

From the Principal:

2015 NAPLAN Results:

Year 3s - Areas of strength:

- Our mean score was comparatively similar to like schools for Spelling.
- Our mean score was comparatively similar to State Schools in ALL areas (Reading, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation, Spelling and Numeracy).
- Our 3s were comparatively similar to National % of students achieving National Minimum Standard in all 5 areas (Reading, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation, Spelling and Numeracy).
- Upper Two Bands – Students flagged comparatively similar to Nation in all 5 areas.
- Upper Two Bands Writing % > 38.7% in 2014 to 43.7% in 2015.

Year 5s - Areas of strength:

- Our mean score was comparatively similar to the National mean in 4 areas (Reading, Grammar and Punctuation, Spelling and Numeracy) and above the National mean in Writing.
- Our mean score was comparatively similar to Like Schools in 4 areas and above Like Schools in Writing. We were below Like Schools in 4 areas in 2014!
- Our highest performing area was in Writing with a gain from 2014 mean score by 35. State mean score increased by 13 and National mean score increased by 10.
- Our 5s were comparatively above the National % of students achieving National Minimum Standard in 2 areas (Reading and Writing – 100%!). Comparatively similar to the National % in 3 areas (Spelling, G & P and Numeracy).
- Upper Two Band - Students flagged comparatively similar to National cohort in 4 areas. Writing was flagged comparatively above National Upper Two Band data.
- Upper Two Bands Writing % - from 18.6 in 2014 to 39.5 in 2015!!
- Upper Two Bands Numeracy % - from 20.0 in 2014 to 27.2 in 2015.
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Parent Summits:

During Term 3, we will be holding Parent Summits. This is planned to be an informal chat about our school as well as giving us an opportunity to gain feedback from you on key matters effecting the school currently and/or into the future.

The dates will be:

- Year 2 and Year 3 Parent Summit – 13th of August at 9:30 am >> **THIS WEEK**
- Year 4 Parent Summit – 20th of August at 9:30 am
- Year 5 Parent Summit – 27th of August at 9:30 am
- Senior Parent Summit - 3rd of September at 9:30 am

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. More information about our 2016 prep information sessions will be announced soon.

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 4.

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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PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
96	90	94	99	87	78	91	92
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
89	90	86	97	92	93	96	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
89	91	95	92	89	93	90	
SA	SB	SC					
86	85	87					

From the Deputy Principal:

Student Council Fundraising for the RSPCA

This term our student council will be targeting the RSPCA for its fundraising efforts. This term the Student Council will be fundraising for the RSPCA. Activities will include:

- Silly Sock Day (28th August)
- Pet goods (food, toys, blankets etc.) drive

Sale of RSPCA merchandise

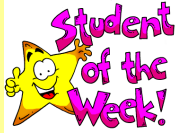
The pet goods drive and the sale of merchandise will happen across weeks 8 & 9 of this term. A representative from the RSPCA will attend our Junior and Senior assemblies on 26 and 27th August (week 7) leading up to the 3 weeks of fundraising.

Kind regards,

Glenice Cleary

Come dressed as your favourite book character tomorrow!





Term 3, Weeks 2 & 3 Congratulations to these students on their achievement!

Ella	Prep A	Caring	Riley	Prep A	Creative
Colton	Prep B	Respect	Ruby	Prep B	Caring
Sophie	Prep C	Respect	Jayden	Prep C	Clever
Sienna	Prep D	Clever	Indra	Prep D	Resilience
Cayden	1A	Responsible	Matilda	1A	Responsibility
Pradyun	1B	Clever	Chloe	1B	Respect
Van	1C	Resilience	Jack	1C	Respect
Kayden	1D	Respect	Jayda	1D	Resilience
Hunter	2A	Responsible	Ella	2A	Clever
Isabella	2C	Creative	Aisha	2B	Clever
Lachlan	2D	Clever	Lachlan	2C	Responsible
Seth	3B	Respect	Aysha	2D	Clever
Annastasia	3C	Resilience	Charlotte	3A	Clever
Daniel	4A	Creativity	Sienna	3B	Responsible
Jaye	4B	Resilience	Eli	4A	Clever
Isaac	4C	Resilience	Jackson	4B	Responsible
Cooper	4D	Respect	Scarlet	4C	Respect
Tait	5A	Clever	Tara	4D	Caring
Braidan	SA	Resilience	Bradley	5A	Responsible
Sam	SB	Responsible	Amy	5B	Clever
Alyssa	SC	Responsible	Kiaan	SA	Resilience
			Jasmine	SB	Creative
			Zac	SC	Clever

Photo Gallery: Peer Support

Science Enrichment Day

On Monday I attended a science enrichment day at Cleveland DSHS with other students from Mt Cotton and various schools.

When we arrived, we were all split up into different groups and were able to meet other kids from the other schools. The day consisted of our groups rotating through four different activities. My group started off with the spaghetti bridge building challenge where we had to use spaghetti to make a bridge that could hold weights. After that we went to a different activity where we lay in a dome and learnt about space while watching a presentation. There was also a bug finding activity and a science lesson where we learnt how to make goo and see other experiments. Overall the day was a great opportunity to learn more about science and interact with other kids from different schools, and everyone enjoyed it very much.

Jamie , Senior Student

School Banking News Student Bankers of the Week & Class of the week:

28/07/15 Farrah PA Class: 3B

05/08/15 Cohen PA

Class: 2A



**Student Banking is
done on Tuesdays**

Permission Forms Online

Please be aware that permission forms for paid activities are uploaded onto the school's website for your convenience.

Please go to :Support & Resources,
Forms & Documents, Documents,
Permission Forms

Student Absence Line: 3822 0460
Please leave: name, class & brief reason.

Long Absences:
admin@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au

Library News

Book Week 2015

The theme for this year's Book Week (Saturday August 22 – Friday August 28) is 'Books light up our world'. To celebrate Book Week the Prep – Year 3 students have had opportunity to hear some of the books that have been shortlisted for the CBCA Book of the Year Awards. The winners for the Book of the Year in various categories will be announced on Friday August 21.

We will be celebrating Book Week on Wednesday August 12th when students can come to school dressed as a character from a book and also attend a performance **Shine a Light by Perform! Educational Musicals**. This performance will explore the theme of self-esteem through a selection of the short-listed books for this year's Book of the Year awards. There will be two performances – one for Prep – Year 3 students and the second for Year 4 - 6 students.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Many students have already completed their challenge and received a bookmark for their efforts. This challenge runs until August 28 so all completed forms will need to be returned to school by that date. Official certificates will be sent to the school at the beginning of Term 4.

Earn & Learn Campaign

Completed sticker sheets or just stickers can be handed in at the Library (there is a box just inside the door). Our target for this year is 50 000 points (our point tally last time was over 42 000). This promotion runs until Tuesday September 8 and all stickers need to be submitted to school by September 19.

Helen Plaschke, Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator



Sports News

Congratulations



Jenny Senior B has been selected for the Bayside District 12 yr Girls School Cricket Squad.
Well done!

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 often 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:**

- Interschool Sport Yrs 5 & 6 \$9 due Thurs 13th Aug
- Year 5 Camp 2nd Instalment \$80 due Thurs 13th Aug
- Year 4 Camp Non-refundable deposit \$100 due Thurs 20th Aug
- Living History Yr 4 \$15 due Thurs 3rd Sept
- Prep Excursion \$22 due Thurs 10th Sept

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.

Reminders, dates to remember ...

Week 5

- Mon 10 Aug Public Holiday
- Tues 11 Aug School Newsletter
UNSW Maths
- Wed 12 Aug Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Tuckshop Open
Whole School Assembly—Book Character
Shine a Light Incursion
- Thurs 13 Aug Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Tuckshop Open
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Year 2 & 3 Parent Summit 9.30am
- Fri 14 Aug Tuckshop Open
Cotton Club Playgroup 9am
Cottonhoppers Day Trip

Week 6

- Mon 17 Aug Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
- Tues 18 Aug P & C Newsletter
- Wed 19 Aug Tuckshop open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Junior Assembly P to 2
- Thurs 20 Aug Tuckshop Open
Cash Window open 8.15-9.15am

Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Senior Assembly 3 to 6
Year 4 Parent Summit 9.30am

- Fri 21 Aug Tuckshop Open
Cotton Club Playgroup 9am
Interschool Sports Yrs 5 & 6
Disco—Western Theme

Week 7

- Mon 24 Aug Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Cottonhoppers Day Trip
- Tues 25 Aug School Newsletter
- Wed 26 Aug Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Junior Assembly P to 2
Father's Day Stall
- Thurs 27 Aug Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Senior Assembly 3 to 6
Father's Day Stall
Year 5 Parent Summit 9.30am
- Fri 28 Aug Tuckshop Open
Cotton Club Playgroup 9am
Silly Sock Day—RSPCA

P & C News

Our Next Meeting:



The Next P & C Meeting is to be held on **Wednesday, 2nd September 2015 at 7pm**, in the school library. Everyone is welcome!

From the President:

Hi everyone, I hope everyone has enjoyed the long weekend. Our Wild Wild West disco is on Friday 21st August. We are still looking for some helpers for the night and also set up on the Friday morning. Please email me if you are able to help. We are looking at doing a Cadbury chocolate drive as a new fundraiser in the next few weeks. A box will be sent home one per family and more boxes are available by request. These are to be sold outside of the school grounds. We will be offering a prize for the most boxes sold. More information will be sent out next week.

Thanks Nicole

FUNDRAISING

We have our Annual Father's Day Stall on Wed 26th and Thurs 27th August. Attached are some of the gifts that are on offer for your information.

Our Wild Wild West Disco is on Friday 21st August.

Junior disco (Prep - Year 2)

Senior disco (Year 3 - Year 6)

Cost is \$5.00

Please come dressed in your best wild Wild West outfit. We will have showbags for sale (as per below) along with our usual favourites. Sausage sizzle \$2.50, glow items, chips, zings, drinks, chocolates.

LOTS A LOLLIPOPS SHOWBAG - \$4

2 x Sticker Pack, 2 x Magical Thumb Dust Cola, 1 x Wicked Fizz Pop, 1 x Zappo Pops, 1 x big Hand Pop & Dip, 2 x Rainbow Lollipops, 2 x Lolly Mania Lollipops, 2 x Lolly Mania Flat Pop, 2 x Bloo Pop.

CADBURY PICK & MIX SHOWBAG - \$4

2 x Bite Size Dairy Milk, 1 x Bite Size Bubbly, 1 x Bite Size Time Out, 1 x Sticker Pack.

WICKED FIZZ SHOWBAG - \$5

1x Wicked Fizz Rainbow Sour Belts, 1x Wicked Fizz Strawberry Sour Belt, 4x Wicked Fizz Pops, 2x Cola Wicked Fizz Chew Bar, 2x Berry Wicked Fizz Chew Bar, 2x Grape Wicked Fizz Chew Bar, 2x Orange Wicked Fizz Chew Bar, 2x Blueberry Wicked Fizz Chew Bar, 1 Wicked Fizz Inflatable Baseball Bat.

CADBURY SPECIAL TREAT SHOWBAG - \$5

5 x Bite Size Dairy Milk, 1x Bite Size Crunchie, 1 x Bite Size Cherry Ripe, 1x Bite Size Time Out, 1x Bite Size Picnic, 1x Bite Size Boost.

FREDDO TREAT SHOWBAG - \$5

7 x Dairy Milk Freddo, 3x Milky Top Freddo, 1 x Freddo Pen.

AFTERSHOCK SHOWBAG - \$6

1 x 101 rainbow Straws, 3 x Aftershocks, 1 x Monster Dip, 2 x Triple Dipper, 2 x Busters, 1 x Jelly Bean Bottle, 1 x Sherbet Bottle, 3 x Lotsa Pops, 3 x Fruity Chews, 1 x Inflatable 22 inch Mallet.

TROLLI SHOWBAG - \$6

1 x 150g Trolli Gummi Bers, 1 x Trolli Cola Bottles, 1 x Trolli Pizza, 1 x Trolli Gecko, 2 x Trolli Tangy Tongue, 2 x Trolli Sea Creatures, 1 x Trolli Mini Hamburgers, 2 x Trolli Hot Dog, 2 x Trolli Brite Crawlers.

GIRLS ROCK - \$6

Trendy neon wrist band, super HOT scrapbooking kit, girls temporary tattoos, DIY fashion jewelry, school to success keychain, hair ties pack and a saddle club display folder.

GIRLY SHIRLEY - \$6

Quality head boppers, Bratz bag tag, skipping rope, silver bangle and matching ring combo, laser stickers and more!

JOLLY JOKER - \$6

Nerd glasses, rubber whoopee cushion, broken window & hot tea bag gag, stretchy icky sticky hand with that extra SNAP! Also includes a rubber razer!

KAHUNA BOYS - \$6

Cool skate board and accessories kit (Pack size is 19cm x 14cm Approx), huge tattoos (Pack size is 19cm x 32cm Approx), 55cm army lanyard (20mm), kids magazine, mega cool water soaker and bone head ruler.

If you would like to help with our P&C fundraising we are meeting this Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm in the Parent Room.

PLAYGROUP:

The Cotton Club Playgroup is on every Friday in the school hall from 9am to 10.45am. Suitable for children ages 0 - 5yrs. Cost \$4 a week per family.

Tuckshop News



Another busy week in the Tuckshop with icy cups the BIG seller! Who can believe we are already 4 weeks down? I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers that came in to help me, especially the first-timers. You are all amazing! For those that haven't helped out yet, just ½ an hour in the morning would be a big help, more time would be awesome. The children do get a big kick out of seeing someone close to them helping out, and it also gives us a chance to show you how things are run behind the scenes.

Could you please make sure you refer to the current menu. We are still receiving orders with incorrect costing and/or incorrect products. If you don't have a copy, I can print one off anytime. Ordering cut off times are going to be more strict. No hot food orders will be able to be processed after 9am. I simply cannot ensure the food will get out on time, as it has to be at a certain temperature to be 'food safe'. If you are finding it hard to have your orders in on time, then you can sign up to our online ordering system at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au. Please remind your children to bring their orders to the Tuckshop as soon as they arrive at school. I have had a few children this week bring their lunch orders at morning tea.

Enjoy your short week. I hope to see a few more new faces in the Tuckshop soon. Rachelle

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS



Price List & Order Form - 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. Can be returned to the P&C box in the school office. Or to the email address below. **EMAIL:** mel-foster@live.com.au **PHONE:** 0418 438 747.

Uniform shop hours Terms 2 & 3:

Monday Afternoon	2.15pm – 3.15pm
Thursday Morning	8.15am – 9.15am

Hi everyone, It is hard to believe that we are already half way through term 3!! With that in mind, do you have or know someone who has a preppie starting next year? Why not get a jump on the crowds and come in and get their uniform all sorted!! Have a great week! Cheers Mel

