



Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 16th August 2016



'For Our Children'

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

SAVE THE DATE: Chaplain morning tea is to be held on Tuesday 30th August 8.30am at the hall. Please come along and get to know our new Chaplain Bonny and see what she has planned for Mt Cotton. Thanks. Nicole

COLOURFUL DISCO

With a little over a week to go until our "Colourful Disco", **we are in need of parent helpers** to assist in running both discos. The success of our discos relies on the support of parents. If you are able to lend a hand during the night, please email Fiona at fundraisingmcss@gmail.com

Friday 26th August

Junior (Prep-Yr2) 5-6.30pm
Senior (Yr3-Yr6) 7-8.30pm
Entry cost \$5.00

The canteen will be open with our usually favourites and the BBQ will be cooking a fantastic sausage sizzle. REMEMBER TO COME DRESSED IN A BRIGHT AND COLOURFUL OUTFIT.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

The P&C Father's Day Stall will be held on **Wednesday 31st Aug & Thursday 1st Sep**. A list of available items and class roster will be available soon! If you can spare time on the day to volunteer, please contact Kirk Jackson 0490 096 698 or kirk4tracey@yahoo.com.au

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Welcome to Week 6! Parents and Caregivers, if you order through Flexischools please be advised to check the date for each break that you order. We have had a number of issues this week because orders have been placed on the wrong date. If you would like to open an account with Flexischools go to www.flexischools.com.au. If orders need to be cancelled in the morning, please contact Flexischools direct on 1300 361 769.



I would like to thank all my wonderful volunteers this week, you are all amazing!

Without you the Tuckshop would not function. For parents looking to give back to their school, I am always chasing volunteers!

Due to the standard of watermelons at the moment, watermelon wedges will not be available till further notice. However, we have other options of fruit available and we have just added to our menu whole oranges cut into wedges for \$1.50.

If you need to contact me for any reason, you can either call me through the school phone number on (07) 3822 0444 or alternatively email me at tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au.

Have a fabulous week!! Rachele

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening hours for Term 3:

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 Convener.

hello@knoxwear.com.au / 0421 556 932
Kylie :)



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 Rachele 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:

As you are aware, we have had some students competing at the World Skipping Championships. Kirra, Stephanie and Holly competed in the 2016 World Jump Rope Championships in Portugal. Holly was also selected and competed at the 2016 FISAC World Rope Skipping Championships in Sweden.

World Jump Rope Competition, Portugal results:

Kirra and **Stephanie** competed in the under 10yrs pairs division and received the following results:

3rd place pairs double unders

2nd place pairs freestyle

3rd place pairs Chinese wheel

Kirra also placed 3rd in her individual 30sec speed.

Holly competed in the 11-12 team events with ex-students Abbi Eckert and **Elke** and received:

1st in double Dutch speed pairs

1st in double Dutch speed team

2nd in double Dutch freestyle

2nd in team freestyle

3rd in pair double unders

World Championships, Sweden Results:

The girls represented Australia at worlds. Current student Holly with previous Mount Cotton students Abbi, Elke and 2 other team members from the Mount Cotton Hot Shots Skipping Team competed in the 12-14years Team Division at the 2016 FISAC World Rope Skipping Championships held in Sweden. The girls competed against 17 teams from 11 different countries and placed 1st overall!

The team placed in the top 3 of each of the component events and had flawless routines and personal bests in their speed events. They were the most consistent team on the floor. This was their first World Championships and to walk away as World Champions is a just reward for all the hard work the skippers have put into their training. Congratulations to the girls and Ms Hodgson! A fantastic achievement!

Coral – Karate Performance

Coral was invited to attend the 45th National Karate Championships, this year in Melbourne as a Queensland Karate team representative. Over 1300 competitors from across Australia attended and competed over the 3 days. Coral competed against very strong competition and earned her place into the final with two hard fought victories over South Australia and Victoria. Overall she placed 2nd in Australia for her age category for Kumite (an event which will be introduced at the 2020 Olympic Games). Congratulations Coral, a fantastic effort!

Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools:

The Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools recognise and reward Queensland state schools that are significantly improving student learning outcomes through excellent teaching practices. The Showcase Awards are acknowledged as the Queensland Government's most prestigious educational awards.

The awards aims to:

- recognise, celebrate and reward excellent teaching practice in state schools
- foster a learning culture that supports sharing excellent practices
- create professional development opportunities and
- promote public education

Our Senior Springboard Program has received wonderful anecdotal feedback from staff, students, parents and local high schools since the implementation of the program in 2013. We have also had significant measurable success with our students. Due to this, we entered the Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools - Network Ten Showcase Award for Excellence in the Early and Primary Years category for our Senior Springboard Program – Springboard to Success. On the last day of term, winners were announced and we received a **commendation** for our program!! We will receive a \$250 development grant. We are thrilled with the result as this was the first year we had entered into the Showcase Awards and really believe in our Springboard program.

1:1 iPad Program - 2017

'If we teach today's students as we taught yesterday's we rob them of tomorrow' (*John Dewey*)

The Mount Cotton State School 1:1 iPad program:

- Allows for personalised learning
- Facilitates the development of 21st century knowledge and skills
- Creates a model for lifelong learning
- Provides an engaging, interactive learning environment
- Allows continuous access to educational materials allowing learning to happen anywhere, anytime
- Strengthens links between home and school

The advantages of using an iPad include:

- access to knowledge and information using a variety of content and creation apps (many of which are free) to support student learning;
- access to a wealth of information on the Internet when they need it through wireless connectivity;
- access to rich media including digital stories, image and video;
- increased productivity through quick loading of apps and quick response of the iPad;
- the iPads operating system is very reliable, ensuring maximum up-time;
- provides simple yet sophisticated text, audio and video-based communication facilities for

collaboration with peers, teachers and experts in a local, national or global context;

- ability to personalise learning and provide work targeted at the correct level for students;
- high student engagement both independently and collaboratively.

We will be holding a Year 3 Parent Information Evening on the 17th of August from 5 pm to 6 pm in the 4A and 4B classrooms. Year 3 Parents - Expression of Interest forms are due this **Friday**.

Prep 2017

Now is the time to start thinking about enrolling children into Prep for next year. If you or your friends have children born between July 1st 2011 and 30th June 2012 they are eligible to be enrol in prep in 2017. More information about our 2017 prep information sessions will be announced soon.

To be part of our 2017 Prep Transition program, all enrolment paperwork must be submitted.

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is **95%**. Below is the attendance percent for Week 5.

Prep	94.75
PA	95
PB	95
PC	94
PD	95
Year 1	95.5
1A	98
1B	97
1C	95
1D	92
Year 2	95.5
2A	96
2B	97
2C	96
2D	93
Year 3	94.25
3A	94
3B	92
3C	97
3D	94
Year 4	91.6
4A	89
4B	93
4C	93
Year 5	94
5A	100
5B	90
5C	95
5D	91
Year 6	91.6
SA	92
SB	94
SC	89

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 Library

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club catalogues for Issue 6, 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 August 24.

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

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**
- **Jacob's Well Excursion Prep \$23.50. BPoint Deadline Mon 15th Aug. Cash Window Deadline Thurs 18th Aug.**
- **Living History Incursion Year 4 \$17. BPoint Deadline Mon 15th Aug. Cash Window Deadline Thurs 18th Aug.**
- **Fourth Interschool Sports Day Yrs 5 & 6. \$9. BPoint deadline Mon 22nd Aug. Cash Window deadline is Thurs 25th Aug.**

Important Notice: The BPoint invoice numbers are specific to each activity. Please do not use a single invoice number repeatedly for different activities. Transactions will not credit against your child/ren name/s as a result.

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 each term.

From the Office: Sick Students

The sick bay has been very, very busy of late, with many sick students saying that they have been sick on the morning of a school day and being given the option by parents of coming to school and they have opted to do so. We all agree that the best place for sick children is at home being cared for by a family member. To prevent **cross infections** and **prolonged illness** we ask that parents please keep at home students who are sick. Many thanks for your co-operation.

From the Deputy Principal:

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent interviews will be held at the end of this term. Please negotiate a suitable time with the classroom teacher if you wish to have a parent interview.

Our Buddy Bench

Please be reminded about our Buddy Bench which was donated by the Bosden family. We have also added a second buddy bench on the top oval.

Monday	Year 2 and 3
Tuesday	Year 1
Wednesday	Year 4 and 5
Thursday	Prep
Friday (last week due to interschool sport)	Year 6



This is a way of helping to promote positive relationships amongst our students and foster friendships in the playground. During lunch time, if our students do not have anyone to play with, they sit on the buddy bench and then another child will come up and ask if they would like to play with them. We will also have our student councillors

BUDDY BENCH

If you choose to sit on the bench, you **MUST** say yes to the first friend who invites you to play, or walk and talk.

If you see a friend when you are sitting on the bench, invite them to play, or walk and talk.

Two friends sitting on the bench can turn to each other and invite each other to play, or walk and talk.

monitoring the buddy bench so no one sits on the buddy bench for very long.

Kind regards,
Glenice Cleary



Science Week

National Science Week is from the 13th -21st August. As part of the science celebrations at Mount Cotton State School the senior students will be presenting a series of experiments and scientific demonstrations in the hall during lunchtime "Great Mates". Senior Students as part of their studies will be researching and presenting a science demonstration of their own choosing. All students are encouraged to have a look at the displays and hands on activities in the hall on their allocated day, and explore the inner scientist in themselves.

Donna Wilkins
Senior Springboard Teacher

Sports News

Congratulations to all students who competed at the Bayside District Athletics Carnival on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th August. From all reports you were all very successful in your events, and the sportsmanship you displayed was outstanding.

The following students were involved in finals throughout the carnival:

Jorja, Macey and Alfie - 800m Final

Maya and Sarah - 100m Final

Sarah - 200m Final

A special congratulations goes to Trae who came 2nd in the 10yrs boys long jump.

Trae has been selected as a member of the Bayside District Track & Field team to compete at the Metropolitan East Track & Field Championships in September.

Fantastic effort Trae! Good luck at the Met East Championships.

Bookweek Costumes!