



Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 24th November 2015



'For Our Children'

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NEXT P&C MEETING



The Next P&C Meeting is to be held on **Wednesday, 10th February 2016 at 7pm**, in the school library.

The **P&C AGM** will be held on **Wednesday 9th March 2016**. Everyone is welcome to come along!

From The President

Hi everyone. With the year coming to an end we have just a couple of things left on the calendar that we require a little help with.

Wednesday night is the **Music Showcase** and we are selling food and drinks. If anyone could help serve on the night could you please let me know?

Book packing is next week from Tuesday through to Friday, if you can spare a day or even a few hours could you please let me know.

On Thursday 4th Dec is **our Christmas Concert** for Prep to Year 3. We will also be selling food, drinks and glow items. If you can help out serving on the night could you please let me know. We are also asking if anyone could bake some cakes, slices etc to sell on the night and bring them into the school on Thursday morning. A HUGE thanks in advance to anyone who can help out for these events. Thanks Nicole

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 8! We had another record breaking day with Friday beating last Friday in sales, being our biggest tuckshop day ever! I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who came in to help, especially those who help on a regular basis. You are all **AMAZING**, and without you the tuckshop simply couldn't run.

As the tuckshop is getting busier and busier, I need some more volunteers. It is physically impossible to have orders out to your beautiful children if I only have 1 volunteer. Please contact me if you can volunteer, even if it is just for an hour. It doesn't have to be first thing in the morning, helping with service at lunchtime helps too. I can be contacted through the school phone number or tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au. If you order any of the following items for your child/children, please remind them to come to the tuckshop with their stamped bag to collect. These items include ice creams, frozen yoghurts, icy cups, yoghurt tubs and custard tubs. Could you also please let your children know that if there is an issue with their lunch to come and see me at the tuckshop. This way I can try and rectify the problem quickly.

******* THE TUCKSHOP WILL NOT BE OPENED THE LAST WEEK OF TERM FOR ORDERING. NO LUNCHES WILL BE ABLE TO BE MADE. HOWEVER, WE WILL BE OPEN FOR OVER THE COUNTER SALES OF DRINKS, CHIPS, GINGERBREAD STUDENTS, SLUSHIES AND ICECREAMS*******

Enjoy your 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. Not long until holidays and the uniform shop is starting to get busy! Remember we will be open on the 21st of January from 11am – 5pm to get ready for back to school. Due to the swimming carnival next Monday the 30th of November the shop will be closed. I will, however, be open Tuesday morning from 8am for the Prep Transition Day. Have a great week!

Mel **EMAIL:** mel-foster@live.com.au

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From the Principal

Hero Wall

As you are aware, with the support from our P & C, we have a Hero Wall to recognise very high achievements by our students. During this year, we have already acknowledged 2 students, Max and Alfie, for their fantastic sporting achievements. Last week, we recognised Sinead and Taylor.

Sinead has achieved some fantastic results in hockey this year. Sinead represented Redlands Hockey association in the Under 13 state championships and also represented Redlands in the Under 11 state championship team and was nominated as player of the tournament. She was selected in the Metropolitan East team and recognised as a well-balanced, valuable team member. Sinead was also nominated as a candidate for the sports person of the year award by the Redlands Hockey Association for her outstanding achievements during 2015. During September, Taylor participated in the Metropolitan East School Sport Softball Championships. They played 11 games and got into the grand final where they tied. Taylor played brilliantly and in the 1st innings got 3 people out. Mount Cotton has many clever, creative and caring students. Congratulations to both Sinead and Taylor on their achievements this year!

2016 Enrolments

Staffing allocations are provided to schools based on their effective enrolment numbers on the 8th day of Term 1 each year. We are beginning to look at our staffing for 2016. If your child/ren will not be returning in 2016, please assist us in determining effective enrolment numbers by completing the letter from your child's classroom teacher.

2016 Classes

From the 8th of September to the 26th of October, parents were able to put in friendship request for our 2016 classes. The due date has now passed and we are unable to take further requests. Please also note, we do not take requests for individual teachers.

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

Every Minute Counts – this ensures that we support our parents in having their child attend school for the maximum amount of time, as well as ensuring that our teachers make the most of instructional time; that we do not miss an opportunity for learning to take place.

At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is **95%**. Below is the attendance percent for each class for **Week 7**.

PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
95	97	97	94	95	90	88	95
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
97	97	94	99	95	90	89	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
93	90	97	98	87	89	96	
SA	SB	SC					
84	97	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

From the Deputy Principal

Annual Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

As per previous years, we will be running a Christmas Appeal in conjunction with the Salvation Army to assist families in our area who face many hardships. The appeal will run over the next three weeks (beginning next week) to collect food items for needy families. Our school has run this appeal for the last few years at this time and it is always very successful.

We will be asking our school community for donations of non-perishable food items (either tinned or wrapped/sealed). From next week, students are asked to bring these items to school and place them in a box in their classroom. The appeal will be run in weeks 7, 8

and 9. A representative from the Salvation Army will come to our final assembly on Thursday 3 December to collect the donations. These donations will then be distributed to needy families in time for Christmas. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

Glenice Cleary, Deputy Principal

Music Notes 🎵

Please make sure you are aware of all performance dates in Term 4. We are very busy with Music and Performance right up until Christmas.

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. This process is well under way and you will hear from us shortly about selection for 2016. We are awaiting our district allocations.

Music Showcase Night: Our Music Showcase Night is tomorrow night **Wednesday 25th November**. All our choirs, band and strings will be performing. Please arrive at 6.00pm

Carols in the Park: We have been asked to perform at the Mt Cotton Carols in the Park again this year. Both Mini Melodies and Mt Cotton Voices will sing together. This is **Sunday 29th November**. We sing at 4.45 – please meet Mrs Bath at 4.25pm

Christmas Concert: Our Prep – Yr 3 Christmas Concert will be held on **Thursday 3rd December** 5.30 – 7.30 pm.

Mount Cotton's Got Talent: Our Talent Quest will be held on **Friday 4th December** of Week 9. The Entry Form is attached to the newsletter. Please start organising and getting ready soon and bring your forms back to Mrs Bath in the Music Room.

Creative Generation 2016: Nominations for CGen 2016 are now open. If you would like more information about requirements, please email sbath16@eq.edu.au or contact me at school.

Suzie Bath, Classroom Music and Performance



**Have a great day at the
Junior Swimming Carnival!
Monday 30th November
Years Prep to 3**