



# Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 24<sup>th</sup> May 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! As of the start of Term 3 we will be introducing a *NEW online tuckshop program Flexischools*. This system is easier to operate and offers a support system for parents as well as for the Tuckshop Convenor. We have had a few issues with our current system and had very little help from them to resolve them. The P&C have looked into a new system which will be best for our community. Down the track the new system will allow us to do online uniform ordering and fundraising. We are asking *all parents that have money on the online canteen system to please run your accounts down by the end of this term*. Thank you for your support.

Our first *Disco* for the Year is Friday 17th June and our theme is Superheroes. Junior (Prep - Yr2) 5-6.30pm and Senior (Yr3 - Yr 6) 7-8.30pm. \$5 entry. Regards, Nicole.

### HOW CAN I HELP?

- **CLASSROOM** – Why not ask your teacher if there is anything you can help with? Maybe take work home at drop-off and return at pick-up.
- **TUCKSHOP** – Can you spare a couple of hours on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday to help in our wonderful Tuckshop? If so, please visit Rachele.
- **UNIFORM SHOP** – Can you help in our Uniform Shop? Please contact Kylie Shiels on 0421 556 932 or email to [hello@knoxwear.com.au](mailto:hello@knoxwear.com.au)

### P&C FACEBOOK & TWITTER

Don't miss school info and reminders. 'Like' and 'Share' *Mount Cotton State School Community* facebook page and follow *MCSS Community* on Twitter. Email class or year level



reminders to [nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com](mailto:nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com) and we will share with other families too.

### FUNDRAISING NEWS

Hi! The *Entertainment Book* envelopes should have come home by now. It's great value at only \$65 for over \$20,000 worth of vouchers. Each book sold gives money back to the school. If you would like to order, just fill it in, seal and return to the P&C box near the office. Or follow this link to pay online.

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

We are currently working on some exciting new fundraising adventures to support our school. Next on our calendar is the *Disco on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June*. Hope to see you all there!

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

### 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](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.

### THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!



## **TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Week 7 has arrived and *HOT CHOCOLATES are now available before school!* At the start of Term 3 we will have a *NEW online ordering system!* Please start running your current accounts down as we cannot transfer money over.



*Please check the updated menu for new pricing.* Online prices will automatically change. For those who order over the counter please check the new menu. Alternatively, you can check out our MCSS Facebook page for a copy.

I would like to thank all our AMAZING volunteers who generously give up their spare time to help in the tuckshop. Without volunteers our tuckshop simply couldn't function. *We're always seeking volunteers,* across all tuckshop days. We love new faces so if you can spare an hour, every bit helps. Volunteering is a great way to give to your school!

*Over the counter ordering shuts at 8.45am and online ordering closes at 8.30am.* Online orders cannot be cancelled after 8.45am. If you need to cancel an order, please ring the office and they will forward your call to tuckshop. If you need to contact me for any other reasons email me at [tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au). Enjoy your week, Rachelle

## **From the Principal**

This month, we mark two annual events that are important for all Australians. The first is National Sorry Day, which is held on 26 May each year — the date that the *Bringing Them Home* report into the Stolen Generations was tabled in Parliament in 1997. Later this month, we will celebrate National Reconciliation Week, a time for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to share stories of the past as well as visions for a more positive future.

## **Fanfare:**

Yesterday, our Senior Concert Band performed at Fanfare. Congratulations to our talented band members who received a silver award for their efforts. Thank you also to Mrs Wolfe for her dedication to our students.



## **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 – Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> of June at 2 pm 2C – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> of June at 2 pm 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

## **Uniform Blitz: - Week 7>> Our Hat! ☺**

Maroon Full Brimmed or Bucket Hat



## **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

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

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

Below is the **Week 6** attendance percent for each class.

<b>Term 2, 2016</b>	<b>Wk 6</b>
<b>Prep</b>	<b>93.25</b>
PA	91
PB	90
PC	98
PD	94
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>94</b>
1A	100
1B	85
1C	95
1D	96
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>92.5</b>
2A	88
2B	95
2C	93
2D	94
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>94.5</b>
3A	86
3B	100
3C	96
3D	96
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>95.67</b>
4A	91
4B	98
4C	98
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>94.5</b>
5A	94
5B	92
5C	96
5D	96
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>94.67</b>
SA	96
SB	94
SC	94

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

Regards,

Meagan Steward

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

### **From the Deputy Principal: Glenice Cleary**

Spotted Campaign:

For the next 4 weeks, our Senior students will be observing during lunch times on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday wearing brightly coloured vests. They will be 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. Each Friday afternoon for the next 4 weeks, our teachers will draw out one name and that student will receive an ice-block! We look forward to giving out lots of 'spotted' tokens!

### **Local Chaplaincy Committee**

The LCC is a supportive committee comprised of school staff, parents, and local church representatives. This dedicated team offers practical support for the Chaplaincy service, and is involved with Chaplaincy programmes and fundraising ventures. This committee meets approximately twice per term. Depending on what roles you take up, there may be tasks to complete between meetings.

This is an opportunity for you to be part of a service that brings hope to young people and supports the school and local community. If this is something you would be interested in, please come along to our next LCC meeting: Tuesday the 7th June (Week 9), 8am at the Mi Hub. I look forward to seeing you there.  
Chappy Bonny

### **Timetable for Mount Cotton State School photos Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

	<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>
8:00 – 8:40 am	<i>SIBLING Photos</i>	8:00 – 8:40 am	<i>SIBLING Photos</i>
8:15am	<i>STAFF Photo</i>		
8:55 am		8:55 am	3A (20) 5A (Inds Only)
9:10 am		9:10 am	3B (21)
9:25 am	Prep A (26) 1D (Inds Only)	9:25 am	3C (23)
9:40 am	Prep B (27)	9:40 am	3D (24)
9:55 am	Prep C (26)	9:55 am	4A (27)
10:10 am	Prep D (26)	10:10 am	4B (25)
10:25 am	1C (23)	10:20 am	4C (25)
10:35 am	1D (22) (Group Only)	10:35 am	5A (24) (Group Only)
Lunch Break (10:45-11:15)		Lunch Break (10:45-11:15)	
11:00 am (During Lunch)	<i>Instrumental Band</i>	11:00 am (During Lunch)	<i>Cotton Hoppers</i>
11:20 am	2A (24) 2D (Inds only)	11:20 am	5B (25) Senior C (28) (Inds Only)
11:30 am	1A (23)	11:35 am	5C (24)
11:45 am	1B (22)	11:50 am	5D (24)
12:00 am	2B (22)	12:05 pm	Senior A (28)
12:15 pm	2C (20)	12:20 pm	Senior B (27)
12:25 pm	2D (21)(Group Only)	12:30 pm	Senior C(28)(Group Only)
		12:40 pm	<i>School Leaders</i>
Lunch Break (12:45 – 1:25)		Lunch Break (12:45 – 1:25)	
1:00 pm (During Lunch)	<i>Three Choirs</i>		

### 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**
- **Second Interschool Sports Day \$8 Cash Window Deadline 26th May.**
- **Senior Athletics Carnival \$7 BPoint Deadline 6th June and Cash Window Deadline 9th June**
- **Prep Professor Jellybean \$10 BPoint Deadline 30<sup>th</sup> May and Cash Window Deadline 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**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.**

#### From the Library Book Club

Scholastic Book Club catalogues for Issue 4, 2016 were distributed to children today. Please note we are now sending home **1 brochure per family** and these will be given to the youngest child (as per newsletters). A limited number of spare brochures are available from the Library or the catalogue can be accessed online - <http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/>

When ordering – either -

**1** – send your order form to school (**to the Library**) with either cash or cheque (cheques payable to Scholastic Australia Book Club) payment making sure the details for student's name and class are filled in clearly.

**2** – **LOOP** - Order and pay directly to Scholastic via [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the app. You will need to specify your child's class and fill in their first name and initial of their last name. Order forms do not have to be returned to school as they are processed with the school order.

**The due date for orders is Wednesday June 1.**

**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](mailto:library@mtcottons.eq.edu.au)

### **In Sporting**

Congratulations Alfie

Alfie competed recently at the Metropolitan East Cross Country Carnival and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2005 boy's race. As a result he will be running in the Queensland Cross Country Carnival as a member of the Metropolitan East Cross Country Team.

Good Luck Alfie

#### **Coral:**

Over the weekend, Coral competed in the Queensland State Titles with over 500 competitors. Coral competed in the Kumite final and took out a very impressive victory 4-0. Coral is the Queensland State Champion in her age division and has been invited to travel to Melbourne at the Nationals in August to represent Queensland - a fantastic achievement.

Toby was very lucky to be recently selected by Opera Queensland to perform in the world renowned Opera Madama Butterfly which was showing at the Lyric Theatre QPAC from the 12-19th May. Toby played "Sorrow" the Son of the main character Butterfly and although it wasn't a speaking part, his character played an integral part to the whole show. It's been exhausting over the last 4 weeks with rehearsals every day and fitting in school but was certainly worth all of Toby's hard work when he received a standing ovation on Saturday. Toby has certainly enjoyed every minute of this experience and has been so lucky to be given such an exciting opportunity.