Mt Cotton State School
Parents & Citizens Association
Newsletter – 23rd June 2015

‘For Our Children’

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**NEXT P&C MEETING**

Our next meeting will be held **Wednesday 22nd July at 7pm** in the school library. We would love to see you there!!

**From The President**

Hi everyone. I hope you all have a wonderful break and you re-fuel ready for Term 3. Our fans will be installed in the hall over the holidays, so make sure you check them out when we come back.

Friday 17th July is our Junior Athletics Sports day and we will be doing a sausage and popper meal deal for $4.00, sausages $2.50, drinks $2.00 and the coffee van will be back. **No pre-ordering just pay on the day!** We are looking for a couple more helpers to help with cooking and serving on the day. If you are free please send me a text or email. Parents please keep the date free and come along to cheer our junior school on.

Have a great break, Nicole

We would like to welcome our new Tuckshop Convenor Rachelle, who has begun learning the ropes so please make her feel welcome!

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jo Wildermoth for all her hard work and dedication to our School Tuckshop over the last year. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours! Regards Nicole, Jess, Karlene and Alison.

**FUNDRAISING NEWS:**

We are finalising our Run 4 Fun by the end of this term, so if you still haven’t returned your money and forms, please do so by this Wednesday 24th June. Our next fundraising meeting will be the first week back in Term 3 on Thursday 16 July at 1.30pm. Thanks Danielle.

**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:**

Hi all, I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone for all your support over the past year. It has been my absolute pleasure to serve your children, they are some of the loveliest children I have ever worked with. I would also like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of my amazing volunteers. You have all been wonderful and I have made some lovely friendships. Last but certainly not least thank you to Kerry Gallagher. This past year would not have been so wonderful without your unwavering support and your tireless volunteer hours. You are truly an amazing person.

This week we are open Wednesday and Thursday as usual and Friday we are only open for over the counter service e.g. crisps, ice creams and drinks.

Sincerely, Jo Wildermoth, Outgoing Tuckshop Manger

Uniform Shop News:
OPENING HOURS FOR TERM 2:

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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. This is the last week to let us know if you are needing larger sizes for any of our uniforms for next year. I hope you all have a happy and safe break. See you in Term 3! Mel

EMAIL:  mel-foster@live.com.au
PHONE:  0418 438 747

From the Principal:

As this is the last newsletter for Term 2, I would like to congratulate all students for their hard work over the past 10 weeks. It has been an extremely busy term and our students have made us proud with the effort they have put in. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for their continued support and our dedicated teachers who continually work hard to ensure your children have the best learning opportunities available to them.

Term 3 Parent Calendar:
The Term 3 parent calendar will be sent home at the end of this week.

Report Cards:
Your child’s Semester 1 report was sent yesterday. This report includes a rating on your child’s academic achievement, effort and behaviour, as well as comments made by your child's teacher/s to provide valuable information regarding their progress so far this year. We encourage all families to take the time to discuss your child’s report card with them to identify areas of success and to set goals for achievement in Semester 2.

Our Vision is to grow Clever, Creative and Caring children and we encourage all students to strive to achieve their potential. For some students, regardless of their level of achievement, their rating is a result of them applying themselves and working extremely hard. These students should feel proud of their efforts and be congratulated.

We trust that you will find the information in your child’s report card informative. We welcome parents to discuss any aspect of the report card with the classroom teacher.

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:
Prep Parent Summit – 22nd of July at 9:30 am
Year 1 Parent Summit – 29th of July at 9:30 am
Year 2 Parent Summit - 5th of August at 9:30 am
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

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!
At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is 95%.

Your child’s Semester 1 attendance report will be sent home this week.

Below is the attendance percent for all of Week 9:

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

Please take care and stay safe. We look forward to all the challenges and rewards Term 3 has to offer.

Kind regards,
Meagan Steward
mstew40@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy Principal:

Parent Interview Dates:
Prep to Year 5:  24th of June in the hall.
Assembly – next term
Our Year 3’s will join our Senior assembly for Semester 2. Assemblies will begin in Week 2.

Great Mates:
Great Mates is a lunchtime activity program for students and will be run in the hall at second break. Each year level has been designated a day they are able to come to the hall and participate in fun activities. Students may come and go from the hall, but only 50 students can be in the hall at a time.

The activities this term are:

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Kind regards,
Sally Bedford sbedf7@eq.edu.au
Library

**Earn & Learn Campaign**

Woolworth’s have again teamed up with Modern Teaching Aids to run their Earn & Learn promotion from July 15 to September 8. During this time people who shop at Woolworth’s stores or online can earn reward stickers for every $10 they spend. In previous years the support from our school community (and beyond) has been fantastic and we have been able to redeem our stickers for good quality teaching resources that are used daily in classrooms. Our target for this year is 50 000 points (our point tally last time was over 42 000). Completed sticker sheets or just stickers can be handed in at the Library once the campaign is under way next term.

*Helen Plaschke*
Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator
library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au

**Chaplaincy News**

Hi everyone. I can’t believe we are nearly half way through the school year. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for coming to the Chaplaincy Family Fun Day. We had a great turn out and everyone enjoyed their afternoon. A huge thank you to the Chaplaincy Committee and P & C for their help and support.

Thank you to Meagan Steward for being our First Aid Officer and your help in making the day a success. Thank you to Suzie Bath, Taryn Hodgson, The Cotton Hoppers, Mini Melodies and Mt Cotton Voices for your fantastic performances. Thank you to Victoria Pt Baptist Church for donating the Jumping Castle that provided plenty of smiles. Thank you to all the helpers - we couldn’t have had such a successful day without you. We enjoyed having a special visit from Eddie Echidna, who taught us some of his favourite songs. Thanks for coming Eddie and Shaq.

I also want to thank our teachers and staff who do an amazing job throughout the year. We appreciate everything you do.

Enjoy your holidays and stay safe. See you all next term.

Chappy Jo

**Lost Property Bin**

The lost property bin is overflowing. Could students and parents please check for lost belongings. All items still left in the bin at the end of the week will be donated to charity.

**Sports News**

**Senior Athletics Sports Day**

**Thursday 25th June**

**Years 3 to 6**

**Beenleigh Little Athletics Centre**

**Cec Clark Oval**

**Oliver Sports Complex**

**Logan St, Eagleby**

*(Students travelling by private transport are to be collected by 2pm)*

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

**Prep to Year 5**

**Wednesday 24th June**

**School Hall from 3pm**

**Junior Athletics Sports Carnival**

**Term 3, Week 1**

**Friday 17th July**

**9am – 12.45pm**

*Have a great winter break!*