



# Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016



*'For Our Children'*

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## NEXT P&C MEETING – 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm

Please join us in the library.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hi everyone! Thanks for supporting our **fete**. We are finalising things and have been receiving some great feedback. On Wednesday night at the P&C meeting we will be holding a debrief about the fete. I thank everyone who has sent in feedback – without it we cannot improve for our next fete. We raised \$16,500 on the day and these funds will go towards improving our audio-visual equipment in the hall.

I am looking forward to our first school **disco** of the year and hope we have a great turn out. It will be a great way for all the children to relax after a busy couple of weeks with end of term exams. If you are able to help on the night please send me an email or text.

Thanks, Nicole.

## SCHOOL BANKING COMPETITION!

We will be running a competition for the chance to win an awesome Dollarmites Prize Pack!

Every time you make a deposit from now until the end of term you enter in the draw to win the prize. Make sure you remember your banking each week for your chance to win ... We would especially love to see you if you have not banked for a while!

Good luck! Anita – Banking Guru. **PS. Check out the Dollarmites Prize Pack in the Library!!**



## FIND MCSS ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER

MCSS is on FB at **Mount Cotton State School Community** and on Twitter at **MCSS Community**. Email P&C to share info with other school families.



## FUNDRAISING NEWS

Hi all! Our **Superhero Disco** is on Friday 17th June! Junior (Prep - Yr2) will run from 5-6.30pm and Senior (Yr3 - Yr6) from 7-8.30pm. Entry cost is \$5.00. We will have the BBQ cooking some delicious sausages and we will be selling our regular favourites from the canteen

including hips, zings, drinks, slushies, lollies and glow items. An hour of your time helps to make the night run smoother for all. If you are able to help out please email [nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com](mailto:nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com)

The **fundraising committee** is looking for some new members. This is a sub-committee to the whole P&C, and we will be having meetings to help brainstorm and work on finer details for upcoming fundraising events for the school. We would love to have people involved who are knowledgeable in planning events, and who have contacts for our local and greater Brisbane area's in all fields. You don't need to attend every meeting or be at school all the time – even if you can spare time to do things from home for us, it will be greatly appreciated. Send me and email and we can go from there.

Last year's **Entertainment Book** has now expired so if you are needing to update your membership for this year, follow the link below to place an order. Every book sold gives money back to the school.

<http://www.entbook.com.au/2289c21>

Thanks, Jen. [fundraisingmcss@gmail.com](mailto:fundraisingmcss@gmail.com)

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

### Opening hours for Term 2:

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

We are currently working on **orders for 2017**. We only carry a limited amount of stock in sizes over 14 so if you do require larger sizes please send us an email to ensure we have ordered enough. We need this information ASAP - our order needs to be placed now so stock arrives in time for the new year. If we don't hear from you there is a chance we will not have enough stock. Thanks

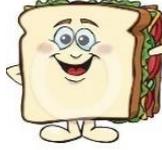


**Price List & Order Form** can be found on the school website ([www.mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](http://www.mtcottonss.eq.edu.au): Support & Resources/ Documents/ P&C Assoc/ Price List & Order Form), at the office or uniform shop. These can be

returned to the P&C box, uniform shop, or emailed to the Uniform Shop Convenor.

### TUCKSHOP NEWS

Hot chocolates have been a big hit! They can be purchased before school for \$2. With the cold weather it's the perfect way to begin the school day. Please check the updated menu for new pricing.



At the start of Term 3 we will be changing our online ordering system to Flexischools! Please start running your current accounts down. More information will be sent home within the week. Money can't be transferred from old supplier to new but you can "close" your current account and have your balance deposited into a bank account.

I would like to thank the AMAZING VOLUNTEERS who gave up their spare time on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to help in the Tuckshop. Without you the Tuckshop simply couldn't run properly. **I am always after volunteers, for all days that the Tuckshop is open and Tuesdays** when I prepare yummy homemade food for your children's bellies. If you enjoy a bit of fun while giving back to school then Tuckshop is the place for you. Every little bit helps – even 1/2 an hour in the morning preparing sandwiches or doing dishes!

Online ordering closes at 8.30am. If you need to pay for an outstanding amount, please don't do this through the online ordering system. If you need to cancel your child's order for any reason, please contact the Tuckshop prior to 8.45am via the school office. Over the counter ordering shuts at 8.45am.

If you need to contact me, please do so via the school office, see me at the tuckshop or email [tuckshop@mtcottons.eq.edu.au](mailto:tuckshop@mtcottons.eq.edu.au).

Have a wonderful week, Rachelle.

### HOW CAN I HELP?

- You could ask your teacher if there is anything they would like help with for the **classroom**.
- Speak with Rachelle about helping in **tuckshop** if you have spare time Weds, Thurs or Fri.
- Contact Kylie if you are available to help in our **uniform shop**.
- Keep your eye on **P&C events** as volunteer support is much appreciated! Contact Nicole.
- Our **fundraising sub-committee** is currently seeking members! Email Jen for info.

### From the Principal

#### OUR MUSIC STUDENTS:

It was a big week last week for our music students! On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of May, some of our strings students enjoyed attending the Beginner Strings workshops at Redland Bay State School. Also last week, seventeen Year 4 and Year 5 students joined approximately 430 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!



#### OUR SCHOOL REVIEW

As you are aware, our school is scheduled for a school review this week (Thursday and Friday). The Department of Education and Training introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews are conducted by the department's School Improvement Unit. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools have a review at least every four years. Key findings from the review are made available to parents and the community on the school's website. As part of the review, the review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students. Feedback can be provided to the review team by phone or in person. All feedback remains confidential. If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the school office or email the review team at [SIUMB@dete.qld.gov.au](mailto:SIUMB@dete.qld.gov.au).

### **CYBER SAFETY TIPS:**

The department has recently been alerted to random users contacting children using the social media app 'Instagram'.

The following tips are provided to parents on how their children can avoid random contact on social media:

1. Know which social media your child uses.
2. Discuss with your child who their online friends and followers are. Only be friends with people online who you know and trust in the real world.
3. Take a proactive approach and establish clear and agreed rules for your child's internet use.

Visit [www.behaviour.education.qld.gov.au](http://www.behaviour.education.qld.gov.au) for more information.

### **JUMPERS:**

As we have hit cooler weather, many students will begin wearing jumpers to school. Please see below some information regarding acceptable school jumpers and school procedures for students wearing jumpers that are not part of the approved school uniform.

#### **Students may wear:**

Prep:

- Navy blue jumper
- Navy blue long sleeve polo shirt with emblem
- Maroon tracksuit pants
- Maroon long-length pants
- Maroon tights/stockings

Year 1 to 6:

- Maroon jumper (preferably with MCSS embroidered emblem)
- MCSS maroon and white polo shirt – short or long sleeve
- Maroon track pants or long-length pants
- Maroon stockings/tights may be worn under culottes or dress – not under sports shorts. Important note: Full length or ¾ length leggings in any colour are not to be worn under shorts or dresses at any time.



### **OUT OF UNIFORM PROCEDURES (as per MCSS School Uniform Policy & Student Dress Code):**

If students are out of uniform without notification from a parent/carer, the following steps will apply:

Consequences of Non Compliance

- 1) Warning - If a student does not comply with the Dress Code he/she will be reminded of the expectation.
- 2) If he/she persists in not complying with the Dress Code:
  - (a) the student may be:

- directed to remove or cover the unacceptable clothing, accessory, cosmetics, marking, etc
- directed to change into acceptable clothing, including wearing clothing temporarily provided by the school
- directed to alter his/her appearance to comply with the Dress Code
- excluded from specific activities, if his/her safety, or the safety of others, is at risk
- excluded from activities in which he/she would be representing the school (both on and off campus); and

(b) a note may be sent to his/her family seeking

their support to comply with the Dress Code.

*Please note that each individual case will be reviewed on its own merits and discretionary decision making will always be used.*

We thank you for your ongoing support of our uniform policy. Please feel free to contact us should you have any queries regarding this matter.

### **UNIFORM BLITZ: - WEEK 9 >> HAIR AND MAKE-UP! 😊**

Hair must be worn off the face in a neat and tidy manner. Hair below shoulder length must be tied back. Hair cut styles and colour should be conservative in nature. Maroon and/or White hair accessories. Make up, face glitter or face paint is not to be worn. Only clear nail varnish is to be worn

### **CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING – TERM 2:**

Each class will be holding a Celebration of Learning this term to showcase the fantastic work they have been doing during the term. Parents and family members are invited to attend the Celebrations of Learning to see first-hand just how hard our students have worked and what wonderful things they have achieved.

<b>Prep</b>	Under 8s Celebration - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> of May at 9 am
<b>Year 1</b>	Under 8s Celebration - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> of May at 11:15 am
<b>Year 2</b>	2A - Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> of June at 2 pm 2B – Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> of June at 2 pm 2C – Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> of June at 9:45 am +++ Change of date +++ 2D – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> of June at 9 am
<b>Year 3</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June at 2:15 pm
<b>Year 4</b>	4A and 4B - Thursday 9th June at 9am 4C - Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June at 9am
<b>Year 5</b>	Friday 24 June at 2 pm in the Hall
<b>Senior</b>	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> of June at 2 pm

### **CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING – ALTITUDE STUDENTS**

Year 1; Wednesday 15th June 9.30am

Year 3; Tuesday 14th June 9.00am

Year 5; Wednesday 15th June 11.30am

### **Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!**

At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is **95%**.

Below is the **Week 8** attendance percent for each class.

<b>Term 2, 2016</b>	<b>Wk 8</b>
<b>Prep</b>	<b>90.75</b>
PA	88
PB	93
PC	93
PD	89
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>94</b>
1A	91
1B	95
1C	94
1D	96
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>92.5</b>
2A	90
2B	96
2C	88
2D	96
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>91.25</b>
3A	96
3B	84
3C	93
3D	92
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>86.3</b>
4A	86
4B	90
4C	83
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>87.5</b>
5A	90
5B	88
5C	89
5D	83
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>91.6</b>
SA	91
SB	93
SC	90

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

Regards,

Meagan Steward

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

**From the Deputy Principal: Glenice Cleary**

### **SPOTTED CAMPAIGN:**

Our selected Senior students are busy observing during lunch times on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays wearing brightly coloured vests for our Spotted campaign.

They are handing out 'spotted' tokens to those students they see following the school rules and sitting down in their eating area when eating. If a student receives one of these tokens, they will bring them back to their classroom and place it in a box. On Fridays, our teachers draw out one name and that student receives an ice-block! We look forward to giving out lots of 'spotted' tokens!

### **LOTE CLUSTER DAY**

Learning about a different culture to your own, can help you to understand that there are different ways to live.

This understanding can help you to grow tolerance, and appreciate differences in the world.

Learning another language can help your mental abilities and world understanding and communication.

On the LOTE day students celebrated and joined in a variety of fun cultural activities from Japan, China and France.

These activities included origami, paper cutting, calligraphy, Japanese head band creation, Can Can dancing, Lion dancing, aikido and eating local food. 16 students from Mount Cotton SS, and other local schools had a great day and participated enthusiastically. It was also a nice introduction for the students to CDSHS.

Kind regards

Lucy Russell (LOTE Teacher)



**Junior Track & Field -  
Prep to Yr 2  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
9am start**

## **Community News**



Give your child the best start...  
**OPEN DAY**  
SATURDAY JUNE 18  
10am - 12pm

St James Lutheran Community Kindergarten & Childcare  
A: 29 Waterloo St Cleveland T: 3286 1953  
W: [www.stjameskindychildcare.net.au](http://www.stjameskindychildcare.net.au)