



Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 15th September 2015



'For Our Children'

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NEXT P&C MEETING



Our next meeting will be held this **Wednesday 16th September at 7pm** in the school library. We would love to see you there!!

From The President

Hi everyone. We are looking for people to help with a few fundraising events we have planned for the future. So if you can help with the following please contact me via email.

- We are chasing people to help call local businesses asking for donations for our Christmas raffle. If you have your own business or know anyone that does and would like to make a donation for our Christmas raffle please let us know.
- We are planning to have a fete next year and we are looking for some wonderful people who would like to join us and make a fete committee. You do not need experience just be willing to pitch in and help out. I would like to have a meeting [on Wednesday 7th October at 7pm](#) at McDonald's Victoria Point.

If you can help out with any of the above we would love to hear from you. I would like to wish everyone a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you all in Term 4. Thanks *Nicole*

FUNDRAISING

Chocolate money is due back now if you could please drop it into the office. If anyone would like some more chocolates can you please contact us and let us know.

The P & C will be selling chocolates at the school for students and staff on Friday 18th September at the morning tea and lunch breaks near the teacher aide room. Chocolates are \$1 each.

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 Rachele.
- **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:

We're nearly there! Firstly, I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to the MCSS community for making me feel so at home. I feel really lucky to be working for such a great school.

Secondly, a BIG THANK YOU goes to the wonderful volunteers, who come in week in and week out. You are all AMAZING!!!! Without you, we just couldn't open. Thank you for helping me through the 'teething problems' and for the support you have given me when I've been frazzled. **We will be closed for orders on the last day of term BUT will be available for snacks, ice creams and drinks.**

I hope you all have a wonderful break. I am looking forward to recharging my batteries over the 2 weeks, so I am refreshed for Term 4.

Rachele

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.

Well hasn't this term just flown by! We have ordered in some culottes, from a different supplier, which are in store now. They are a much better fit than the old ones and a lot easier for the little ones to get on and off during the day. I hope you all have a great holiday!

Mel

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From the Principal:

As this is the last newsletter for Term 3, I would like to congratulate all students for their commitment and enthusiasm to learning over the past 10 weeks. They can be proud of their efforts! Thank you to our dedicated staff who continually work hard to ensure your children have the best learning opportunities available to them. Also a special thank you goes to our parents for their continued support. It was great to hear your feedback at our Parent Summits this term.

Musical:

Last week, we had our first ever Mount Cotton State School musical. It was a fantastic production of Pirates of the Curry Bean. It was of a very high standard and gave our students the opportunity to be creative! A special thanks to Mrs Bath for all of her hard work and the staff and community who assisted in the production. Mrs Bath is on long service this week and is replaced by Chrissy Rueshle

Term 4 Parent Calendar:

The Term 4 parent calendar will be sent home at the end of this week.

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 yellow letter from your child's classroom teacher.

Classes For 2016

During Term 4, staff will begin working on class structures for 2016. As always we invite parents to write a letter outlining information that you may need to share. Please remember that you cannot request individual teachers, request notes are focussed on learning and social concerns that you may wish to be taken into consideration. Parent requests are due by Monday 26th of October to allow time for classes to be compiled for 2016. Requests will be unable to be accepted after the 26th of October. All requests must be in writing and submitted to the office.

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. To be part of our 2016 Prep Transition program, *all enrolment paperwork must be submitted*. Our 2016 Transition Program was emailed to the families who have submitted their enrolment paperwork.

Early Entry and Delayed Entry into Prep

Information about early entry and delayed entry into prep can be found on the link below.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-operations/early-delayed-entry-prep.html>

Senior Graduation – Date Claimer

Our Senior Graduation will be on the evening of Wednesday 9th of December.

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 9.**

PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
80	95	97	87	83	96	96	83
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
81	90	91	83	88	88	78	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
93	96	97	98	92	97	90	
SA	SB	SC					
85	95	94					

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

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Kind regards, **Meagan Steward**

mstew40@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy Principal:

Student Council Fundraising for the RSPCA

Thank you Mt Cotton families for your support of our pet supplies drive for the RSPCA. A large amount of pet products were collected and we will be sending these off to the RSPCA to help the animals. Thank you for your support of the Student Council's cause this term.



The pet products fill half of Miss Cleary's office!

Kind regards, **Glenice Cleary**

Library

Earn & Learn Campaign – current total 50 400 stickers!

Our target was 50 000 which we have easily passed so thank you again to everyone who has supported this campaign. Please send any remaining stickers and sheets (we will accept incomplete sheets) to the Library **by this Thursday**

September 17. **Helen Plaschke** Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au

Important Term 4 Dates:

Monday 5th October—Public Holiday
Monday 19th October—Student Free Day



Happy Holidays!