From the Principal

Term 4 Curriculum Overview
During Week 1 or 2, you will receive a Term 4 Curriculum Overview. It will include a brief overview for each of our Key Learning Areas. We hope that this provides you with feedback on what our students are learning about this term.

NAPLAN 2015
Congratulations to the following students who scored in the top 2 bands on the NAPLAN tests! A FANTASTIC achievement.

Uniform Changes for 2016
Our School Uniform Policy and Student Dress Code was endorsed by the MCSS P & C Association on the 16th of September, 2015. The changes will be effective from the beginning of next year (January, 2016). Last week, the updated School Uniform Policy and Student Dress Code was attached to our newsletter. As you are aware, at the beginning of next year our uniform will be closed in black leather school shoes or black sneakers with black laces or velcro.
Some examples of suitable school shoes in 2016 are below:

Uniform Blitz
During Term 4, we will have a weekly uniform blitz. This week, our blitz is: Our School Shorts/Skirt or Dress!
- Formal: Maroon Check Skirt/Shorts/Dress
- Sport: Sports Shorts

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 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.
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.

**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 1**.

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

Kind regards,

Meagan Steward

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**From the Deputy Principal:**

**Assembly**

Assemblies will begin this week.

**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.

Days for each year level are:

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The activities are:

- **Week 2**: School yard games (skipping/ hula hoops/elastics)
- **Week 3**: Camp Games (monte carlo etc)
- **Week 4**: Bingo (Years 2-6) Construction/blocks (Prep & Year 1)
- **Week 5**: Obstacle Course
- **Week 6**: Celebrity Heads
- **Week 7**: Fitness/Aerobics
- **Week 8**: Novelty/Dress Up Relays
- **Week 9**: Disco
- **Week 10**: No Great Mates

If you are looking for something to do at lunch time, come along and have some fun!

**Bravehearts Education Program – Prep to Year 4**

“Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure” Incursion

We are again this year offering the opportunity to attend the Bravehearts “Ditto Keep Safe Adventure” show. The purpose of this show is to teach children personal safety in a non-confrontational, fun and engaging fashion.

The show’s main contents address:

- Yes and No Feelings
- Warning signs
- Scared and Yucky Feelings
- Private Parts and Privacy
- Its ok to say No if you don’t feel safe
- What to do if you feel unsafe or unsure

Students will also receive an activity booklet to take home and share with parents and carers. Details are as follows:

- **Date**: Wednesday 21st October 2015
- **Cost**: $5.00 per student. Please check the letter for payment options. **Please pay by THIS Thursday (15th October).**

Kind regards, Glenice Cleary