Mt Cotton State School
Parents & Citizens Association
Newsletter – 18th August 2015
‘For Our Children’

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NEXT P&C MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm in the school library. We would love to see some new faces!!

From The President

Hi everyone,
We are looking for people to help in a few fundraising events we have planned for the future. So if you can help with any of the following please contact me via email or text:

- Still looking for people to help with the disco for this Friday. We need help at the junior and/or senior disco with cooking the BBQ, front door and canteen.
- We are chasing people to help call local businesses asking for donations for our Christmas raffle. Or if you have your own business or know anyone that does who would like to make a donation for our Christmas raffle.
- We are wanting to have a fete next year and we are looking for some wonderful people who would like to join us and make a fete committee. You do not need experience just willing to pitch in and help out.

If you can help out in any with the above we would love to hear from you.
Thanks Nicole

Fundraising

Wild Wild West Disco is this Friday 21st August.
Junior disco (Prep - Year 2)
Senior disco (Year 3 - Year 6)
Cost is $5.00
Please come dressed in your best Wild Wild West outfit!! We will have show bags for sale (as listed in the newsletter) along with our usual favourites: Sausage sizzle $2.50, glow items, chips, zings, drinks and chocolates.

Watch out for the chocolate boxes coming home next week. Each family will receive a box of 50 Freddo favourites. Once you have sold all your chocolates please send money or any unsold chocolates back to the P&C box in the office with your child's name and class clearly marked on the box or money envelope so your name gets marked off. If you are after another box please contact Nicole on 0423 731 175.

LOTSA LOLLIPOPS SHOWBAG - $4
2 x Sticker Pack, 2 x Magical Thumb Dust Cola, 1 x Wicked Fizz Pop, 1 x Zappo Pops, 1 x big Hand Pop & Dip, 2 x Rainbow Lollipops, 2 x Lolly Mania Lollipops, 2 x Lolly Mania Flat Pop, 2 x Bloo Pop.

CADBURY PICK & MIX SHOWBAG - $4
2 x Bite Size Dairy Milk, 1 x Bite Size Bubbly, 1 x Bite Size Time Out, 1 x Sticker Pack.

WICKED FIZZ SHOWBAG - $5
1x Wicked Fizz Rainbow Sour Belts, 1x Wicked Fizz Strawberry Sour Belt, 4x Wicked Fizz Pops, 2x Cola Wicked Fizz Chew Bar, 2x Berry Wicked Fizz Chew Bar, 2x Grape Wicked Fizz Chew Bar, 2x Orange Wicked Fizz Chew Bar, 2x Blueberry Wicked Fizz Chew Bar, 1 Wicked Fizz Inflatable Baseball Bat.

CADBURY SPECIAL TREAT SHOWBAG - $5
5 x Bite Size Dairy Milk, 1x Bite Size Crunchie, 1x Bite Size Cherry Ripe, 1x Bite Size Time Out, 1x Bite Size Picnic, 1x Bite Size Boost.

FREDDO TREAT SHOWBAG - $5
7 x Dairy Milk Freddo, 3x Milky Top Freddo, 1 x Freddo Pen.

AFTERSHOCK SHOWBAG - $6
1 x 101 rainbow Straws, 3 x Aftershocks, 1 x Monster Dip, 2 x Triple Dipper, 2 x Busters, 1 x Jelly Bean Bottle, 1 x Sherbet Bottle, 3 x Lotsa Pops, 3 x Fruity Chews, 1 x Inflatable 22 inch Mallet.

TROLLI SHOWBAG - $6
1 x 150g Trolli Gummi Bers, 1 x Trolli Cola Bottles, 1 x Trolli Pizza, 1 x Trolli Gecko, 2 x Trolli Tangy Tongue, 2 x Trolli Sea Creatures, 1 x Trolli Mini Hamburgers, 2 x Trolli Hot Dog, 2 x Trolli Brite Crawlers.

GIRLS ROCK - $6
Trendy neon wrist band, super HOT scrapbooking kit, girls temporary tattoos, DIY fashion jewelry, school to success keychain, hair ties pack and a saddle club display folder.

GIRLY SHIRLEY - $6
Quality head boppers, Bratz bag tag, skipping rope, silver bangle and matching ring combo, laser stickers and more!
JOLLY JOKER - $6
Nerd glasses, rubber whoopee cushion, broken window & hot tea bag gag, stretchy icky sticky hand with that extra SNAP! Also includes a rubber razzer!

KAHUNA BOYS - $6
Cool skate board and accessories kit (Pack size is 19cm x 14cm Approx), huge tattoos (Pack size is 19cm x 32cm Approx), 55cm army lanyard (20mm), kids magazine, mega cool water soaker and bone head ruler.

Father’s Day Stall – Class Visit Roster 2015

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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:

I can't believe we are half way through the term already! Time is flying by.
A BIG thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that came in this week. You are all AMAZING and without you our tuckshop couldn't run. Also, to the parents that came in when a call was put out on Thursday, thank you.....please stop in again soon.
I would like to say that we are getting more volunteers, as the year goes by, but I would love to see more of you. ½ an hour in the morning would be really helpful. Just a friendly reminder that we are going to be getting more strict with cut-off times in the morning. If I am receiving orders too late then I cannot ensure that your beautiful children get their lunch on time; hungry children can be VERY scary!
Any hot food orders after 9.00am will not be able to be prepared. Please remind your children to bring their orders to the tuckshop as soon as they get to school. I am here at 7.30am.
If you are finding it too difficult to have your orders in on time then you could use our online ordering system. You can even order in advance. Simply log onto www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au and follow the prompts.
If you have any concerns, or wish to give me some feedback and/or ideas, please don't hesitate to send me an email tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au or contact me through the school phone number.
**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. Mel

EMAIL: mel-foster@live.com.au

PHONE: 0418 438 747

From the Principal:

**Queensland Road Safety Week**

This week, it is Road Safety Week (17-21st of August). Queensland Road Safety Week, a joint initiative of the Department of Transport and Main Roads and the Queensland Police Service, is an opportunity for all Queenslanders to be directly involved in making our roads safer for everyone. School Road Safety is an important issue in our community. We all have a responsibility to ensure the safety of our school community and in particular our children. A letter about our car park will be sent home this week.

**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 effecting the school currently and/or into the future.

The dates will be:

Year 4 Parent Summit – 20th of August at 9:30 am

**THIS WEEK**

Year 5 Parent Summit – 27th of August at 9:30 am

Senior Parent Summit - 3rd of September at 9:30 am

**Prep 2016**

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 1st 2010 and 30th June 2011 they are eligible to be enrol in prep in 2016.

To be part of our 2016 Prep Transition program, *all enrolment paperwork must be submitted*. Our first transition morning is Tuesday 8th of September from 9:15 to 10:30 am where children will visit a prep classroom with a parent to participate in fun activities with Prep teachers. More details about our Term 3 and Term 4 transition program will come home this week.

**Learning …. Your Way! Year 4 1:1 iPad Program**

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 2016. Due to this, all of our Year 4 classes in 2016 will be iPad classes. As previously stated, our current Year 4s will also continue in the 1:1 program in 2016.

**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 5**:

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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

**From the Deputy Principal:**

**Student Council Fundraising for the RSPCA**

This term our student council will be targeting the RSPCA for its fundraising efforts. This term the Student Council will be fundraising for the RSPCA. Activities will include:

- Silly Sock Day (28 August)
- Pet goods (food, toys, blankets etc.) drive
- Sale of RSPCA merchandise

The pet goods drive and the sale of merchandise will happen across Weeks 8 & 9 of this term. A representative from the RSPCA will attend our Junior and Senior assemblies on 26 and 27th August (week 7) leading up to the 3 weeks of fundraising.

Kind regards,

Glencie Cleary

**Library Bookclub**

Scholastic Book Club catalogues for Issue 6, 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 August 26th**

**Option 2** – Register via [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://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 August 26th.** 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**
Our current total is 15 600 stickers! Please keep collecting your 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

**Bayside District Athletics Carnival**
Last week we had 38 students represent Mount Cotton State School at the Bayside District Athletics Carnival. Our school was one of 38 schools represented and most events had 60-80 competitors. All students performed to their best and were great ambassadors for our school.

Congratulations to Alyssa Edser who has been selected into the Bayside District Athletics Team to compete at the upcoming Met East Regional trials. She was runner up in high jump.
Special mention to the following students who made finals;
Maya (100m sprint)
Sara (100m sprint)
Sinea (100m sprint)
Elke (800m)
Alfie (800m)

A special thanks to Chappy Jo who did a wonderful job of team manager for both days. Also a thankyou to all those parents/relatives/friends who cheered our athletes on.

**Bayside District Girls Cricket**
Congratulations to Jennifer who has won selection in the 12yrs and Under Girls Cricket team to compete at the future Met East Regional Trials. We wish her all the best!!

Yours in Sporting
Teale Weller

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**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:**
- Year 4 Camp Non-refundable deposit $100 due Thursday 20th Aug
- Year 5 Camp Final Instalment $70 due Thurs 27th Aug
- Living History Yr 4 $15 due Thursday 3rd September
- Prep Excursion $22 due Thurs 10th September

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.

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**Photo Gallery**
Cottonhoppers Day Trip

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**Permission Forms Online**
Please be aware that permission forms for paid activities are uploaded onto the school’s website for your convenience. Please go to: Support & Resources, Forms & Documents, Documents, Permission Forms

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**Student Absence Line:** 3822 0460
Please leave: name, class & brief reason.
Long Absences:
admin@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au