



Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 12th May 2015



'For Our Children'

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NEXT P&C MEETING



Our next meeting will be held this **Wednesday 13th May 2015 at 7pm** in the school library. Everyone is welcome!!

From The President

Hi everyone. I hope all the mothers had a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday and all enjoyed the great gift from the Mother's Day stall. A big thanks to Kirk Jackson and his team of helpers. The store was a great success and the kids had the best time picking some great gifts.

The Entertainment books have been sent home and if you wish not to purchase it can you please send the book back to school ASAP.

Thanks Nicole

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 Irvine so we can share the information with other parents on Facebook. Please email Leah at leahirvine3@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, phone 0418 438 747 to offer your assistance.

FUNDRAISING NEWS:

The Mother's Day stall, held last week, was a huge success. A big thank you to Kirk Jackson for again organising the whole event and to the volunteers that

helped over the two days. We hope all the wonderful Mothers loved their gifts bought with love by their children. Thank you if you have purchased the Entertainment Book. All books that have not been purchased should by now have been returned to your child's class teacher. We are in the process of organising a fundraising fun run/obstacle course for term 2, so please watch out for further information regarding this. Thank you again to our volunteers that have helped out in any way for fundraising. We value your assistance.

Danielle Kissane



Tuckshop News:

Hi everyone. Due to parent feedback we have made some changes to the tuckshop menu. The new menu will be going out today so please check your children's bag for a copy or come and see me in the tuckshop. Sushi will be off the menu for a while as we are searching for a new supplier. I am sorry for the disappointment and will rectify this as soon as possible. As always new volunteers are always needed. Your children love seeing you there and you get to meet some great new friends. If you are interested, come on down and introduce yourself.

Jo Wildermoth

Tuckshop Convenor

0468 944 420

www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Uniform Shop News:

OPENING HOURS FOR TERM 2:



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

Price List & Order Form – These are 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. Forms can be returned to the P&C box in the school office or the uniform shop.

Just a reminder, that we have received our prep jumpers. If you had your name down for one please come and collect it ASAP. Also our tracksuit pants are selling really well at only \$10 a pair so if you are wanting some make sure you don't miss out. Sizes are limited. Have a great week.

Cheers, Mel. **EMAIL:** mel-foster@live.com.au

PHONE: 0418 438 747



From the Principal:

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! ☺.

Activities That Promote Early Literacy And Numeracy Concepts

Here are some fun, everyday activities you can do with your child to help develop their literacy and numeracy skills:

- play word games when out together, such as playing 'I spy' in the car. For young children, you can use colours such as 'I spy something that is red'
- paint and draw — art allows children to express themselves. As your child learns more words you may notice their paintings or drawings become more detailed
- sing songs or nursery rhymes while taking a walk, packing away toys or in the car
- dress up — children can practise their language and communication skills by playing 'make believe'
- play outdoors — pouring water or sand into containers, scales and measuring containers allows your child to explore numeracy concepts
- do a puzzle — puzzles are a great way for children to learn about sizes, shape and colours
- play with blocks — concepts of size, numbers, patterns and problem-solving can be explored by playing with blocks. You can help extend your child's mathematical and spatial concepts by giving them paper, pencil and a ruler for drawing their block buildings
- ask your child open-ended questions — this encourages them to practise expressing themselves and lets them know you value their thoughts
- think out loud — so your child can learn about how you solve problems
- read books — reading together can be a special and relaxing time. It can help your child enjoy reading from a young age and give them a head start at school.

Term 2 Parent Calendar:

We have changed the date of the P & C Fun Run due to a Year 5 excursion. The new date will be 18th of June.

Uniform Blitz:

During Term 2, we will have a weekly uniform blitz.

Our Uniform Blitz: Week 4 blitz is SOCKS! ☺

- Plain White Ankle Socks

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

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

Below is the attendance percent for all of **Week 3:**

PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
90.48	91.82	97.27	99.09	95.45	91.82	95.45	98.18
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
94.78	97.39	92.50	96.67	96.92	92.31	94.62	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
85	92	95	92.50	90.97	97.14	94.67	
SA	SB	SC					
96	95.20	96					

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

Regards,
Meagan Steward
mstew40@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy Principal:

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.

The activities this term are:

TERM 2 Days for each year level are:

Monday: Yr 2 & 3
Tuesday: Yr 1
Wednesday: Yr 4 & 5
Thursday: Prep
Friday: Yr 6

Week Number	Activity
1	Disco
2	Musical Games (Bob and Freeze, Statues etc)
3	Camp Games (Monte Carlo, Knights)
4	School Yard Games (skipping, elastics, hoops)
5	School Yard Games (skipping, elastics, hoops)
6	Musical Games (Bob and Freeze, Statues etc)
7	Bingo
8	Camp Games (Monte Carlo, Knights)
9	Pictionary
10	Disco

Kind regards,
Glenice Cleary
gclea1@eq.edu.au

Chappy News

On Sunday 21st of June, MCSS Chaplaincy is holding a Family Fun Day from 2-4pm at the school. Entry is free and there will be a free jumping castle, free games, entertainment from the Cotton Hoppers, our school choirs, Eddie Echidna and Chappy Jo. There will be a sausage sizzle, cold drinks, cappuccino's, cakes and slices for sale.

If anyone is happy to donate cakes, muffins and slices to sell, please see Tanya Edser or myself. If would like to assist for the 2 hours it would be appreciated as we are still in need of a couple of volunteers.

Thanks, **Chappy Jo**

Sports News

Congratulations Taylor!

Taylor has been selected in the Bayside Girls Softball Team. Taylor will be competing at the Metropolitan East Softball Carnival in June. Good Luck Taylor.

Yours in Sport, Sue Harris

Adopt-A-Cop News

Hi everyone. Last Wednesday I attended school and visited year 5A – Mrs Jayawardhana’s class. We discussed issues surrounding mobile phone apps, such as Instagram and why it’s important to NOT be using these kinds of apps when you’re too young. **Instagram** users should be **13 years and over**. We also discussed Cyber Bullying and watched a video presentation on some dangers of talking with unknown people. I was so impressed with the class’ participation and manners, so much so that they were awarded an Adopt-A-Cop certificate for their attentiveness and participation. Thank you to all students. Parents please ask your children about this lesson as they should have brought home some brochures for you to read.

Your friend, Constable Jo. "Stay Safe"

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.**

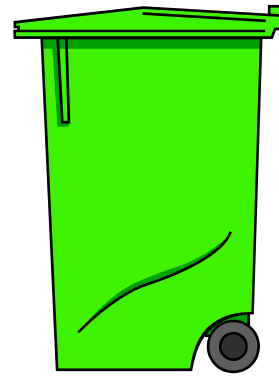
Events Money Due:

- Profession Jellybean Prep, \$9 due Thurs 14th May
- Ngutana Lui Year 3, \$18.50 due Thurs 21st May
- Interschool Sport Yrs 5 & 6, \$8 due Thurs 21st May
- Apple Store Excursion Yr 4, \$8 due Thurs 4th June

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.

Remember to sign in & out in the classroom if you are helping in the class

Remember to sign in & out at the office if you are helping anywhere else



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.

Permission Forms Online

Please be aware that replacement permission forms for paid activities are uploaded onto the school’s website for your convenience.

Please go to :

Support & Resources/Forms & Documents/ Documents/Permission Forms

Absences

Student Absence Line: 3822 0460

Please leave: name, class & brief reason.

Long Absences:

admin@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au

Community News

Giveaway: Piano.

Costs to remove from the school are to be at the new owner’s expense.

Please contact the school office on 3822 0444

