



# Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015



*'For Our Children'*

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## NEXT P&C MEETING



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

## From The President

Hi everyone. Our fun run money is due back Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June to the P&C box in the office. I hope the kids have got some sponsors because our fun run obstacle course is going to be a lot of fun? The Junior Athletics Carnival is the first Friday back in Term 3 and we would love to do our sausage sizzle again. If you are able to help for the morning please give me a call. I hope to see some new faces at our P&C meeting on Wednesday night at 7pm in the library. I hope everyone had a great long weekend. Thanks Nicole

## FUNDRAISING NEWS:

Our next fundraising event will be the Run 4 Fun, taking place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of June. By now, all students should have received their fundraising form and information pack. Please ensure that this is returned with monies by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Thanks Danielle.

## BANKING NEWS

### **VOLUNTEER POSITION VACANT**

#### **Full Time or Part Time**

Job Title: 2IC to Banking Guru  
Location: Library  
Hours: 12pm till 2.50pm Tuesday afternoons

#### **Job Description:**

The banking guru requires a person to help with processing the weekly school banking. I am looking for a once a week helper (full time) or someone who is happy to work on a 3 week rotational basis (part time).

#### **Skills Required:**

The successful applicant must be able to count to 10. (If that is a skill you do not possess, please do not apply)

The ability to count money.

We have lots of children who like to give us \$10 in 5c pieces. *(May I take this opportunity to thank all of the parents for that. NICE!)*

Some computer knowledge would be beneficial but not necessary. On the job training will be provided.

## **Remuneration:**

This job offers a rather large remuneration package, the joy of helping your school and a nice warm and fuzzy feeling in your heart. Plus working with the banking guru is a reward in itself (Ha!)

To apply please call Anita, Banking Guru via (Nicole McGarrity 0423 731 175)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mel-foster@live.com.au), phone 0418 438 747 to offer your assistance.



## Tuckshop News:

As we have only got 3 weeks left till the end of term I'm going to be winding down stock, so some things will be unavailable getting closer to end of term. The last two days of term I will only be open for over the counter sales eg: Drinks, crisps and icy poles. Have a lovely week.

**Jo Wildermoth, Tuckshop Convenor.**

0468 944 420 [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://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](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.

Hi everyone. Winter is well and truly upon us! We still have a range of sizes left in the maroon jumpers and also the prep jumpers so if you are in need of a jumper now is the time to come in and get one. If you require a larger size than 18 in our uniform now is the time to let us know for next year as we will be placing our order soon. PLEASE LET US KNOW BY THE 26TH OF JUNE SO YOU DONT MISS OUT! Have a great week! Mel

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### From the Principal: Our Music Students:

It was a big week last week for our music students! On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of June, nineteen strings students enjoyed attending the Beginner Strings workshops at Redland Bay State School. Also last week, twenty-four Year 4 and Year 5 students joined 454 students from other schools to attend a week long band camp at the Sleeman Sports Complex. Ms Cleary and I were lucky enough to be able to attend the culminating concert on Friday and were VERY impressed by all of our students as they played their instruments, sang and danced in the final concert. Well done to all students and also to Mrs Bath for supporting our band students for the week!

### Cottonhoppers:

To celebrate 30 years of skipping and the promotion of the Heart Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart, our Cottonhoppers have gone on tour! They headed off yesterday and will return to school Wednesday afternoon. Whilst on tour, they will visit Toowoomba, Dalby and Oakey. Thank you to Ms Hodgson and Mrs Jayawardhana for taking the students on tour. There was also a great article on the Cottonhoppers in the Bayside Bulletin last week! (see at right)

### Hero Wall:

A big thank you to our P & C who made a donation towards our new Hero Wall. The Hero Wall was discussed in 2014 as a way of celebrating the wonderful achievements of our students at a state, national or international level. The Hero Wall will be situated above the canteen window in the hall.

### Uniform Blitz: - Week 8 >> Jewellery! ☺

Jewellery: Single set of sleepers or studs, wristwatch, a signet ring and an item of religious or cultural significance. Parents must make a formal request to the

Principal for their child to wear a piece of jewellery of cultural or religious significance. Medical alert bracelets or necklaces are permitted. Tongue, nose, eyebrow piercing and multiple ear piercings are not allowed.

### 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 7:**

PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
97.14	95.45	89.09	96.36	94.78	85.45	97.27	97.27
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
96.52	95.65	89.17	96.67	96.15	92	96.92	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
90.82	97.6	94.17	93.6	94.19	98.62	94	
Senior A	Senior B	Senior C					
95.83	88.8	99.2					

### Voluntary Contribution Scheme:

Whilst the cost of providing instruction, administration and facilities for the education of students in state schools is funded by the State, parents / carers are directly responsible for providing other resources for their children while attending school. *Voluntary financial contributions are used by schools to provide an enhanced educational service and to enhance resources available for student learning, recreation and comfort.*

Each year we ask families to make a voluntary contribution for each student attending Mount Cotton State School. The contribution is **\$40 per student or \$140 for families of four or more.**

This money is attributed to our classes and will be spent on the following:

- Equipment and resources to support literacy and numeracy activities
- Reproduced class workbooks and worksheets and teacher prepared materials.
- Student resources where the core curriculum is extended through provision of practical learning experiences, classroom projects and materials, in excess of provided by school grants, e.g. art and craft supplies, Science and cooking materials.
- Athletics (normally \$99 for a single licence)
- Celebration of special days, e.g. Father's day, Mother's day and ANZAC day

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](mailto:mstew40@eq.edu.au)

### From the Deputy Principal:

#### Parent Interview Dates:

#### Senior Classes:

16<sup>th</sup> of June >> The booking system will be accessible From **6:00am on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June through to 11pm Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**

#### Prep to Year 5:

24<sup>th</sup> of June >> The booking system will be accessible

From **6:00am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June through to 11pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**

No interview requests can be accepted outside of these times. Please see the letter sent home for details.

Kind regards, **Glenice Cleary**

[gclea1@eq.edu.au](mailto:gclea1@eq.edu.au)

## **LANGUAGES CLUSTER DAY ENJOYED BY 25 YEAR 6 STUDENTS.**

### **WHO?**

25 Year 6 students from MCSS and a number of other local schools – 150 students in total shared in the day

### **WHY?**

To introduce students to Languages at CDSHS – Japanese, Chinese and French

To enjoy a range of activities from each country

To enjoy food from each country

### **WHAT?**

Calligraphy

Chinese Paper Cutting

French Disco Dance Routine & French Paper Cutting

French – What is it?

Origami

Japanese Head Band creation

### **Students also enjoyed...**

French: Can Can Dancing

French: Chicken Little Performance

Japanese: Paper, Scissors, Rock

Chinese: Lion Dancing

The day was a success and students really did enjoy an authentic taste of Japan, China and France whilst been introduced to CDSHS. Thank you to all the students who participated so enthusiastically in the day. I hope your passion for learning another language has been ignited!

**Ms White, LOTE Teacher**

## **Music Notes**

Our musicians have been very busy in the last week. On Monday last week, our Strings students spent a day of intensive tuition at Redland Bay State School with Mrs Slater and throughout the entire week the Band students played, sang and danced with 500 other beginners at the Sleeman Sports Complex. They were immersed in mass bands, choirs and a dance troupe. They were able to experience Concert Bands, Stage Bands and Percussion Ensembles and were treated to an amazing concert on Wednesday night by professional performers. Friday saw the culmination of our week's work with a concert for parents. I was so proud of all of our students, in their behaviour and the way they represented our school and the enthusiasm they showed in all opportunities offered throughout the week.

Don't forget our **rehearsals** are still continuing so check the music room notice board for days and times. There is something on every morning, so make sure you know exactly when you need to be at school early. It is important rehearsals start on time.

Both choirs will be performing at the Chaplaincy Family Fun Day on June 21st 2-4pm. Exact performance times

will be confirmed this week. Please make sure you have the correct uniform ready for our performance.

**Suzie Bath**

Classroom Music

## **Library**

### **Bayside Readers' Cup Competition**

Good luck to the following students who will be competing in the Bayside Readers' Cup Competition at Moreton Bay Boys College on Thursday afternoon –

Abbi Eckert, Caitlin Moran, Asha Shirvington, Joshua Smith and Charlyze Phippen (reserve).

**Helen Plaschke**

**Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator**

[library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au)

## **Chaplaincy Family Fun Day**

**Sunday 21st June 2-4pm**

**Mt Cotton State School**

Bring your family and enjoy our FREE event.

### **Entertainment By:**

The Cotton Hoppers, School Choir, Eddie Echidna

### **Activities:**

6-a-side Soccer, Jumping Castle, Face painting, 3 legged races, Bean Bag Throw, Egg and spoon races

### **Food and drinks for sale.**

Please remember if you would like to donate cakes and slices to be sold on the day, they must be labelled with ingredients. Please see Chappy Jo or Tanya Edser.

**Bring your family down for a great day!**

## **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:**

- **Gold Rush Excursion Yr 5, \$30 due Thurs 11th June**
- **Senior Athletics Carnival Yrs 3 to 6, \$7 due Thurs 18th June**
- **Forensic Science Yrs 3 to 6 \$5 due Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Please contact the school office, prior to the deadline, if you have difficulty meeting the deadlines, to make alternate arrangements. The Cash Window is closed in the last week of school.

## **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**

**Student Absence Line: 3822 0460**

**Please leave: name, class &  
brief reason.**

**Long Absences:**

**admin@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au**

## **Senior Athletics** **Sports Day**

**Thursday 25th June**

**Years 3 to 6**

**Beenleigh Little**

**Athletics Centre,**

**Cec Clark Oval,**

**Oliver Sports**

**Complex,**

**Logan St, Eagleby**

