



Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 21st June 2016



'For Our Children'

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NEXT P&C MEETING – The next P & C Meeting is Wednesday 13th July at 9am in the MiHub room.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hi everyone! With the term coming to an end I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday as this has been a long term and it's been filled with a lot. I hope everyone gets to relax and refuel over the break. I am certainly looking forward to having some quality time with my family. A big thank you goes to everyone for all your help and support. Enjoy your holidays. Regards Nicole

SCHOOL BANKING COMPETITION!

Well, that's banking for another term. Our little Term 2 Banking Competition is done and dusted. The lucky winner will be drawn today and gift basket will be delivered to the winner this week. Yah! But don't get disillusioned. If you are not the winner, we have another competition on offer again in Term 3. It is just way too exciting.

This year's competition ties in with our Outback Savers theme.

The Dollarmites have discovered Prize Lights in the Outback sky! Now hold onto your telescopes there are some great prizes on offer - camping kits, instant cameras, magazine packs and lastly PLAYSTATION 4 packs. I know like totally WOW !!

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FUNDRAISING NEWS

Hi All! There will be a **sausage sizzle** and **raffle** as part of the election day on Saturday 2nd July and we are chasing some awesome people to come along and help us turn sausages, write raffle tickets and hand out drinks. We have two sessions running that still need to be filled, so if you can help for either or both please let Jen know by email or text. 9am -12pm and 12pm-3pm. We will be set up under J block so come see us on the day and support the school and buy a ticket to win a WEBER BABY Q!

Next term we will be holding a **pie drive** - who doesn't love an awesome pie on a winter's night? The order forms will be given out the first Wednesday back. If you can make it to the next P&C meeting there will possibly be some yummy treats to try.

Entertainment book sales are finishing up so if you still haven't placed your order please do so ASAP.

And last of all, if you are looking for a fun way of helping in and around the school how about coming on board the **fundraising committee**? We are always looking for new friendly faces and awesome ideas.

Thanks. Jen

fundraisingmcss@gmail.com or 0437020092

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening hours for Term 2:

Tuesday afternoons	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Thursday mornings	8.15am – 9.15am

Hi Everyone! **We are finalising orders for 2017 this week. If you require sizes over a size 14 please let us know this week as we only carry limited stock of those sizes.**



It's been super busy in the shop the last few weeks and I want to say thanks to all the amazing parents for your patience.

I also want to say a MASSIVE thankyou to the amazing girls who volunteer time every day to make Mt Cotton State School the best school with the best resources for our kids. I got to attend my first P&C meeting which was not really what I expected as I had no idea about all the guidelines and responsibilities that our P&C committee are obliged to adhere to and they do this all in their own time. You guys Rock!

Also thanks go to P&C for cleaning/sorting/muscles to help design a new shop layout making it easier to look/try/buy our school uniforms. If you need to stop in any other time outside opening hours, please send me a message to arrange.

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 Convenor.

hello@knoxwear.com.au / 0421 556 932

Kylie :)

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The final week is here! Firstly, I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused by the tuckshop closing last Friday (17th June). Unfortunately, I became extremely unwell Thursday and a decision was made to close the tuckshop. This was a decision made between Principal Steward, P&C executives and myself. This decision was not made lightly. The opening times for tuckshop this week are: Wednesday 22nd – full service with ordering. Thursday 23rd – Snack service ONLY / NO ORDERING. Friday 24th – tuckshop CLOSED.



Our new online system will be operational at the beginning of Term 3!!! To set up an account, simply go to flexischools.com.au and follow the prompts. Your current online account with ouronlinecanteen can be "closed" by going into your account details and selecting this option. Any money left can be deposited into the bank account of your choice.

I would like to wish all of you a wonderful and safe mid-year break. Rachelle

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 Rachelle about helping in **tuckshop** if you have spare time Weds, Thurs or Fri.
- Contact Kylie if you 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

As this is the last newsletter for Term 2, I would like to congratulate all students for their hard work over the past 10 weeks. It has been an extremely busy term and our students have made us proud with the effort they have put in. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for their continued support and our dedicated teachers who continually work hard to ensure your children have the best learning opportunities available to them.

Term 3 Parent Calendar:

The Term 3 parent calendar will be sent home at the end of this week.

Report Cards:

Your child's Semester 1 report will be emailed home tomorrow. This report includes a rating on your child's academic achievement, effort and behaviour, as well as comments made by your child's teacher/s to provide valuable information regarding their progress so far this year. We encourage all families to take the time to discuss your child's report card with them to identify areas of success and to set goals for achievement in Semester 2.

Our Vision is to grow Clever, Creative and Caring children and we encourage all students to strive to achieve to their potential. For some students, regardless of their level of achievement, their rating is a result of them applying themselves and working extremely hard. These students should feel proud of their efforts and be congratulated.

We trust that you will find the information in your child's report card informative. We welcome parents to discuss any aspect of the report card with the classroom teacher.

Team IQ

As you are aware, in 2016, we are continuing with Team IQ. Team IQ is when our teachers meet in small groups, to share expertise and work collaboratively to improve the academic performance of students. Each teacher has an explicit focus for 6 weeks. Our students complete a pre-check (Week 2) and then after the intensive focus (6 weeks) they complete a post-check/test (Week 8). The teachers have additional staff meetings in Week 2 and 8 to discuss their explicit focus and their students. **Every student counts!**

Please see the attached document which records the distance travelled from Week 2 to Week 8 in Term 2! We are very proud of our results and the progress our students made. Every student counts! ☺

CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING – TERM 2

Year 2	2A - Tuesday 21 st of June at 2 pm 2B – Thursday 23 rd of June at 2 pm 2C – Wednesday 22 nd of June at 9:45 am 2D – Friday 24 th of June at 9 am
Year 4	4C - Thursday 23 rd June at 9am
Year 5	Thurs 23 rd June after assembly Friday 24 th June 2pm (REPEAT)
Senior	Wednesday 22 nd of June at 2 pm

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

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

Below is the **Week 10** attendance percent for each class.

Term 2, 2016	Wk 10
Prep	93
PA	92
PB	96
PC	94
PD	90
Year 1	95
1A	98
1B	91
1C	94
1D	97
Year 2	94
2A	91
2B	96
2C	96
2D	93
Year 3	95.25
3A	95
3B	95
3C	97
3D	94
Year 4	92.3
4A	88
4B	95
4C	94
Year 5	95.5
5A	94
5B	95
5C	98
5D	95
Year 6	95.6
SA	97
SB	99
SC	91

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:

Assembly – next term

Our Year 3's will join our senior assembly for Semester 2. Assemblies will begin in Week 2.

Free Dress Day - Purple Day

This Thursday, 23rd June is a free dress day with a "wear purple" theme to raise funds for the Queensland Cancer Council. This is an annual fundraiser that our school holds each year in memory of a past staff member, Tess Peters, who passed away from cancer. Students and staff are encouraged to wear purple, which was Tess' favourite colour, and bring in a gold coin donation for the cause. We look forward to seeing a sea of purple across the school on Thursday.

Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

Glenice Cleary
Deputy Principal

From the Library

All library books are now due to be returned. If students believe they have returned books that are still showing as overdue it is important they report this to Library staff so a check of the shelves can be made.

Lost property

3 umbrellas have been left in the Library – possibly after the Altitude Celebration of Learning sessions last week : 1 – pink with black lace edging, 1 – 'soft' green check pattern, 1 – blue Oroton pattern. Also there is a pair of knitted maroon gloves (small) – probably belonging to a Prep or Year 1 student.

Student Librarians – Semester 1

The following students will receive certificates at Thursday's assembly for their contributions to the smooth running and organisation of the Library during Semester 1 - **Chloe, Ava, Tia, Isaac, Monet, Jada, Neve, Isabella , Olivia and Anna** . They have done a wonderful job and have demonstrated a high level of responsibility in carrying out their duties.

Student Librarians – Semester 2

I am pleased to announce that the Student Librarians for Semester 2 are – **Ember, Ryan , Lilli-J , Harrison, Emerson, Kittie, Abbey and Scarlett**. These students will be presented with their badges at Thursday's assembly.

Helen Plaschke
Teacher-Librarian

library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au

Sports News

Congratulations to all Prep – Year 2 students who participated in the Junior Athletics Carnival on Friday 17th June 2016. Lucky for us the rain stayed away and there were a lot of smiling happy faces. I hope you all had fun and went home with some fantastic memories. Congratulations to **Barawa** - the winning house on the day! Check out the photos below.

Yours in Sport, Sue Harris

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**
- **Gold Rush Year 5, \$32. BPoint deadline is Mon 11th July and Cash Window deadline is Thurs 14th July.**
- **Year 4 Camp. Non-refundable deposit \$100 Cash Window deadline Thurs 23rd 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.

**Have a great holiday!
See you in Term 3.**