

Welcome back students and families to Term 3! We trust that you had a wonderful break and we look forward to the many exciting learning experiences planned for the term ahead. As always we encourage parents to be active partners in your child's learning and we endeavour to provide many opportunities for you to engage in the experiences that your children have every day.

Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools:

The Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools recognise and reward Queensland state schools that are significantly improving student learning outcomes through excellent teaching practices. The Showcase Awards are acknowledged as the Queensland Government's most prestigious educational awards. The awards aims to:

*recognise, celebrate and reward excellent teaching practice in state schools
foster a learning culture that supports sharing excellent practices
create professional development opportunities and
promote public education*

Our Senior Springboard Program has received wonderful anecdotal feedback from staff, students, parents and local high schools since the implementation of the program in 2013. We have also had significant measurable success with our students. Due to this, we entered the Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools - Network Ten Showcase Award for Excellence in the Early and Primary Years category for our Senior Springboard Program – Springboard to Success. On the last day of term, winners were announced and we received a **commendation** for our program!! We will receive a \$250 development grant. We are thrilled with the result as this was the first year we had entered into the Showcase Awards and really believe in our Springboard program.

Early Literacy Fundamentals (ELF) Program:

Researchers at Australia's University of Queensland Schools of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences found that many students who experience difficulties in the area of listening, reading or spelling also tend to struggle with motor, sensory and perceptual skills. This led to the development of a holistic intervention approach in which they recognized the equal contribution of both language and sensory motor development to the acquisition of literacy and aimed to detect struggling students at a very early stage in order to provide specific assistance through a team approach of learning support teacher, speech pathologist and occupational therapist. During Semester 1, a group of students participated in the ELF program twice a week. The students have made some fantastic progress. Please see their results below!

Name	FEB	JUNE
Student A	72%	>99%↑
Student B	72%	>99%↑
Student C	67%	98%↑
Student D	67%	98%↑
Student E	63%	87%↑
Student F	63%	>99%↑
Student G	63%	92%↑
Student H	63%	95%↑
Student I	63%	96%↑
Student J	63%	86%↑
Student K	61%	95%↑
Student L	55%	98%↑
Student M	55%	95%↑
Student N	55%	98%↑
Student O	49%	98%↑

Term 3 Staffing:

Jo Ollerenshaw on personal leave for all of Semester 2. Prep D will be taught by Mrs Danielle Kissane. Lisa McInnes is on sick leave for all of Term 3. Ms Lisa O'Loghlen will continue teaching 3C.

Carolyn Jayawardhana will be teaching 5A full time.

Katie Koseki is our new Japanese teacher for our Year 4, 5 and Senior students.

Nigel Wiggins is on long service leave all of Term 3. 3D will be taught by Mrs Kerri Oliver until Week 3 when Mrs Sarah Davis will take over for the rest of the term.

Meagan Winton on long service leave during Week 1 and Week 2. Prep A will be taught by Mrs Sarah Davis.

Jenny Adermann (our Guidance Officer) is absent this week.

Curriculum Letters:

Our Term 3 curriculum letters will be sent out in Week 2. They will outline the unit overview for each Key Learning Area.

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!** Please see the attached document which records the distance travelled from Week 2 to Week 8 in Term 2! We are very proud of our results and the progress our students made. Every student counts! Team IQ Term 3: This term, we will have a literacy focus.

Prep	Identify rhyming words Create rhyming words Identify the odd one out.
Year 1	Verb tenses - word endings - s, ed, ing, er
Year 2	Retell
Year 3	Retell
Year 4	Vocabulary – STRIVE words
Year 5	Apostrophes
Senior	Note Taking
PE	Year 4 - Oz Tag skills
Music	Yr 2 - Aural Perception of s-m-l intervals (m3 and M2)

School Opinion Surveys:

The *School Opinion Survey* is undertaken each year to obtain opinion information from parents/ caregivers, students and school staff to help schools identify what they do well, and how they can improve. The access codes for the online survey are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department.

Your logon details will be sent home with the eldest in the family on Thursday. Parents/Caregivers who do not have access to the internet are welcome to complete their survey online at our school. Access to school computers in the Library can be arranged on request. The online survey will be available until **29 July 2016** and should take less than ten minutes to complete. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts.

Senior Athletics Carnival:

In the last week of Term 2, Years 3 to 6 had their Athletics Carnival. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Mrs Sue Harris and all the staff involved in our very successful carnival.

Thank you to the parents/carers that were able to come along and support the event. It was also wonderful to see the number of children giving it a go for their house. There were a lot of red faces, smiles and genuine excitement shown by our students and as always they showed sportsmanship throughout the event. Please check out photos on page 5.

Term 3 Parent Calendar:

The Term 3 parent calendar was emailed on Monday. It lists all our important dates for Term 3.

If you did not receive a copy, it can be accessed on our school website/Qschools App.

Report Cards:

Semester 1 report cards were sent home in Week 11 of Term 2. If you did not receive your child's report, please contact the office.

Earn 2

Learn Promotion:

During the holidays, Mount Cotton State School won the weekly prize! We have received a \$200 Victoria Point shopping centre gift card.

Reminder to be safe when travelling on or near buses

With another school term underway, we'd like to remind all students and parents to please be safe when travelling on or near buses. A significant number of school students in Queensland travel on buses to attend school. All students have the right to a safe and enjoyable journey, and their safety is our number one priority.

Ensuring students safe travel on or near buses is a shared responsibility which brings together the efforts of students, their parents/carers, schools, bus drivers and bus operators. When travelling on or near a bus, there are some safety tips you should follow to ensure a safe journey <http://translink.com.au/sites/default/files/assets/resources/travel-information/school-travel/safety-tips-for-students.pdf>

A Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses is also available to provide students and parents/carers with information about how to travel safely on buses. To view the code and more information, visit <http://translink.com.au/travel-with-us/school-travel/getting-to-and-from-school>.

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

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

Below is the attendance percent for each cohort in Semester 1:

CLASS	Semester 1
Prep	93.81%
Year 1	95.2%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	94.79%
Year 4	93.89%
Year 5	94.37%
Year 6	94.87%

At right is the attendance percent for each class for Semester 1.

Medical Conditions:

Some medical conditions require exclusion from school or child care to prevent the spread of infectious diseases among staff and children. This attached poster provides information on the recommended minimum exclusion periods for infectious conditions and will assist medical practitioners, schools, pre-schools and child care centres to meet the requirements of the Public Health Act 2005.

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

Kind regards,
Meagan Steward
mstew40@eq.edu.au

Prep	
PA	93.41%
PB	94.48%
PC	94.09%
PD	93.23%
Year 1	
1A	96.3%
1B	94.69%
1C	95.06%
1D	94.78%
Year 2	
2A	94.33%
2B	92.7%
2C	93.9%
2D	95.11%
Year 3	
3A	96.11%
3B	94.63%
3C	92.55%
3D	95.81%
Year 4	
4A	92.81%
4B	93.79%
4C	95.15%
Year 5	
5A	93.97%
5B	93.79%
5C	95.42%
5D	94.32%
Year 6	
SA	95.77%
SB	94.74%
SC	94.1%

From the Deputy Principal:

Congratulations to our Semester 2 Student Councillors. Our student councillors will be receiving their badges at the senior assembly next week (Week 2).

Class	Student Councillors
4A	Sienna
4B	Bianca
4C	Mason
5A	Angus
5B	Emerson
5C	Chloe
5D	Ember
Senior A	Ocean
Senior B	Kaleb
Senior C	Amy

Assembly

Prep, Year 1s and Year 2s: Wednesdays

Year 3s, Year 4s, Year 5s and Seniors: Thursdays

Our Year 3s will join our Senior assembly for Semester 2. Assemblies will begin in Week 2.

Our Buddy Bench

A reminder about our Buddy Bench that was donated by the Bosden family. This term, we will also purchase a second buddy bench for the top oval. This a way of helping to promote positive relationships amongst our students and foster friendships in the playground. During lunch time, if our students do not have anyone to play with, they sit on the buddy bench and then another child will come up and ask if they would like to play with them. We will also have our student councillors monitoring the buddy bench so no one sits on the buddy bench for very long.

Kind regards,

Glenice Cleary

BUDDY BENCH

If you choose to sit on the bench, you **MUST** say yes to the first friend who invites you to play, or walk and talk.

If you see a friend when you are sitting on the bench, invite them to play, or walk and talk.

Two friends sitting on the bench can turn to each other and invite each other to play, or walk and talk.

Chaplaincy News

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you manage to stay warm as you work hard this term.

Before and after school you will see me wandering around, introducing myself to parents and chatting with students. Please feel free to come up and say hi! I enjoy getting to know this community every day.

Food Bank:

As discussed in our previous LCC meeting, the Chaplaincy service is looking to put together a small food bank in the Parent room for LCC discretionary use – should a family have a difficult situation or time ahead, the Chaplaincy service, through the generosity of the school community, can provide frozen meals for families in need. If you would like to contribute to our food bank, you can make a meal, freeze it, label it with the ingredients used and the date it was made, and deliver it to the school office on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Have your say:

On Tuesday 9th August at 8am in the MiHub our LCC is meeting again. We are looking for parent representatives who are interested in what the Chaplaincy service is achieving in your school community. This is your chance to have your say regarding what you would like to see the Chaplaincy service accomplish. If you are interested, please feel free to either see myself prior to the day, or simply rock on up for the meeting. All are welcome. I look forward to seeing you there! Chappy Bonny

Kobie	PA	Clever
Tyler	PB	Resilience
Mason	PC	Responsible
Eden	PD	Clever
Indra	1A	Clever
Ava	1C	Resilience
Colton	1D	Responsible
Sophie	3A	Respect
Jayden	3B	Clever
Jay	3D	Responsible
Riley	4A	Clever
Bethany Curtis	4C	Caring
Olivia Finn	5A	Responsible Creative
Harrison	SA	Responsible
Max	SC	Creative

Sienna	PA	Clever
Taylor	PB	Caring
Tye	1C	Respect
Emily	1D	Respectful
Thomas	2C	Responsible
Ethan	3B	Responsible
Harrison	3D	Creative
Kaiden	4A	Caring
Melanie	4B	Responsible
Simar	4C	Caring
Coral	SA	Respect
Julian	SC	Clever

**Term 2, 2016 Weeks 10 & 11 (at left)
Congratulations to these students on their
achievement!**

Photo Gallery: Senior Sports Day 2016
Congratulations to Marloo House!
Marloo House Captains Holly and Coral hold up the winners trophy.
Age Champions: (left to right) Nate , Whyatt , Isabella , Trae , Kylah s,
Alfie , Maya , Jeremy and Macey .

From the Library

Upcoming Event

We will celebrate Book Week with a puppet show from Meerkat Productions in Week 5 (August 10th).

All students will be invited to attend one of the performances – details, permission slips and costs will be sent home shortly. Students are also invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book they have read and enjoyed. Please note that due to setting up for the performances there will be no Junior School Assembly on the 10th.

Borrowing library books

All students in Prep to Year 3 are required to have a library satchel/bag to transport books they borrow. If students do not have a school satchel they may use an alternative - e.g. recycled plastic bag

Books may be borrowed for up to 2 weeks and loan extensions can be granted if students have not finished reading their book(s).

Students in Prep – Year 2 usually borrow weekly and we encourage students to take responsibility for remembering which day is 'their Library day'.

e-Digital Library

All students in Year 4 – 6 have the opportunity to borrow books from the Education Queensland e-Digital Library. Here's how –

Download the free OverDrive app - <http://app.overdrive.com> (Year 4 and 5 students should already have this App)

Open the OverDrive app - Follow the prompts to sign in, select "I am under 13 years old"

Tap "Add a Library"/Find Library-"Queensland State Schools/Sign in with your **MIS-ID (username)**

Browse or search for titles using keywords or subjects and select items to borrow

Helen Plaschke, Teacher-Librarian.

library@mtcottons.eq.edu.au



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**
- **Gold Rush Year 5, \$32. Cash Window final deadline is Thurs 14th July.**
- **Year 4 Camp. Final Instalment \$100 - BPoint deadline Mon 25th July and Cash Window deadline Thurs 28th July.**

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.

Sports News



Congratulations to the boys who competed in the Bayside T20 Blast competition on Friday 24th June. This is the first year Mt Cotton have taken part in this competition. The year 5 team playing against a number of year 6 teams finished 8th, fantastic effort boys. The year 6 team finished 4th a great effort also. Yours in Sport, Sue Harris

Reminders, dates to remember ...

Term 3 Week 1

- Mon 11th July **First day of Term 3**
- Tues 12 July School Newsletter
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
- Wed 13 July Tuckshop Open
Cash Window 8.15 to 9.15am
No Junior Assembly
P & C Mtg 9am—MiHub
- Thurs 14 July Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Uniform Shop 8.15 to 9am
No Senior Assembly
Creative Generation Rehearsal
- Fri 15 July Tuckshop Open
Playgroup
Creative Generation

Week 2

- Tues 19 July P & C Newsletter
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
- Wed 20 July **Tuckshop Open**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Junior Assembly Prep to 3
Gold Rush Excursion Yr 5

- Thurs 21 July **Tuckshop Open**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Uniform Shop 8.15 to 9am
Senior Assembly 3 to 6
 - Fri 22 July **Tuckshop Open**
Playgroup
Forensic Science Day Incursion Yrs 3 to 6
- ### Week 3
- Tues 26 July P & C Newsletter
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
 - Wed 27 July **Tuckshop Open**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Junior Assembly Prep to 3
 - Thurs 28 July **Tuckshop Open**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Uniform Shop 8.15 to 9am
Senior Assembly 3 to 6
 - Fri 29 July Tuckshop Open
Playgroup

P & C News



NEXT P&C MEETING – Wednesday 13th July at 9am.

FROM THE P&C EXECUTIVE

Hi everyone, Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone has had a great break.

The P&C would officially like to welcome Chappy Bonny to Mt Cotton so we will be hosting a morning tea in the next couple of weeks (date to be confirmed). We would like to invite you all to attend and get to know our new Chaplain and find out a little more about what she does for our school and the students. Thanks Nicole.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Hi all! During the holidays, the P&C fundraising committee ran a sausage sizzle and raffle on the day of the election. It was a huge success all round and great to see so many parents and friends of the school pop by and show their support. We sold out early the amazing bacon and egg rolls and had plenty of sausages to see us through till 3pm. A HUGE thanks to our volunteers on the day - Brett, Uvette, Jan, Jo, Leone, Corinne, Tony and Julie Talty who gave us their time on the day. A special thanks to Matt McEachan who not only came along on his birthday to cook but also donated our major prize of a baby Weber Q. Thanks also to Kim Richards for her kind donation of the meat voucher and bottle of wine.

Onto our next fundraising adventure- A PIE DRIVE! Order forms will arrive home this week. Please return orders and cash in an envelope to the P&C box outside the office by Monday 25th July. All orders are to be collected between 2pm-5pm from the school hall on Wednesday 3rd August. Any questions please email us.

This week is the deadline for the entertainment book ordering so if you have a last minute order, let me know. Jen fundraisingmcss@gmail.com 0437020093

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours for Term 3:

Tuesday afternoons	2 to 3pm
Friday morning	8.15-9.15am

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 office or uniform shop. These can be returned to the P&C box, uniform shop, or emailed to the Uniform Shop Convenor. Kylie Shiels is available on 0421 556 932 or email hello@knoxwear.com.au



Tuckshop News

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful break and your children are recharged for Term 3.

If you have missed all the previous emails— we are no longer using Our Online Canteen for online ordering. You can simply log on and 'close account' and then you will be prompted for bank account details so a direct deposit can be done.

OUR NEW ONLINE SUPPLIER IS FLEXISCHOOLS! To open an account simply log onto www.flexischools.com.au Click the 'register' icon and follow the prompts. This is a far easier system to use for both you and for the tuckshop. If you need to cancel an online order because your child will not be attending school, please call Flexischools before 8.30am on 1300 361 769. If you plan on ordering tuckshop on Friday, Thursday night is the best time because on Friday mornings we always experience a high volume of orders and it may take some time.

WE NEED YOU! As the tuckshop is becoming busier and busier more volunteers are needed. If you like to have a bit of fun while giving back to your school, the tuckshop is the place for you. If you could spare anywhere from 30 minutes up to a couple of hours, on any day, I would love to see you. Grandparents and fathers are also welcome. Unfortunately, because of health and safety we can't have any little ones in the tuckshop.

If you need to contact me for any reason, I can be contacted via the schools phone number on 3822 0444, or via email at tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au Enjoy your week! I hope to see some of you soon. Rachelle

School Banking News

Student Bankers of the Week & Class of the week:

14/6/16 Lachlan 3B Class: 2A

21/6/16 Grace PD Class: 2D



Student Banking is done on Tuesdays.

Welcome back to Term 3. It's all about competitions this term. **Firstly** a big round of applause goes out to **Cohen Foster in 2D**, for taking out our little end of Term 2 gift basket competition. WELL DONE COHEN, great banking!!

Secondly, a huge Term 3 competition - **Prize Lights!** The Dollarmites have discovered Prize Lights in the Outback sky! Students who make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 will have a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes including 50 camping kits, 90 instant cameras and 200 magazine packs. Excitingly, this year we have a second prize pool available. Students who complete the fun **Star-gazing online activity**, along with making their three deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of 50 Supernova prizes – PlayStation 4 packs. But wait, there is more. We're also giving schools a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at \$200, when at least one student makes three School Banking deposits during Term 3. Look out for a competition flyer shortly.

Thirdly, don't forget our yearly competition for the chance to win a "Wildlife Adventure Holiday" to Australia Zoo. 15 Deposits for the year is all you have to do to be in the draw. Confused, I hope not. Can't wait to see lots of yellow banking wallets this term. Anita - Banking Guru

