



# Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015



*'For Our Children'*

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## NEXT P&C MEETING



Our next meeting will be held **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 7pm** in the school library. We would love to see you there!!

## From The President

Hi everyone. It was great to see so many parents come out in the cold weather on Friday to support our junior school on their sports day. A big thanks goes to all the parents who volunteered their time to help out with our fundraising sausage sizzle.

**Playgroup** is starting up again this Friday for children aged 0-5yrs. A small cost of \$4 per family each week. Starting time is at 9am to 10.45am.

Our **P&C meeting** is on this Wednesday night at 7pm in the library and we would like to see some new faces. Regards **Nicole**

## BANKING NEWS:

Guess what!?! We have another competition this term. I know it is just too much. As well as our great Disneyland Competition, Comm Bank is offering the chance to win hundreds of prizes. All you have to do is simply make 3 or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and you will automatically be entered into the competition. What's on offer I hear you ask? 75 x iPad minis, 125 x Beats Headphones, 200 x \$30 Booktopia gift vouchers. WOW!! To double your chances of winning a prize you can complete a Money Mission at **commbank.com.au/prizeportal**. Look out for more info coming to you sometime this week.

This term the Glow in the Dark Solar System and Cosmic Light Beam Torch have now been released and are available to order when you hit the ten token mark. Also we have a bit of a crisis with Invisible Ink Pens, these have been the most popular reward EVER!! We are currently out of stock, but a new shipment is to arrive really soon. If you would like to order or if you have ordered them, we will get them to you as soon as they arrive. Handball supplies are running low also. We will not be getting any more of these, so first in best dressed.

That's enough from me this week, can't wait to see your yellow wallets again soon.

**Anita, Banking Guru**

## 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 Nicole McGarrity so we can share the information with other parents on Facebook. Please email Nicole at [nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com](mailto:nicolemcgarrity@gmail.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](mailto:mel-foster@live.com.au), phone 0418 438 747 to offer your assistance.



## Tuckshop News:

What a first week!

It was very busy and I had a few teething problems. I do sincerely apologise for lunches being a little late and I hope it doesn't happen again.

The new menu seems to be a big hit, especially the homemade Mac Cheese, Cheesymite pillows and the addition of items available every day.

I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers that helped me this week, with a special shout-out to Kerry who volunteered every day we were open.....Kerry you are absolutely fabulous! On the note of volunteers, I would love to see more of you, even if you can only help for 1/2 an hour, every little bit helps. Come and make some new friends while giving back to the school.

Just a reminder that order cut off time is 8.30am. This includes over the counter sales. If the orders are not in by this time then the food will not be going out hot enough at service.

If you have any queries then please direct them to me either through the school phone number or email [tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au). **Rachelle**

## 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](http://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.

Well the cold weather is upon us!!! If you are still in need of a school jumper you will need to be quick!! We don't have all that many sizes left so be quick! Stay warm and have a great week! Mel

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### From the Principal:

#### Max – Rugby League:

During the school holidays, Max (Senior A) represented the Metropolitan East 2015 School Sports 10-11 years Rugby League team! After 16 extra rugby league training sessions last term, Max flew to Rockhampton with a team of 16 boys. He played 6 games of rugby league over 5 days, winning 3 out of the 6 games in an extremely hard competition. Super effort, Max!

#### Alfie - Cross Country:

On Sunday, Alfie (4D) competed in the school state titles for Cross Country. Alfie came third in his race and will now be representing Queensland at the Nationals in Melbourne! An outstanding achievement, Alfie!

#### Term 3 Staffing:

We welcome back **Mr Nigel Wiggins** who will be teaching 4C for the remainder of the year.

**Mr Dean Monaghan** has been appointed as a teacher in Singapore and will be taking leave from Mount Cotton for two years. We wish Mr Monaghan all the best with this new endeavour. From the 27<sup>th</sup> of July, 2C will be taught by **Mrs Natalie Andrews**.

**Linda Wheeler** > absent until the 24<sup>th</sup> of July > replaced by **Mrs Melinda Bashford**

**Sue Harris** > absent until the 28<sup>th</sup> of August > replaced **Mr Teale Weller**

**Lisa McInnes** > absent until the 24<sup>th</sup> of August > replaced **Mrs Adelle De Bruin**

**Suzanne Weaven** > absent until further notice >> replaced by **Mrs Kellie Eakin** on the 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of July.

#### School Opinion Surveys:

The *School Opinion Survey* is undertaken each year to obtain opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and school staff to help schools identify what they do well, and

how they can improve. The access codes for the online survey are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department.

Your logon details were sent home with the eldest in the family last Thursday. Parents/Caregivers who do not have access to the internet are welcome to complete their survey online at our school. School computers will be available in the Library upon request. The online survey will be available until **31<sup>st</sup> July 2015** and should take less than ten minutes to complete. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts.

#### P to 2 Athletics Carnival:

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of July, our Prep to Year 2 students had their Athletics Carnival. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Sue Harris and all the staff involved in our very successful sports day. It was a great to see all of the children enjoying themselves and trying their best!

#### School Annual Report:

The 2014 School Annual Report can be accessed on our school website.

#### Term 3 Parent Calendar:

The Term 3 parent calendar was sent home in Week 10. It lists all our important dates for Term 3. If you did not receive a copy, it can accessed on our school website/Qschools App.

#### Parent Summits:

During Term 3, we will be holding Parent Summits. This is planned to be an informal chat about our school as well as giving us an opportunity to gain feedback from you on key matters affecting the school currently and/or into the future.

#### **The dates will be:**

Prep Parent Summit – 22<sup>nd</sup> of July at 9:30 am  
 Year 1 Parent Summit – 29<sup>th</sup> of July at 9:30 am  
 Year 2 Parent Summit – 5<sup>th</sup> of August at 9:30 am  
 Year 3 Parent Summit – 13<sup>th</sup> of August at 9:30 am  
 Year 4 Parent Summit – 20<sup>th</sup> of August at 9:30 am  
 Year 5 Parent Summit – 27<sup>th</sup> of August at 9:30 am  
 Senior Parent Summit - 3<sup>rd</sup> of September at 9:30 am

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

At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is **95%**. Below is the attendance percent for each class for **Week 1**.

| PA       | PB       | PC       | PD    | 1A    | 1B    | 1C    | 1D    |
|----------|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 99       | 91.30    | 93.33    | 97.27 | 96.67 | 97.27 | 97.27 | 97.39 |
| 2A       | 2B       | 2C       | 2D    | 3A    | 3B    | 3C    |       |
| 94.78    | 93.91    | 91.67    | 92.17 | 93.08 | 94.07 | 95.56 |       |
| 4A       | 4B       | 4C       | 4D    | 5A    | 5B    | 5C    |       |
| 92.8     | 94.4     | 98.33    | 95.83 | 97.42 | 95.33 | 94    |       |
| Senior A | Senior B | Senior C |       |       |       |       |       |
| 90.83    | 90.4     | 92.8     |       |       |       |       |       |

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:

### Student Councillors:

Congratulations to our Semester 2 Student Councillors.

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| 4A       | Lily     |
| 4B       | Monet    |
| 4C       | Isabella |
| 4D       | Tia      |
| 5A       | Lewis    |
| 5B       | Jessica  |
| 5C       | Reilly   |
| Senior A | Finlay   |
| Senior B | Asha     |
| Senior C | Michael  |

Our Student Councillors will be receiving their badges at the senior assembly this week.

**4D Student Council Representative:** There was a misprint in last week's newsletter. The Semester 2 Student Council Representative for 4D is Tia. Our apologies for the error.

### Assembly:

Our Year 3's will join our Senior Assembly for Semester 2. Assemblies will begin this week.

### Great Mates:

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. Students may come and go from the hall, but only 50 students can be in the hall at a time.

### Days for each year level are:

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| Monday    | Year 2 and 3 |
| Tuesday   | Year 1       |
| Wednesday | Year 4 and 5 |
| Thursday  | Prep         |
| Friday    | Seniors      |

The activities this term are:

| Week Number | Activity  |
|-------------|---|
| 1           | Disco   |
| 2           | Ball Games (using soft balls/beach balls)           |
| 3           | Camp Games (Monte Carlo etc)                        |
| 4           | School Yard Games (Skipping, elastics, hoola hoops) |
| 5           | Celebrity Heads                                     |
| 6           | Musical Games (musical squares, bob and freeze)     |
| 7           | Novelty Relays (Clothing, egg & spoon)              |
| 8           | Obstacle course                                     |
| 9           | Fitness/ aerobics                                   |
| 10          | Disco   |

Kind regards, **Glenice Cleary**

## Senior Track and Field Sports Carnival

Congratulations to all students who participated at the Mt Cotton 3-6 Track and Field Carnival at Beenleigh on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June. I hope everyone enjoyed the day. There were some very close competitions resulting in some fantastic results.

**Congratulations to the students in MARLOO for winning the overall carnival for 2015!**

In the coming day's students who have achieved selection in the Mt Cotton T&F team to attend the Bayside District Carnival at Cleveland District High School on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August will receive the relevant information. Please return all paperwork as soon as possible. I look forward to hearing of the students achievements at this carnival upon my return in week 8.

### Age Champions for 2015 are:

|           | GIRLS  | BOYS  |
|-----------|--------|-------|
| Year 3    | Kyla   | Corey |
| Year 4    | Alana  | Trae  |
| Born 2005 | Harper | Alfie |
| Born 2004 | Alyssa | Max   |
| Born 2003 | Jamie  | Noah  |

### Junior Sports Day

Congratulations to all Prep – year 2 students who participated in the Junior Athletics Carnival on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015. Despite the cold and windy weather I saw lots 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!**

### Outside School Hours Activity

**Total Football Academy** will be running an after School soccer program during Term 3 at Mt Cotton State School. The program is for Prep to Year 4 Pupils. Registration forms will be distributed during a free demonstration.

During the 6 week program games will be played inside an inflatable soccer field, which captures the imagination of students, giving them a great soccer experience. Training will take place inside a skills square focusing on different skills each week, such as dribbling, turning and shooting. As part of the program players can also purchase a soccer kit (Top and Shorts).

The program starts on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July, Prep to Year 4, 3.15pm to 4.15pm. To sign up online visit [www.totalfootballacademy.com.au](http://www.totalfootballacademy.com.au) or call Andy Robinson on 0413 888 643.

Yours in Sport  
**Sue Harris**

### Library

#### Bookclub –

Scholastic Book Club catalogues for Issue 5, 2015 were distributed to children today.

There are 2 options for parents when ordering Book Club -

**Option 1** – send your order form to school with either cash or cheque (cheques payable to Scholastic Australia Book Club) making sure the details for student's name and class are filled in clearly.

Order forms and payment are due to the Library by

**WEDNESDAY July 29**

**Option 2** – Register via **[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)** (**Linked Online Ordering and Payment system**) and order and pay directly to Scholastic online 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. If you choose this option you do not have to send the order forms to school as orders will appear online when we do the school order.

**The due date for orders placed directly through LOOP is**

**Wednesday July 29**. Orders after that date cannot be processed through the school – there is an option for home delivery but this will incur extra cost.

**Earn & Learn Campaign**

This campaign started last week so if you shop at Woolworth's please collect the Earn & Learn stickers and bring them to school. There is a collection box just inside the Library door. Our aim is to collect 50 000 stickers which will enable us to receive valuable resources for the school.

Helen Plaschke

Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

[library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au)

**From the School Office:**

**Spare Shorts:** Could students who have loaned a pair of school shorts from the office please send them back to the office. We are very low on pairs of shorts and currently have none to lend out.

**Updating Information:** Please ensure that the school has all the current information for students by updating any changes as soon as they occur.

- Current **address** and contact details (in particular for **both** custodial and non-custodial parents)
- Emergency contacts
- Email addresses
- Custody papers

**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:**

• **Forensic Science Yrs 3 to 6, \$5 due Thurs 23rd July**

• **Stella Science, selected Yr 6 students, \$18 due Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> July**

**Please contact the school office, prior to the deadline, if you have difficulty meeting the deadlines, to make alternate arrangements.**

**Staff Car Park—Important Notice**

Parents are strictly prohibited from using the staff car park, off Mt Cotton Road. This is for staff, service vehicles and emergency services only.

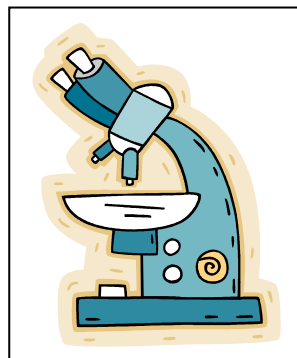
It is not a safe zone for student drop off and collection.

Parents are asked not to use this car park *under any circumstances*.

Please drop off and collect students from the parent car parks provided off Sanctuary Drive.

**Before & After School Care**

Parents who attempt to use the staff car park to collect students from after school care will run the risk of their vehicles being locked in the grounds by the cleaners. Please use the parent car parks only to collect students  
Many thanks for your cooperation.



**Forensic  
Science  
Years 3 to 6  
Monday  
27<sup>th</sup> July**