



Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 26th May 2015



'For Our Children'

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NEXT P&C MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10th June at 7pm** in the school library. We would love to see you there!!



From The President

Hi everyone. The executive team had a wonderful day on Friday at **Under 8's day**. We got to man the re-fuel station serving popcorn and poppers which we donated to all the preps. They were having a great time with some fantastic activities. Thanks to all the parent helpers who got to share in this wonderful morning.

Then we got to hand out popcorn and poppers to the year 1 & 2's while they had morning tea and it was lovely to see how well-mannered Mt Cotton kids are. I would like to say a big thank you to the teachers for all their hard work in organising Under 8's day. It was fantastic!

Our **Fun Run** is coming up on Thursday 18th June and we are making it our very first obstacle course. Please get behind this event and get as many donations as possible. We encourage parents to come along and watch. A time table will be organised and sent out soon. To run these events we need parent helpers. If you are able to help, even if only for a few hours, please email me.

We still have approx. **50 entertainment books** outstanding. Can you please send any unwanted books back to the office.

Regards

Nicole McGarrity

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 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, phone 0418 438 747 to offer your assistance.

Tuckshop News:

Due to no one buying sushi last Wednesday, we have decided to wait until the weather warms up before we put it back on the menu.

Don't forget Wednesday is meatball sub & hot beef or chicken roll day, just the thing to warm you up. We also have homemade pumpkin soup.

Again thank you to all my fabulous volunteers, the tuckshop could not run without you. Have a lovely week.

Jo Wildermoth, Tuckshop Convenor
0468 944 420

www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

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 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, small size jumpers have arrived (6-8) we are still waiting on size 12s though. So if you are in need of a jumper come in and grab one. We also still have tracksuit pants left for \$10. Unfortunately the smaller sizes have all gone and we only have sizes 10 up left. Have a great week! Mel

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From the Principal:

This Friday 29th of May, is P & C day. This special day is held each year to celebrate the important work undertaken in our state schools by parents and citizens' associations. At Mount Cotton, we have a wonderful P & C that supports the school and we appreciate all they do. A special thanks to our P & C Executive, Nicole, Jess, Allison and Karlene for their continued hard work and support.

Uniform Blitz: - Weeks 5 and 6 >> Our Winter Uniform! ☺

Maroon Jumper (Preferably with MCSS embroidered emblem)

MCSS Maroon and White polo shirt – short or long sleeve.

Maroon Track Pants or long-length pants.

Maroon stockings/tights may be worn under culottes or dress – not under sports shorts and no leggings.

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

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

Below is the attendance percent for all of **Week 5:**

PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
90.48	94.55	96.36	93.64	94.55	97.27	91.82	87.27
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
96.52	94.78	91.67	90.83	98.46	96.15	98.46	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
93.33	92.80	96.67	94.4	89.03	97.14	90	
Senior A	Senior B	Senior C					
92	92.8	84					

Your support as parents in achieving the best possible academic, social and emotional outcomes for your child is greatly valued.

Regards,

Meagan Steward

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From the Deputy Principal:

Parent Interview Dates:

Senior (Year 6) Classes: 16th of June

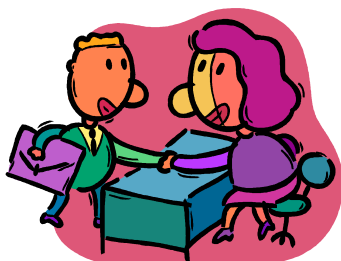
Prep to Year 5: 24th of June

A letter will be sent home shortly.

Kind regards,

Glenice Cleary

gclea1@eq.edu.au



From the School Office:

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:

- **Apple Store Excursion Yr 4, \$8 due Thurs 4th June**
- **Cottonhoppers Tour \$131.25 due Thurs 4th June**
- **Second Interschool Sport Yrs 5 & 6, \$9 due Thurs 4th June**
- **Gold Rush Excursion Yr 5, \$30 due Thurs 11th June**
- **Senior Athletics Day Yrs 3 to 6, \$7 due Thurs 18th June**

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.

Student Absence Line: We have had a few parents bring to our attention, after receiving an unexplained absence letter, that they have indeed called the absence line. It has been brought to our attention also that if your home phone is "**voice over internet protocol**" ie you use the internet to make calls – that the message may not be distinguishable on our absence line. If you do use the internet to make calls, please consider using your mobile phone instead to call the absence line. In addition sometimes the incoming messages on the absence line are not clear due to background noise. Please speak clearly when leaving a message.

State of Origin: Unfortunately, due to school photos being scheduled tomorrow, students **will not be permitted** to wear their state of origin colours.

Report Card Option Form: A second and final note has been sent home to students today whose parents have not replied with their updated email address for the issuing of report cards. Please return to the office by **Friday 29th May.**



Library News

Bookclub

Scholastic Book Club catalogues for Issue 4, 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 JUNE 3.**

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 June 3. Orders after that date cannot be processed through the school – there is an option for home delivery but this will incur extra cost.

Please note the option of making a credit card payment online or by phone and sending the order form to school with the receipt number is no longer available – you must register through LOOP to make a payment.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding Book Club orders.

Helen Plaschke

Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

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Sports News

Congratulations to Coral

Coral competed recently in the state Karate Titles and won a silver medal in her age group. She has also been selected as a member of the Queensland Karate Team to compete at the National Karate Titles later this year. Congratulations Coral and good luck at the nationals.

Congratulations the Mt Cotton students who represented Bayside District at the Metropolitan East Cross Country on Tuesday 19th May 2015. From all reports the course was very tough. Unfortunately Max could not compete due to illness, Maya completed the course, Elke placed 29th and Alfie placed 3rd in the 10yr old boy's race.

Alfie has been selected as a member of the Metropolitan East Cross Country Team to compete at the Queensland Cross Country Championships in June. **Congratulations and good luck Alfie.**

Congratulations Sinead.

Sinead has been selected in the Metropolitan East Hockey team. She will compete at the Queensland 12 years and under hockey carnival in June.

Congratulations Sinead and good luck at the state titles.

Senior Athletics Carnival Years 3 to 6

Beenleigh Little Athletics Centre 9am – 2pm

(Cec Clark Oval, Oliver Sports Complex, Logan Street, Eagleby)

Thursday 25th June.

The note has come home today.

Yours in sport

Sue Harris

PE Teacher

Photo Gallery: The Cottonhoppers recently visited Waterford West State School to do a demonstration and said hello to a former MCSS teacher, Mr Sean Christie.

Go Queensland!