



Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 27th October 2015



'For Our Children'

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NEXT P&C MEETING



Our next meeting will be held **Wednesday 11th November at 7pm** in the school library. We would love to see you there!!

From The President

Hi everyone. Our next Fete meeting will be Monday 2nd November at 7.00pm at McDonald's Victoria Point. It would be great to see some new faces!!

We are still chasing outstanding chocolates and money. Can you please return any unsold chocolates and all outstanding money to the office by the end of the week, as we need to finalise this fundraiser before the end of the year?

We are chasing any donations for the Christmas raffle. If you are able to help make a few calls or are able to donate something we would be greatly appreciate it.

We are asking for volunteers to help with the book packing on Tuesday 1st Dec, Wednesday 2nd Dec, Thursday 3rd Dec and Friday 4th Dec. If you can spare sometime over those four days, that would be fantastic.

On Friday 30th October is **World Teacher's Day** and the P&C are showing our support by putting on a morning tea for the staff. We have arranged a coffee van, cake and slices.

A BIG THANKS TO ALL THE TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!!!

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 4.

We had another big week last week, with Friday bigger than last Friday. I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who came in to help. You are all amazing!

As the tuckshop is getting busier and busier, I need some more volunteers. Unfortunately, if I don't get some more volunteers there will be days where I have no option other than to close. It is physically impossible to have orders out to your beautiful children if I only have one volunteer. Please contact me if you can volunteer, even if it is just for an hour. I can be contacted through the school phone number or via email on tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au.

New items:

- fruit salad bowl \$3.00
- vanilla yoghurt tub (150ml) \$1.50

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 to rectify the situation quickly.

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. I hope you have all settled back after the break. Just a reminder that if you are wanting a swimming cap for the upcoming lessons and carnivals, now is the time to come in and grab one, as we only have a limited supply. As this week is Prep 2016 screening week we will be open for longer periods. Monday afternoon will be 1.00pm - 3.00pm, Wednesday afternoon 1.00pm - 3.00pm and Thursday morning 8.00am - 11.00am. Have a great week!! Mel :)

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From the Principal

On the 30th of October we will celebrate World Teachers' Day. On this day, we acknowledge the pivotal role our teachers play in shaping our students' lives. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic team who make a difference every day. Our teachers enable our students to be Clever, Creative and Caring children and to reach their full potential! A BIG thank you to our teachers for all their hard work!



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.

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

Meagan Steward

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PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
97	98	99	95	96	93	92	97
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
94	99	100	99	98	92	93	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
95	93	100	95	98	97	99	
SA	SB	SC					
86	89	93					

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 final payment \$70 due Thurs 29th October**
- **Creative Arts Day Yr 6 \$15 due Thurs 5th Nov**
- **Swimming Lessons P to 2 \$40 due Thurs 19th Nov**
- **AMF Bowling Yr 6 \$30 due Thurs 19th November**
- **Break Up Day Parties Yrs 2, 4 & 6 \$5 due Thurs 12th November**

Voluntary Contribution Scheme \$40 per student or \$140 for families of 4 or more.

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

2016 Senior Shirts

Year 5 students are reminded to return their order forms for the Senior Shirts for 2016 by Friday 27th November. Payment will be required early in Term 1.

Sports News

Important Dates:

- **Try It Day Friday 30th October**
- **Swimming Lessons 23rd to 27th November**
- **Junior Swimming Carnival Prep to Yr 3 Monday 30th November**
- **Senior Swimming Carnival Yrs 4 to 6 Tuesday 8th December**



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. This process is well under way and you will hear from us shortly about selection for 2016.

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 on Friday 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.

Suzie Bath

Classroom Music and Performance

Important Notice

Mount Cotton State School does not encourage parents to park across from the school in the Lutheran Church grounds or the Community Hall grounds. Cars parked on the "road reserve" are liable to be booked by the Redland City Council.

Parent car parks are provided off Sanctuary Drive for drop off and collection of students.

Parking in the church and hall grounds and then crossing Mt Cotton Road has inherent risks resulting from the high volume of traffic including buses arriving and departing.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Have fun at the Try It Day Year 4!

