



# Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016



'For Our Children'

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## NEXT P&C MEETING : 12th October 2016 at 9.30am in Mi Hub

### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Our second disco for the year was a great success. We had a great turn out for the junior and senior disco and the kids looked to be having a great time. A big THANKS to all our helpers on the night - we couldn't do it without you.

The Cotton Club playgroup runs out of our school hall every Friday morning. Our lovely Yasmine who runs our playgroup is chasing some help. We are looking for someone to help run playgroup every second week to help take the work load off one person. If you are able to help please stop in and talk to Yasmine about what is required or feel free to give me a call.

Don't forget the **FATHER'S DAY STALL** is on this Wednesday and Thursday! Please refer to the class roster.

### Happy Father's Day



### Wednesday 31<sup>th</sup> Aug

Time	Class
9.30 - 9.50am	Prep B
9.50 - 10.10am	Prep C
10.10 - 10.30am	Prep D
10.30 - 10.45am	Prep A
11.30 - 11.45am	2B
11.45 - 12.00pm	2C
12.00 - 12.15pm	1B
12.15 - 12.30pm	2D
12.30 - 12.45pm	2A
1.30 - 1.45pm	Seniors
1.45 - 2.00pm	Seniors
2.00 - 2.15pm	4A
2.15 - 2.30pm	4B

### Thursday 1<sup>th</sup> Sept

Time	Class
9.15 - 9.30am	5A
9.30 - 9.45am	3A
9.45 - 10.00am	5C
10.00 - 10.15am	4C
10.15 - 10.30am	3D
10.30 - 10.45am	1C
11.30 - 11.45am	3C
11.45 - 12pm	3B
12.00 - 12.15pm	5D
12.15 - 12.30pm	
12.30 - 12.45pm	5B
1.30 - 1.45pm	1A
1.45 - 2.00pm	1D

### TUCKSHOP NEWS

**NEW TO THE MENU!** ORANGES CUT INTO WEDGES \$1.50. Due to the quality of watermelon, we have removed watermelon wedges for the time being.

Have you thought about giving back to school?

**Volunteering in the tuckshop** is perfect! I work on a roster system and would like some more volunteers. If you can spare 30mins to all day – weekly, fortnightly or monthly come in and have a coffee, enjoy the company and help create some sandwiches etc! If you would like to open an account online for the tuckshop, please go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

and follow the prompts. I can be emailed [tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au) or contacted through the school phone number on 3822 0444. Have a great week, Rachelle

## 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 :)



### 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:

#### Teacher Aide Day:

This Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September is Teacher Aide Day. A special thanks to all of our teacher aides for their dedication and enthusiasm! Our teacher aides work hard each day to support our teachers and students. Thank you! We appreciate all you do for us!

#### Cyber Safety Session – Year 4, 5 and Senior Parents

On 15<sup>th</sup> September at 5 pm, our adopt-a-cops, Laura and Tim will run a cyber safety session for our parents.

They will cover some general advice on:

- What children commonly do online
- Tips on how parents can help their children protect themselves whilst online
- Discussion on commonly used apps and their features
- Challenges children may face
- What to do if something goes wrong

#### Celebrations of Learning

Each class will be holding a Celebration of Learning this term to showcase the fantastic work they have been doing during the term. Parents and family members are invited to attend the Celebrations of Learning to see first-hand just how hard our students have worked and what wonderful things they have achieved.

Prep	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September at 9 to 10 am
Year 1	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September Grandparents Morning (see letter for details)
Year 2	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> of September at 9 am
Year 3	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> of September (after assembly)
Year 4	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September at 2:15pm
Year 5	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> of September (after assembly)
Senior	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> of August at 2 pm.

### 1:1 iPad Program - 2017

Thank you to the Year 3 parents for submitting the Expression of Interest for the Learning .... Your Way! Year 4 1:1 iPad Program. We had an overwhelming response from the parents supporting the program and keen for their child/ren to participate in 2017. Due to this, all of our Year 4 classes in 2017 will be iPad classes. This will mean, we will have our 1:1 iPad program in Year 4, 5 and Senior in 2017.

### 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.*

#### Early Entry and Delayed Entry into Prep

Information about early entry and delayed entry into prep can be found on the link below.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-operations/early-delayed-entry-prep.html>

#### Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

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

Below is the attendance percent for Week 7.

Prep	92.75
PA	94
PB	96
PC	93
PD	88
Year 1	93
1A	96
1B	98
1C	93
1D	85
Year 2	92.25
2A	97
2B	95
2C	88
2D	89
Year 3	96.5
3A	97
3B	93
3C	97
3D	99

Year 4	93
4A	90
4B	97
4C	92
Year 5	95.75
5A	98
5B	97
5C	91
5D	97
Year 6	96
SA	97
SB	94
SC	96

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:**

#### **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.

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 5 Camp Final Cash Window payment \$68.50 due Thurs 1st Sept.
- Volleyball Day Yr 6 Final BPoint payment \$8 due Mon 5th Sept. Final Cash Window payment \$8 due Thurs 8th Sept.

#### ***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 term**



**Congratulations** to the following children who have completed the challenge in the last 2 weeks. They are added to the growing list of finishers.

**Maia  
Levi  
Ethan  
Ava  
Scarlett  
Lucas  
Sophie  
Asha  
Charlotte  
Noah  
Ava  
Layla  
Grace  
Cayden  
Klaudia**

**130 MOUNT COTTON STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE AND READ OVER 2500 BOOKS.** All children who finish the challenge will go into the book prize draw. This will be drawn after the end of the reading period 26<sup>th</sup> August.

Carol Donhardt – Challenge Coordinator

### **Signing In and Out**

Please be reminded that it is Education Queensland policy that all persons entering the school premises for any reason are required to sign in upon arrival and sign out prior to leaving and to wear a badge for the duration of your visit. This ensures the safety of staff and students at the school and also the safety of those visiting. If you are assisting in your child's classroom please sign in and out there in the book provided and collect a badge. If you are on the school premises for any other reason please sign in and out at the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Have a great time on camp Year 5's!**

