



Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 26th April 2016



'For Our Children'

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NEXT P&C MEETING

We are trialling alternate times for P&C meetings. The next meeting will be **Friday 6th May at 9am**, with venue to be confirmed. We'd love to see you!

FETE NEWS

Saturday 14th May from 10am – 3pm. The fete will be our major 2016 fundraiser! Funds raised will go towards improvements in the school hall, for the whole community to enjoy. **We need family and community support to make the day a success!**

- Sponsors
- Volunteers
- Donations
- Stall holders
- Volunteers with RSA licence
- Large marquee for the day



We continue to seek fete **volunteers** for side-show alley, food and drink stalls, setup and pack down! Whatever time you can spare is appreciated - 1 hour per family would cover the day. Please complete and return your volunteer form ASAP to the P&C box, text 0423 731 175 or email mcssfete@gmail.com.

A **donation** box is in each classroom for:

- Temporary coloured hairspray
- Blocks of chocolate & full sized chocolate bars
- Cans of soft drink
- Baked goods (cakes, muffins, biscuits etc.)
- Sideshow alley prizes
- Books
- Plants (new or cuttings)

In support of our **cake stall** a local community service has offered their commercial kitchen on the 11th & 12th of May between 3.30pm - 6.30pm for anyone wanting to bake. Please contact Megan via text on 0418180116 if you are interested. Thanks Megan!

Market stalls are still available. Pricing starts at \$30 for a 3x3m space. 2nd hand stalls are available also. Please email Jess at mcssfete@gmail.com.

There will be heaps of activities at the fete!

- *Sideshow alley
- *Market stalls
- *BBQ & bar
- *Food
- *Performances
- *Live entertainment

We will also have rides, including:

- *Giant slide
- *Sizzler
- *Cup 'n' saucer
- *Giant chairs
- *Lost temple
- *Clown jumping castle

Pre-sale unlimited ride arm bands are available now at the uniform shop. **Pre-sale closes Friday 6th May.** Costs are:

Presale to 6 th May	\$30 each armband
On the Day 14 th May	\$35 each armband
On the Day 14 th May	\$6 per ride

The uniform shop will open at the following times specifically for the sale of armbands only. (Uniforms will not be available for purchase):

Wednesday afternoons	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Friday mornings	8.15am – 9am

Ride arm bands will be available for collection on the morning of the Fete (more info to come). They will not be distributed prior to the Fete.

For further information about the Fete, please email mcssfete@gmail.com. For book and plant enquiries, contact Danielle Kissane 0418 759 414.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL - 4 & 5 MAY



This year's P&C Mother's Day Stall will be held on Wed 4th & Thurs 5th May! Pink flyers went home on Friday with a list of items for sale but you can also see this information on the 'Mount Cotton State School Community' Facebook page. Children may wish to bring a plastic bag to carry home their purchases. **Volunteers are still required** so please contact Kirk Jackson 0490 096 698 or kirk4tracey@yahoo.com.au and specify the amount of time and which day you can assist on. Thanks!!

BANKING NEWS

We had a bit of a token crisis last week. If you received a note saying we had run out of tokens, just leave it in your wallet and when they come in we will replace it. Hopefully we will be able to fix them this week, when more stocks arrive.

Many thanks, Anita Banking Guru.

NEW FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR!

Hi everyone! Just introducing myself - I'm the new fundraising coordinator for this year. I currently have 2 children in the school with another 2 still to come, so I'm looking forward to helping raise funds for the school. If anyone would like to come on board with the committee or if you have an awesome idea for us please let me know. Please send any fundraising enquiries to fundraisingmcsc@gmail.com

The **fete will be our major fundraiser** but we plan on having a few other things before the end of the year. A **HUGE** thanks to everyone who has donated prizes for the fete, we couldn't do it without your support. We will have **entertainment books** available for sale in the coming weeks, all info will be heading home soon. Thanks! Jen Barnett.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening hours for Term 2:

Tuesday afternoons	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Thursday mornings	8.15am – 9.15am



Price List & Order Form can be found on the school website (www.mtcottonss.eq.edu.au: Support & Resources/ Documents/ P&C Assoc/ Price

List & Order Form), at the school office or uniform shop. These can be returned to the P&C box in the school office, uniform shop, or emailed to the Uniform Shop Convenor. All enquiries for the Uniform Shop are now to go through our new Uniform Shop Convenor.

Kylie Shiels: 0421 556 932 or hello@knoxwear.com.au

P&C FACEBOOK & TWITTER

Don't miss out on all the current school information and reminders for upcoming events. 'Like' and 'Share' our **Mount Cotton**



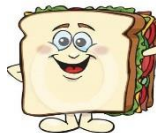
State School Community Facebook page or follow **MCSS Community** on Twitter. Remember to send any reminders or notices you are aware of for your child's class or year level through so we can share the information with other parents on Facebook. Please email P&C President, Nicole at nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com.

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 work 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 in our wonderful Tuckshop? If so, please see Rachelle.
- **UNIFORM SHOP** – Can you spare an hour to help out in our Uniform Shop? Please email pandc@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au for information.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Week 3 has arrived which means we have prices changes. **PLEASE CHECK THE UPDATED MENU FOR CHANGES.** For those that order online the prices will be automatically changed. For those who order over the counter please check the new menu you received last week with your newsletter. Alternatively, you can check out the "Mount Cotton State School Community" Facebook page and a copy will be on there under the photos.



I would like to thank all the volunteers who so generously give up their spare time, you are all AMAZING!!!!!! Without you the tuckshop simply couldn't run properly. I am always **seeking volunteers**, for all days that the tuckshop is open. If

you enjoy having a bit of fun while giving back to your school, then tuckshop sound like the place for you!

Our **online ordering** system's cut off time is 8.30am sharp. To set up an account simply logon to www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au. If you need to pay an outstanding amount, please don't do this through the online ordering system. If you need to cancel your child's lunch for any reason, please contact the tuckshop. We cannot cancel orders past 8.45am. **Over the counter ordering** shuts at 8.45am sharp.

If you need to contact me please do so through either the school office, just stop in and see me or email tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au. Enjoy your week! Rachelle.

From the Principal

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. A special thank you the parents who have paid the voluntary contribution scheme! ☺

Activities That Promote Early Literacy And Numeracy Concepts

Here are some fun, everyday activities you can do with your child to help develop their literacy and numeracy skills:

- play word games when out together, such as • playing 'I spy' in the car. For young children, you can use colours such as 'I spy something that is red'
- paint and draw — art allows children to express themselves. As your child learns more words you may notice their paintings or drawings become more detailed
- sing songs or nursery rhymes while taking a walk, packing away toys or in the car
- dress up — children can practise their language and communication skills by playing 'make believe'
- play outdoors — pouring water or sand into containers, scales and measuring containers allows your child to explore numeracy concepts
- do a puzzle — puzzles are a great way for children to learn about sizes, shape and colours
- play with blocks — concepts of size, numbers, patterns and problem-solving can be explored by playing with blocks. You can help extend your child's mathematical and spatial concepts by giving them paper, pencil and a ruler for drawing their block buildings
- ask your child open-ended questions — this encourages them to practise expressing themselves and lets them know you value their thoughts

- think out loud — so your child can learn about how you solve problems
- read books — reading together can be a special and relaxing time. It can help your child enjoy reading from a young age and give them a head start at school.

Parent Surveys:

We are keen to hear feedback from our parents/carers. A survey link will be emailed home this week. Please complete the survey by Friday 6th of May.

Uniform Blitz:

During Term 2, we will have a weekly uniform blitz.

Our Uniform Blitz: Week 3 blitz is SHOES! ☺

Formal: Closed in black leather school shoes

Sport: Black sneakers

Cottonhoppers: May wear one lace of a different colour in their right shoe.



Team IQ

As you are aware, in 2016, we are continuing with our Team IQ. Team IQ is when our teachers meet in small groups, to share expertise and work collaboratively to improve the academic performance of students. Each teacher has an explicit focus for 6 weeks (written below). Our students complete a pre-check (Week 2) and then after the intensive focus (6 weeks) they complete a post-check/test (Week 8). The teachers have additional staff meetings in Week 2 and 8 to discuss their explicit focus and their students. **Every student counts!**

Team IQ Term 2: This term, we will have a numeracy focus.

Prep	Counting to 20 and backwards from 10
Year 1	1-100 number board
Year 2	Addition and subtraction strategies – including jump strategy, split strategy, vertical addition and using a hundreds board.
Year 3	Number facts, addition and subtraction.
Year 4	3, 6, 9 times table - multiplication and division facts
Year 5	Word problems - scanning problems for important information and identifying what you need to do to solve the problem – Use See, Think, Do and Check.
Senior	Fractions – identifying, marking on number line, addition and subtraction, fractions of an amount, and percentage/decimal fraction/common fraction conversions.
PE	Year 3: Shot Put skills
Music	Year 3: Incorporating the rhythmic element of ° (too-oo) 2 beat rhythm, into 4 beat patterns.

2016 Camps, Excursions and Incursions:

Last week, we listed our 2016 camps, excursions and incursions. We hope that by gaining the support of the P & C for our 2016 camps, excursions and incursions that it gives notice to our parents about upcoming costs. Please see our Week 2 newsletter for details.

Term 2 Events:

Over the holidays, a Term 2 calendar of events was emailed home. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the office.

Corrections to the Term 2 Parent Calendar;

- There will be no assemblies in Week 5 due to NAPLAN.
- School photos will be 26th and 27th of May.
- Change of date for the next P & C meeting. It is now 9 am on Friday 6th of May.

Fire Education Visit for our Year 1 students

1st visit is: Friday 15th April

2nd visit is: Tuesday 10th May

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is 95%. Below is the **Week 2** attendance percent for each class.

Term 2, 2016	Wk 2
Prep	94
PA	94
PB	99
PC	88
PD	95
Year 1	96
1A	98
1B	95
1C	94
1D	97
Year 2	96
2A	93
2B	95
2C	98
2D	98
Year 3	95
3A	89
3B	97
3C	96
3D	99
Year 4	92
4A	93
4B	94
4C	91
Year 5	94
5A	88
5B	98
5C	97
5D	93
Year 6	94
SA	93
SB	94
SC	96

We look forwards to seeing you throughout the term and thank you for your ongoing support of the school.

Regards, Meagan Steward

mstew40@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy Principal: Glenice Cleary

Assemblies:

Weeks 3 and 4: Assemblies as per Term 1 – Wednesday (P to Year 3) and Thursday (Year 4 to 6).

Week 5: No assemblies due to NAPLAN.

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:

Week Number	Activity
1	Disco
2	Camp Games (Monte Carlo etc)
3	School Yard Games
4	Trivia
5	Board Games/ Twister/ Celebrity Heads
6	Dress Up Relays
7	Obstacle Course
8	Bingo
9	Fitness Circuit
10	Camp Games (Monte Carlo etc)
11	Disco

Days for each year level are:

Monday: Yr 2 & 3, Tuesday: Yr 1, Wednesday: Yr 4 & 5

Thursday: Prep, Friday: Yr 6

NAPLAN:

As you would be aware your child will be completing NAPLAN testing in Week 5 of this term. These tests will be completed by all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia in the areas of Numeracy, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading and Writing. The dates for the test are as follows:

Tuesday 10 th of May	Wednesday 11 th of May	Thursday 12 th of May
<u>Language Conventions:</u> 40 minutes (Spelling & Grammar and Punctuation)	<u>Reading:</u> 45 minutes (Yr 3) and 50 minutes (Yr 5)	<u>Numeracy:</u> 45 minutes (Yr 3) and 50 minutes (Yr 5)
<u>Writing:</u> 40 minutes		

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. *The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do*

the best they can on the day. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions.

We will have our NAPLAN breakfasts again this year. The Year 3 breakfast will be on Tuesday 10th of May and Year 5 will be on Thursday 12th of May. The breakfast will be from 8 am to 8:30 am. A great way to begin the day! A special thank you goes to our P & C for supplying the muffins.

Kind regards, Glenice Cleary

Photos: The ANZAC Day School Ceremony and the Commemorative ANZAC Day Ceremony held at ANZAC Square attended by the school leaders.



From the Library

Book Club

A reminder that the due date for all orders from the Issue 3 brochure is Wednesday April 27.

If you do not wish your child to collect the order - for orders through the school - please write 'HOLD' on the order and we will contact you. For orders made online please use the email address below to advise the Library of your contact details.

Helen Plaschke

Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

library@mtcottons.eq.edu.au

Sports News

Congratulations to all Mount Cotton students who competed at the Bayside District Cross Country on Thursday 21st April. Some fantastic results were recorded by our students with 3 students being selected in the Bayside District Cross Country Team to compete at the Metropolitan East trials on the 17th May. Overall Mount Cotton achieved its best ever result at this carnival gaining 4th overall on aggregate points and 4th overall on percentage points. There are 36 schools in our district. To gain these results indicates all runners placed extremely well.

Our Bayside representatives are Alfie 2nd in the Boys 11yrs race, Corey 6th in the Boys 10yrs race and Kirra 8th in the Girls 10yrs race congratulations and good luck at the Met East trials.

Korey and **Tate** had a big day recently at the AFL met east trials. They both played really well but we're not successful in making the regional team.

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 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:

- **Voluntary Contribution Scheme \$40 per student or \$140 for families of 4 or more. Please use Code: VC or Levy if direct debiting**
- **Year 1 Wildlife on Wheels, \$8.50. BPoint Deadline 9 May and Cash Window Deadline 12 May.**
- **Apple Store Excursion Year 4 \$9. BPoint deadline Mon 16th May. Cash Window deadline 19th May.**

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



School Photos Thursday 26th and Friday 27th May