



Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 4th August 2015



'For Our Children'

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NEXT P&C MEETING



Our next meeting will be held **Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm** in the school library. We would love to see you there!!

From The President

Hi everyone,

We are always looking for new volunteers to help out in either fundraising, tuckshop or attending our meetings. We are a great group of people that put in a lot of hard work to help provide a great community feel and raise money for the students of Mt Cotton.

An hour or two in the tuckshop would help so much and you don't need to have any experience. Rachelle is great and will show you the ropes.

This is a great way of meeting some new people and making some new friendships. Also your kids get a kick out of seeing their parents helping around the school. We would love to see some new faces at our meetings that have some new and exciting ideas.

Regards Nicole

FUNDRAISING:

With Father's Day fast approaching on Sunday Sept 6th, this year's Father's Day Stall will be held on Wed 26th & Thurs 27th August. We have brought the stall forward a week as our year 5 students are on camp the following week.

So kids, start saving to surprise Dad on Father's Day! If you are interested in helping at the stall please contact Kirk Jackson on 0490096698 or email kirk4tracey@yahoo.com.au. Thanks!!!

PLAYGROUP:

The Cotton Club Playgroup is on every Friday in the school hall from 9am to 10.45am. Suitable for children ages 0 - 5yrs. Cost \$4 a week per family.

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:

Week 3 down and another busy 3 days!

Icy cups were the hot item! I have found another freezer to store them in so HOPEFULLY they won't run out. I am also going to trial some different flavours to keep things interesting.

Just a friendly reminder that orders need to be in by 8.30am. We simply cannot have hot food at "food safe" temperatures if we are starting to cook too late. If you are finding it hard to be at school earlier, then there is the option of ordering online through Online Canteen at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au. It's easy, you can order days in advance and you also won't have the hassle of trying to rustle up some change.

I would like to thank the wonderful volunteers that came in to help.....you are all fantastic! I would love to see more volunteers in the tuckshop, to ensure things run smoothly and lunches go out on time. Just 1/2 hour of your time in the morning would help. So I am putting a shout-out to anyone who could spare some time and would like to give back to the school.

Rachelle

Uniform Shop News: OPENING HOURS FOR TERM 3:



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 all. Just a reminder that our jumpers are selling out fast. So if you still need one please come in ASAP and get one. Also we have heaps of boys checked shirts that aren't embroidered with the school logo on sale for \$10. Have a great week! Mel

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PHONE: 0418 438 747



From the Principal:

Learning Your Way 1:1 iPad Program:

'If we teach today's students as we taught yesterday's we rob them of tomorrow' (*John Dewey*)

In 2016, our Learning Your Way 1:1 iPad program will be in *Year 4 and 5*.

The Mount Cotton State School 1:1 iPad program will:

- Allow for personalised learning
- Facilitate the development of 21st century knowledge and skills
- Create a model for lifelong learning
- Provide an engaging, interactive learning environment
- Allow continuous access to educational materials allowing learning to happen anywhere, anytime
- Strengthen links between home and school

The advantages of using an iPad include:

- access to knowledge and information using a variety of content and creation apps (many of which are free) to support student learning;
- access to a wealth of information on the Internet when they need it through wireless connectivity;
- access to rich media including digital stories, image and video;
- increased productivity through quick loading of apps and quick response of the iPad;
- the iPads operating system is very reliable, ensuring maximum up-time;
- provides simple yet sophisticated text, audio and video-based communication facilities for collaboration with peers, teachers and experts in a local, national or global context;
- ability to personalise learning and provide work targeted at the correct level for students;
- high student engagement both independently and collaboratively.

Year 3 Parents – *Please submit your Expression of Interest by the end of this week. A decision about 2016 will be announced by 14th August.*

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 affecting the school currently and/or into the future.

The dates will be:

Year 2 Parent Summit - 5th of August at 9:30 am >>
THIS WEEK

Year 3 Parent Summit – 13th of August at 9:30 am

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

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. More information about our 2016 prep information sessions will be announced soon.

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**.

PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
96	93	89	97	85	93	95	94
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
96	93	97	94	90	87	78	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
95	93	98	99	97	89	90	
SA	SB	SC					
97	87	94					

Best wishes to our athletes competing at the District Track and Field on Thursday and Friday of this week.

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

Library reminders

Wednesday August 12th – Shine a Light

There will be two performances – one for Prep – Year 3 students and the second for Year 4 - 6 students. The performance will be held in our school hall and students may come dressed as their favourite book character on the day.

Earn & Learn Campaign

Our current tally is 7 200 points – keep collecting stickers please so we can reach our target of 50 000

Helen Plaschke

Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au

Mathletics News

We wish to congratulate the top three Mathletics students at Mt Cotton State School

- Ella has mastered 92.86% activities attempted
- Max has mastered 94.5% activities attempted
- Ella has mastered 98.96% activities attempted

To master an activity, students must achieve as core equal to or greater than 85%.

On average students now score 81% in curriculum activities. An improvement of 15% on their first attempts. Since the start of the year 309 863 points have been earned playing Live Mathletics.

Donna Wilkins

Year 6 Class Teacher

UNSW – Science Test Certificates

Parents and caregivers of those students who participated in the UNSW Science Test in June are invited to attend the presentation of certificates of participation and achievement at the Senior School Assembly on Thursday 6th August 2015.

Sally Bedford

Curriculum Co-ordinator

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:**

- **Stella Science, selected Yr 6 students, \$18 due Thurs 30 July**
- **Year 5 Camp 2nd Instalment \$80 due Thurs 13th Aug**
- **Interschool Sport Yrs 5 & 6, \$9 due Thurs 13th Aug**

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: 3822 0460

Please leave: name, class & brief reason.

Long Absences:

admin@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au



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

Notice from the Office: The school has two fridges requiring repairs. If there is a parent of the school who is a refrigeration mechanic could you please contact the school office on 3822 0444.

Many thanks.

Community News

CRICKET SIGN ON

HOMESTEAD PARK, JODIE STREET,
SHAILER PARK.

9.00 AM to 1.00 PM

SATURDAY: 22nd & 29th AUGUST

SUNDAY: 23rd & 30th AUGUST.

REGISTRATION FEES:--

Govt. Sports Subsidy Vouchers Welcome.....	
In2Cricket (5-8yrs Friday Nights)	\$85.00
Juniors (9-17yrs Saturday Morn.)	\$85.00
Seniors (Saturday A/noons)	\$140.00

BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE MARION on
3209 4208 or 0418 730 205

Or Visit our Web Site at

www.springwoodsuns.cricketclub.com.au

or our Facebook Page: SPRINGWOOD SUNS CRICKET CLUB

Free Dental Treatment

The School Dental Service provides free dental treatment to **all** school students up to Yr 10.

As well as to those 0-4yr olds, and Yr 11 & 12 students who hold a Health Care Card or receive the Child Dental Benefits Scheme.

Call **1300 300 850** to book an appointment at a clinic near you.



EKKA Public Holiday—Redland City

Monday 10th August

Please note Wednesday 12th August is not a pupil free day as has been the case in previous years.
Wed 12th August is a normal school day