling sandwiches, fruit cups, ice creams, drinks, chips.
- \*Bar (11am-3pm with beer/wine/cider at top oval)
- \*Dagwood dogs
- \*Sausage sizzle
- \*Dippin' dots icecream
- \*Cake stall

Coins will be handy in **SIDESHOW ALLEY** for:

- \*Knock 'em downs
- \*Lob a choc
- \*Crazy hair
- \*Guess the number of balloons
- \*Dunk tank. Up for a dunking are Meagan Steward, Julie Talty, Matt McEachan, Kim Maroske, Belinda Boland, Lisa Pavey, Nigel Wiggins, Donna Wilkins, Sue Harris & Logan from Crossfit. Schedule to be confirmed.
- \*Ducks
- \*Lucky dips
- \*AMF bowling lane



We will have **RIDES** including:

- \*Giant slide
- \*Cup 'n' saucer
- \*Lost temple
- \*Sizzler
- \*Giant chairs
- \*Jumping castle



**The pre-sale of unlimited ride armbands has been EXTENDED!** Available from the uniform shop this Tuesday and Wednesday 2-3pm ONLY, or complete the attached form and return with payment by Thursday May 12th. Pre-sale armbands can be collected from 9.30-10.30am on fete day on the top oval or at the ride ticket booth after 10.30am. Unlimited ride arm bands will be available on fete day for \$35 each and single rides will be \$6 each.

## THANKS TO OUR FETE SPONSORS!



## NEXT P&C MEETING – 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm

Please join us in the library.

### FUNDRAISING NEWS – Entertainment Books!

Hi all! **Entertainment books** are available for sale now, we are doing them a little different this year. You will receive an envelope sent home with info and payment options. If you wish to purchase, fill in the form with credit card details or cash and pop it into the P&C box in the office or log into our school payment page and do it online - easy. There will even be an email with a direct link to the payment page sent next week - super easy! If you don't want to purchase, just dispose of the envelope at home. These books are huge value at only \$65 giving you over \$20,000 worth of voucher's. Any questions, email [fundraisingmcsc@gmail.com](mailto:fundraisingmcsc@gmail.com) . Thanks! Jen

### HOW CAN I HELP?

- **CLASSROOM** – Why not ask your teacher if there is anything you can help with? Maybe you could take work home at drop-off and return at pick-up.
- **TUCKSHOP** – Can you spare a couple of hours on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday to help in our wonderful Tuckshop? If so, please visit Rachelle.
- **UNIFORM SHOP** – Can you help in our Uniform Shop? Please contact Kylie Shiels on 0421 556 932 or email to [hello@knoxwear.com.au](mailto:hello@knoxwear.com.au)

### P&C FACEBOOK & TWITTER

Don't miss school info and reminders.



'Like' and 'Share' **Mount Cotton State School Community** facebook page and follow **MCSS Community** on Twitter. Email class or year level reminders to [nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com](mailto:nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com) and we will share with other families too.

### TUCKSHOP NEWS – Visit us at the Fete!



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the AMAZING volunteers who generously gave up their spare time to help in the tuckshop. Without volunteers our tuckshop simply couldn't function. We're always seeking **volunteers**, across all tuckshop days. We love to see new faces so if you can spare an hour of your time, every bit helps. Volunteering is a great way to give to your school!

Over the counter ordering shuts at **8.45am** and online ordering closes at **8.30am**. Online orders cannot be cancelled after 8.45am. If you need to cancel your child's order, please ring the office and they will forward your call to tuckshop. If you need to contact me, other than cancelling an order, email [tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au) Thanks. Rachelle

### UNIFORM SHOP

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](http://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.



Due to unforeseen circumstances we will not have a fete stall. Our new Uniform Shop Convenor, Kylie Shiels is available on 0421 556 932 or email to [hello@knoxwear.com.au](mailto:hello@knoxwear.com.au)

### From the Principal

How quickly the weeks go by, we are already in Week 5 of Term 2 and the pace does not appear to be slowing down. We have achieved so much already this term and it is a credit to our professional staff, our diligent students and our supportive parents.

Congratulations to Sinead from Senior B! Sinead has been selected in the Met East hockey team and will play on the Sunshine Coast from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of June.

### NAPLAN

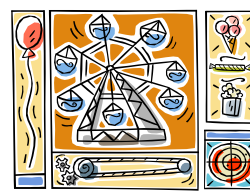
This week, our Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy). All schools across Australia will complete this testing and we have worked extremely hard to make sure that all students are well prepared for the tests. Good luck students! 😊

### Our P & C

This Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of May, is P & C day. This special day is held each year to celebrate the important work undertaken in our state schools by parents and citizens' associations. At Mount Cotton, we have a wonderful P & C that supports the school and we appreciate all they do. A special thanks to our P & C Executive, Nicole, Jess, Allison and Karla for their continued hard work and support.

### Fete

As you are aware, this week we have our fete! We still require volunteers to help run the event. If you are able to help, please contact the P & C. We would love your support for our main fundraiser for the year.



## Our Problem Solving Strategies:

Our Problem Solving strategies at Mount Cotton are:

- Act it out
- Draw a picture/diagram
- Find a pattern
- Make a table
- Make a list
- Check for relevant/irrelevant information
- Break it up into smaller tasks
- Work backwards
- Solve a simpler/similar program
- Guess and check



### **DRAW A PICTURE OR DIAGRAM**



Draw objects, people, numbers, symbols or arrows to help you understand the problem.

## Parent Surveys:

We are keen to hear feedback from our parents/carers. Links for our parent surveys were emailed yesterday (9<sup>th</sup> of May). Please complete the survey by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of May.

## Uniform Blitz: - Weeks 5 and 6 >> Our Winter Uniform!

Maroon Jumper (Preferably with MCSS embroidered emblem)

MCSS Maroon and White polo shirt – short or long sleeve.

Maroon Track Pants or long-length pants.

Maroon stockings/tights may be worn under culottes or dress – not under sports shorts and no leggings.

## Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is **95%**.

Below is the **Week 4** attendance percent for each class.

Term 2, 2016	Wk 4
<b>Prep</b>	<b>96</b>
PA	95
PB	95
PC	98
PD	96
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>96.75</b>
1A	97
1B	98
1C	97
1D	95
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>92.5</b>
2A	91
2B	91
2C	90
2D	98
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>95.25</b>
3A	86
3B	99
3C	98
3D	98
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>96.67</b>
4A	97
4B	93

4C	100
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>94.75</b>
5A	92
5B	96
5C	98
5D	93
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>94.67</b>
SA	97
SB	94
SC	93

We look forward to seeing you throughout the term and thank you for your ongoing support of the school.

Regards,

Meagan Steward

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## From the Deputy Principal: Glenice Cleary

### Assemblies:

Week 5: No assemblies this week due to NAPLAN.

### NAPLAN:

A reminder about our NAPLAN breakfasts. The Year 3 breakfast was this morning and Year 5 will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of May. The breakfast will be from 8 am to 8:30 am. A great way to begin the day! A special thank you to our P & C for supplying the muffins.

Kind regards,

Glenice Cleary

### 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 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 1 Wildlife on Wheels, \$8.50. BPoint Deadline 9 May and Cash Window Deadline 12 May.
- First Interschool Sports Day \$9 BPoint Deadline 9 May and Cash Window Deadline 12 May.
- Year 4 Apple Store \$9 BPoint Deadline 16 May and Cash Window Deadline 19 May.
- Year 2 Excursion Bus Tour \$16 BPoint Deadline 16 May and Cash Window Deadline 19 May
- Second Interschool Sports Day \$8 BPoint Deadline 23 May and Cash Window Deadline 26 May

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.**

**In Sport**

Congratulations Jay  
Jay has been selected in the Bayside tennis team to compete in the Metropolitan East Tennis Championships in June. Good Luck Jay.

**School Photo's**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May



# Fete Donations



We are after **Baked Goods** (cakes, cupcakes, slices, muffins, biscuits etc) for our fete this weekend. Coles Bakery at Victoria Point has donated different sized containers that can be collected from the P & C stand in the office. Please complete the form below and attach to your baked goods. Please send all baked goods to the hall kitchen on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of May at 8 am to 9:30 am.

What have you baked?:.....

Ingredients:

Please list all ingredients you have used

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