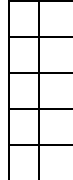




# Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016



*'For Our Children'*

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## NEXT P&C MEETING : Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 7pm in MiHub

### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hi everyone. On Tuesday 30th August at 8.30am the P&C will be hosting a morning tea to welcome our new school Chaplain. I would like to invite everyone to come down and meet Chappy Bonny and see what she has planned for Mt Cotton. Please save the date.

A big thanks to our school community for getting behind our pie drive fundraiser. We have had a huge number of pies orders and we will be working hard on Wednesday to make sure all your orders are ready for collection. Don't forget to pick up orders from the tuckshop on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August between 2-5pm.

Thanks Nicole

### FATHER'S DAY STALL

This year's P&C Father's Day Stall will be held on Wednesday 31st Aug & Thursday 1st Sep. Children can purchase gifts for their Dad's & Granddad/Pa/Pop's and help the school at the same time! Each class will visit the stall at allotted times and we will also be open during lunch breaks.

Please bring a carry/plastic bag to put your purchases in. Volunteers to run the stall should contact Kirk Jackson 0490 096 698 or [kirk4tracey@yahoo.com.au](mailto:kirk4tracey@yahoo.com.au) and specify the amount of time they can help out on either day.

### FUNDRAISING NEWS

Hi All! Wow! What an awesome effort! For our first **pie drive** in a quite a few years, the school community purchased over \$5500 worth of pies/slices. It was great to see so many of our families contribute to the success of this pie drive. A special thanks to the Merzliakov family who ordered 39 pies!! Way to go!! Orders MUST be collected between 2 – 5pm this WEDNESDAY 3RD AUGUST, from the tuckshop area. Please note – we don't have facilities to store the pies at school. If an emergency arises and you're unable to get to school within this timeframe, please phone Fiona on the day (PH: 0410 461 917).

Our final **school disco** for the year will be Friday 26th August. We are looking for suggestions for a theme for our disco. Please email Jen [fundraisingmcss@gmail.com](mailto:fundraisingmcss@gmail.com) with any ideas. For those who love to dance, we'd love to hear from you! We will need help in the following areas during both Junior & Senior Discos:

\*Front Door (to collect entrance fee)

\*BBQ gurus

\*Canteen

Send us an email [fundraisingmcss@gmail.com](mailto:fundraisingmcss@gmail.com) if you're able to help out on the night. Thanks Jen

### 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](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. [hello@knoxwear.com.au](mailto:hello@knoxwear.com.au) / 0421 556 932. Kylie :)

### TUCKSHOP NEWS

Thank you! A BIG thank you to all the volunteers who so generously gave up their time this week to help get your children's lunches made and out on time. You're all AMAZING!



WE NEED YOU! As the tuckshop is becoming busier and busier, more volunteers are needed. If you like to have a bit of fun while giving back to your school, the tuckshop is the place for you! If you could spare anywhere from 30 minutes to a couple of hours, on any day, I would love to see you. Grandparents and fathers are welcome. Unfortunately, due to health and safety we can't have little ones in the tuckshop.

If you need to contact me for any reason, I can be contacted via the schools number on 3822 0444, or alternatively via email at [tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au)

**New item: Oranges cut into wedges \$1.50 ... order some today!**

OUR NEW ONLINE SUPPLIER IS **FLEXISCHOOLS!!** To open an account simply log onto [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). Click the 'register' icon and follow the prompts. If you need to cancel an online order after cut off time of 8.30am, or have any queries regarding your account, please call flexischools on 1300 361 769.

\*\*\* If you plan on ordering tuckshop on Friday, Thursday night is the best time because Friday mornings there is always a high volume of orders and it may take some time  
\*\*\* Have a wonderful week. Rachelle

### SCHOOL BANKING

Our term 3 "Prize Lights" competition is well under way. All you have to do is bank 3 times this term to be in the draw to win some great prizes. What's more, students who complete the fun **Stargazing online activity**, along with making three or more school Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting [commbank.com.au/prizelights](http://commbank.com.au/prizelights). Happy Banking and we look forward to seeing your banking wallets on Tuesday. Anita - Banking Guru

### 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:

### National Pyjama Day

On Friday, staff and students arrived at school wearing their pyjamas in support of the Pyjama Foundation. The Student Council are supporting this charity to raise awareness and funds for children in foster care.

The Pyjama Foundation provides opportunities for children in foster care to be involved in activities that promote learning, life skills and confidence. The money raised on National Pyjama Day will help the foundation to offer opportunities to more than 1300 children in foster care. We raised \$690 – thanks for your generosity Mount Cotton!



### Redlands Eisteddfod

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of July and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of July, Mini Melodies (Year 1 and 2) and Mount Cotton Voices (Years 3 to 6) participated at the Redlands Eisteddfod. The children sang beautifully and looked impressive in their Mount Cotton school uniform. The Mount Cotton voices achieved a highly commended and Mini Melodies achieved 2<sup>nd</sup>! Congratulations to all students and Mrs Bath.

### New Purchases: ☺

Recently, we have purchased 6 new laptops for the Library and all laptops in the Library have been upgraded to Windows 8. We have also purchased 8 new desktops for the Senior Lab and 3 for the office and the cash window. Furthermore, a new colour printer also purchased for the Library for all students and staff to use.

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> of August from 5 pm to 6 pm in the 4A and 4B classrooms.

### Newsletter

At the end of August, our contract with our current newsletter supplier expires. At the beginning of September, we will be changing to a new company for our newsletter. The other change is that we will trial the newsletter being fortnightly for the remainder of the year.

At the end of the year, I will ask for feedback from staff and the school community.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3.

<b>Prep</b>	<b>95.5</b>
PA	96
PB	93
PC	95
PD	98
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>95</b>
1A	97
1B	90
1C	96
1D	97
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>93</b>
2A	95
2B	96
2C	89
2D	92
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>92.5</b>
3A	94
3B	92
3C	92
3D	92
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>93.6</b>
4A	90
4B	98
4C	93

<b>Year 5</b>	<b>93.5</b>
5A	91
5B	93
5C	93
5D	97
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>92</b>
SA	89
SB	93
SC	94

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](mailto:mstew40@eq.edu.au)

### **From the Deputy Principal:**

Cleveland District State High School visited our Senior students on Friday afternoon for a Science show. The presentation was enjoyed by all students!



Kind regards,  
 Glenice Cleary

### **Science Week**

National Science Week is from the 13<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> 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

### **Great Mates Science Week Roster**

**Monday – Year 2 and 3**

**Tuesday – Year 1**

**Wednesday – Year 4 and**

**Thursday – Prep**

**Friday – Year 6**



### **From the Library**

#### **Meerkat Production- reminder**

We will celebrate Book Week a little earlier on August 10<sup>th</sup> when the Meerkat production company will visit the school and perform a puppet show based on Mr Huff one of the books which have been shortlisted for the Book of the Year Early Childhood. This show is suitable for all ages as the Question and Answer section after the performance is tailored to the age of the audience. Please note that students are permitted to come to school on that day dressed as a book character but there will be no Junior Assembly due to the setup time required for the first performance at 9.30.

#### **Roald Dahl Readathon – August 1 – September 13**

If you love Roald Dahl books and you would like a chance to win free tickets to Matilda the Musical enter this competition! First step to unlock the entry form is to read at least seven of the books listed and complete seven quizzes before September 13. To enter readers will have to answer 'Who is your favourite character from Roald Dahl's Matilda and why?' – the best answer wins.

Details and sign up will be available at

[www.pen.gy/RoaldDahlReadathon](http://www.pen.gy/RoaldDahlReadathon) from August 1.

Helen Plaschke

Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

[library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](mailto: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**
- **Meerkat Incursion Prep to Yr 6 \$8.80. Cash Window Deadline Thurs 4th August.**
- **Interschool Sports Yrs 5 & 6 \$8. BPoint Deadline Mon 8th Aug. Cash Window Deadline Thurs 11th Aug.**
- **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.**
- **Year 5 Camp Non-refundable camp deposit \$100. BPoint payment due Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. Cash Window payment due Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Aug.**

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.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August - EKKA Public  
Holiday Redland City – School Closed**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August – Normal  
School Day**

**Pyjama Day!**