



Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 13th October 2015



'For Our Children'

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NEXT P&C MEETING



Our next meeting will be held this **Wednesday 14th October at 7pm** in the school library. We would love to see you there!!

From The President

Hi everyone. We are chasing helpers to help ring some local businesses for donations for our Christmas raffle. So if you can spare an hour to pick up the phone and please contact me.

The tuckshop is always looking for volunteers so if you have an hour in the morning or are able to help for the day please see Rachelle in the tuckshop.

Our fete meeting was great last week and we would love as many helpers as we can get. Coordinating a fete will take a huge effort so the more helpers we have the easier it will be.

All outstanding chocolate money is due back now so if you could please send the money to the office that would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks Nicole

BANKING NEWS:

Term 4, where did that year go? We are in the homeward stretch and we have had another reward item recalled. The Lunar Light Band is the victim this time. The Comm Bank has replaced this option with a "Galaxy Glider" (frisbee). A new reward redemption form will be sent home in the coming weeks to those students who are eligible to redeem an award.

Also we have moved with the times and updated our "Banker of the Week" prize to an Icy Cup. (*Zings are so yesterday*). So if you are lucky enough to be awarded banker of the week, just take your voucher to the lovely ladies at the tuckshop and they will be more than happy to present you with the best Icy Cup ever made.

The Term 3 competition will be drawn in the next few weeks, so my fingers and toes are crossed that someone at MCSS might be a winner.

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.



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 Rachelle.
- **UNIFORM SHOP** – Can you spare an hour to help out in our Uniform Shop? Please contact Mel Foster email mel-foster@live.com.au, phone 0418 438 747 to offer your assistance.



Tuckshop News:

Welcome to Week 2. The tuckshop had a very slow start to the term, but by Friday it was back to the usual Friday chaos!

It looks like more of you are ordering online as the online accounts have increased an extra 10%. Please make sure when ordering online that you click to confirm your order, and check your emails to see if you have a confirmation of orders. To open an account for our online ordering go to www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped in Week 1, especially the newbies! I would love to see some new faces in the tuckshop.....if you could spare 1 hour in the morning that would be wonderful and if you could spare longer that would be fantastic!

If you would like to contact me for volunteering, menu suggestions or any other reason, send me a quick email tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au

Have a great week, Rachelle

Uniform Shop News:

OPENING HOURS FOR TERM 4:



Monday afternoons	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Wednesday afternoons	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Thursday mornings	8.00am – 9.00am

Price List & Order Form – These are found on the school website (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.

Hi everyone. The uniform shop will be open on Monday and Wednesday afternoons 2.00pm to 3.00pm and Thursday mornings 8.00am to 9.00am this term. If you are unable to make it at those days/times please either send me an email or a text and we can try and arrange a time to suit. Have a great week!

Mel

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From the school

Library

Bookclub

Scholastic Book Club catalogues for Issue 7, 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 October 21st

Option 2 – Register via 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 October 21st. Orders after that date cannot be processed through the school – there is an option for home delivery but this will incur extra cost.

Helen Plaschke

Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au

Music Notes 🎵

Instrumental Music 2016: We have already started the recruitment process for Instrumental Music 2016. Students from Year 3 (2016) will be selected to participate in the Strings Program and students from Year 4 and 5 (2016) are selected to be part of the band program. The recruitment and selection process is quite involved, it includes an aural test, consultation with Music teacher, Class teachers, IM teachers and Administration. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more information.

Musical: As promised, the Cast of the Pirates of the Curry Bean will have their Pizza Party on Friday at lunch time. This is just a little reward for all of their hard work! Please remember to return all costumes to the Music Room so that I can pack them away safely. I also have a couple of belongings left over for students to collect, and if you kindly lent us costumes or props, please come and see me so they don't get packed away!!!

Music Showcase Night: Our Music Showcase Night is Wednesday 25th November. All our choirs, band and strings will be performing. Please mark the date.

Mount Cotton's Got Talent: Our Talent Quest will be held in Week 9. Entry forms will be available next week.

Suzie Bath, Classroom Music and Performance

Senior Sleep Out

Thank you to everyone that supported our Senior's Sleep Out last Friday night. This year we raised money for Street Swags. We raised over \$2100, which will provide nearly 27 swags to the homeless as well as a huge supply of toiletries that will be distributed within the swags.

I'd like to thank Ms Steward, Mr Wiggins, the parent helpers, Constable Jo and Mr Ken Mitchell and his team of boys from Nudgee College. This great team all came together to provide awareness about homelessness and how as individuals and as a community we need to look outside of our own four walls and make a difference.

A huge thank you goes to Capalaba Sporting Club for sponsoring our students \$400 to help provide 5 swags. Thanks again to Tanya Edser's mum for making and donating 10 crocheted blankets and toiletry packs. Also thank you to Ray Gale Ministries for donating the sausages to feed the students dinner. I am very proud of the effort by everyone involved.

Please check out the student's stepping stones in the garden near the hall. Each year a stone will be added as we continue "Taking Steps Towards A Better Tomorrow," that represents each year's cause.

Thanks again

Chappy Jo



Sports News

Welcome back to Term 4 and I hope you all had an enjoyable break.

As we are entering Term 4 and the weather is starting to warm up it is essential your student has a **water bottle** with them during P.E. lessons. It doesn't have to be anything fancy - an old soft drink bottle will suffice. Please assist your child with this on the day they have P.E.

There are a number of events scheduled for the students this term.

Dates for these events follow:

- Friday 30th October - Year 4 Try It Day
- Monday 23rd Nov – Friday 27th Nov Prep – Year 2 Swimming Lesson Block
- Monday 30th November Prep – Year 3 Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday 8th December - Year 4-6 Swimming Carnival

Yours in Sport
Sue Harris

Certificate Presentations

Maths Team Challenge & UNSW Testing

Certificates - English

Students who participated in Maths Team Challenge competition and the UNSW English test last term are to receive their certificates on Senior Assembly in Week 2 (15th October 2015). Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

UNSW Testing Certificates - Mathematics

Students who participated last term in the UNSW Maths Test will receive their participation certificates on Senior Assembly in Week 3 (22nd October 2015). Parents and family members are most welcome to attend this event.

Sally Bedford
Curriculum Coordinator

Helping Hands

- Pupil Free Day Monday 19th October – Messy Fun Day! 6.30am to 6pm. Please contact Helping Hands for a registration form.

Please be advised that Helping Hands is also offering a **tutoring service** and an **after school cricket program**. Please see Helping Hands for flyers.



Monday 19th October 2015