

From the Principal:

Welcome back to Term 3, and welcome to those families that have started with us this term.

Principal Position:

Congratulations to Mr James Forrest, who has been appointed as the permanent Principal of Kimberley Park State School. Mr Forrest is a passionate and enthusiastic leader and we wish him all the best at his new school. The recruitment process for the permanent appointment of the Mount Cotton principal will begin later this term and into next term in preparation for 2016.

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. School computers will be available in the Library upon request. The online survey will be available until **31 July 2015** and should take less than ten minutes to complete. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts.

Senior Sports Day:

On Thursday 25th of June, Years 3 to 6 had their Athletics Carnival. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Sue Harris and all the staff involved in our very successful sports day. It was truly an amazing day.

Uniform:

We are undertaking a review of our uniform policy (attached). If you have any feedback, please send your feedback in writing to me by Tuesday 21st of July (prior to our first P & C meeting for Term 3).

Term 3 Parent Calendar:

The Term 3 parent calendar was sent home in Week 10. 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 posted/emailed home in Week 10 of Term 2. If you did not receive your child's report, please contact administration.

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:

Prep Parent Summit – 22nd of July at 9:30 am

Year 1 Parent Summit – 29th of July at 9:30 am

Year 2 Parent Summit – 5th of August at 9:30 am

Year 3 Parent Summit – 13th of August at 9:30 am

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 Sept at 9:30 am

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 Term 1 and 2:

CLASS	Term 1	Term 2
Prep	95.41	92.7
Year 1	92.3	92.3
Year 2	93.5	93.2
Year 3	91.5	91.4
Year 4	94.0	92.3
Year 5	94.5	92
Year 6	93.8	92.8

On page 2 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. The 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

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**Congratulations
to Marloo!
Winning House for the
Senior Athletics Carnival!**

**Term 2, Weeks 9 & 10
Congratulations to these students
on their achievement!**

Jimi	Prep A	Clever
Asha	Prep B	Resilience
Hamish	Prep C	Creative
Matthew	Prep D	Respect
Sophie	1A	Respect
Grace	1B	Caring
Evie	1C	Caring
Maia	1D	Respect
Jai	2A	Responsible
Brianna	2B	Responsible
Suzannah	2C	Clever
Lachlan	2D	Responsible
Taelin	3B	Caring
Amelia Summer	3C	Resilience Respect
Maya	4A	Resilience
Scarlett	4C	Clever
Jordan	4D	Caring
Jacob	5A	Responsible
Jayden	SA	Caring
Aaron	SB	Responsible
Shakaya	SC	Clever

Kaeden	Prep A	Resilience
Emily	Prep B	Respect
Jett	Prep C	Responsible
Zeppelin	Prep D	Responsible
Amon	1A	Resilience
Summah	1B	Resilience
Jordan	1C	Responsible
Brielle	1D	Responsible
Chloe Dylan	2A	Clever Responsible
Cooper	2B	Respect
Riley	2C	Responsible
Max	2D	Clever
Kari	3A	Clever

From the Deputy Principal:

Congratulations to our Semester 2 Student Councillors.

4A	Lily
4B	Monet
4C	Isabella
4D	Jordan
5A	Lewis
5B	Jessica
5C	Reilly
Senior A	Finlay
Senior B	Asha
Senior C	Michael

Our Student Councillors will be receiving their badges at the senior assembly next week.

Assembly

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

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.

The activities this term are:

Days for each year level are:

Monday	Year 2 and 3
Tuesday	Year 1
Wednesday	Year 4 and 5
Thursday	Prep
Friday	Seniors

Kind regards,
Glenice Cleary

Class attendance percentages—Semester 1

Prep	94.06
PA	93.92
PB	93.91
PC	93.02
PD	95.36
Year 1	92.43
1A	93.55
1B	92.14
1C	91.85
1D	92.17
Year 2	93.25
2A	93.18
2B	94.4
2C	92.48
2D	92.95
Year 3	91.38
3A	92.51
3B	90.56
3C	91.06
Year 4	93.12
4A	93.39
4B	92.37
4C	94.65
4D	92.1
Year 5	93.28
5A	92.33
5B	94.88
5C	92.71
Year 6	93.43
SA	93.34
SB	92.12
SC	94.76

Music Notes :

Welcome to another very busy term!!

In week 9 we will be performing our musical production of the Pirates of the Curry Bean. We are rehearsing away and busily getting organised. All students who are participating in the musical are required for Wednesday and Friday morning rehearsals this week. You will receive a note about remaining rehearsals before the end of the week. Choir rehearsals begin this week again. See you all at 8.00am.



Suzie Bath, Classroom Music

Library News

Semester 2 Student Librarians



I am pleased to announce the following Year 5 students have been chosen as Student Librarians for Semester 2 – Mikayla , Max , Taylor , Ebony , Macey e, Oliver , Sam , Aidan , Aysha and Riley. These students will receive their badges at next Thursday's Senior Assembly. (The outgoing Student Librarians will be presented with certificates as well). In addition Lochlann and Jessica will continue as Student Librarians for Semester 2.

Date claimer – Wednesday August 12th - A performance by Perform! Educational Musicals has been booked for all Prep - Year 6 students. Both a gateway into accessing the best in Children's literature and a tale that explores the theme of self-esteem, *Shine A Light!* celebrates the CBCA Theme for 2015 : BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD. The performance will be held in our school hall and students may come dressed as their favourite book character on the day. Permission notes with cost details will be sent home closer to the date.

Earn & Learn Campaign

Woolworth's have again teamed up with Modern Teaching Aids to run their Earn & Learn promotion from July 15 to September 8. During this time people who shop at Woolworth's stores or online can earn reward stickers for every \$10 they spend. In previous years the support from our school community (and beyond) has been fantastic and we have been able to redeem our stickers for good quality teaching resources that are used daily in classrooms. Our target for this year is 50 000 points (our point tally last time was over 42 000). Completed sticker sheets or just stickers can be handed in at the Library once the campaign is under way next term.

Helen Plaschke

Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

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Sports News



Congratulations

On Sunday 21st June **Lee** won gold at the GKR Karate International Regional Tournament. Congratulations Lee!

Junior Track & Field Sports Carnival

Friday 17th July
9am to 12.45pm

Forensic Science Reminder

On Monday 27 July 2015 Education Interactive will be presenting their Forensic Science Workshop, "A case of emergency" for our students in Years 3 to 6. The students will be engaged in solving 'a crime' using Forensic Science methods.

This workshop requires a permission slip and a \$5.00 payment in order for students to participate. Could you please ensure that the permission slip and payment is returned to the cash window by Thursday 23rd July 2015 as late payments cannot be accepted. If you have mislaid your child's permission slip please see your class teacher for a replacement copy or the school website under permission forms.

Thanks, **Sally Bedford, Curriculum Coordinator**

Reminders, dates to remember ...

Week 1

- Mon 13 July Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
- Tues 14 July School Newsletter
- Wed 15 July Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Tuckshop Open
No Junior Assembly
- Thurs 16 July Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Tuckshop Open
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
No Senior Assembly
- Fri 17 July Tuckshop Open
Junior Track & Field Carnival P to 2
Cotton Club Playgroup 9am

Week 2

- Mon 20 July Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
- Tues 21 July P & C Newsletter
- Wed 22 July Tuckshop open
Cash Window Closed
Junior Assembly P to 2
Prep Parent Summit 9.30am
P & C Meeting 7pm
- Thurs 23 July Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Closed

Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm

Senior Assembly 3 to 6

- Fri 24 July Tuckshop Open
Cotton Club Playgroup 9am

Week 3

- Mon 27 July Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Forensic Science Yrs 3 to 6
- Tues 28 July School Newsletter
UNSW English Test
- Wed 29 July Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Junior Assembly P to 2
Year 1 Parent Summit 9.30pm
- Thurs 30 July Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Senior Assembly 3 to 6
- Fri 31 July Tuckshop Open
Cotton Club Playgroup 9am
- Mon 10 Aug **EKKA Show Holiday—Redlands**

P & C News

Our Next Meeting:



The Next P & C Meeting is to be held **Wednesday, 22nd July 2015 at 7pm**, in the school library. Everyone is welcome!

From the President:

Welcome back from holidays. I hope everyone has had a good break and you are all refreshed for Term 3. I can't believe we are halfway through the year!

We are looking forward to the Junior Sports Day on Friday. It's a great day watching the kids having fun. The P&C have arranged a coffee van which will be operating all morning from **8am** down near the tuckshop area. We will also have a sausage sizzle for \$2.50 or a sausage and popper deal for \$4.00. This will be running all morning and open to junior school for morning tea. Please just send/bring money on the day.

Over the holidays our fans for the hall were installed so next time you are in the hall make sure you check them out. Regards Nicole

FUNDRAISING

Welcome back everyone to another exciting Term! This Friday is the Junior School Sports Day and the P&C will be running the coffee van and sausage sizzle. We are still after some volunteers to help at the sausage sizzle so if you have some spare time please let me know.

The prizes for the Fun Run will be arriving this week so we are hoping to have them handed out next week.

Save the Date: Wild Wild West Disco is coming up **on Friday 21st of August**. We will have our BBQ cooking up some yummy sausages, the canteen with all our regular favourites and this time we will have our showbags back. Hope to see you all there!!

Regards, Nicole



Tuckshop News

www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au



Tuckshop is open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays for Morning Tea and Lunch. We offer a convenient online ordering system – to register go to www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au Bag orders are also accepted (please drop your bag order directly to the Tuckshop before school).

Welcome back everyone!

I'm the new MCSS Tuckshop Convenor, Rachele and I look forward to providing your beautiful children with some new and wonderful food.

Over the mid-year break I have been working very hard to bring some changes to the tuckshop and menu. These changes include new recipes, new products, more home-made food, adding gluten free* options, bringing some of the old favourites back, more food for money and some price changes (both decreases and increases). I have made these changes based on nutritional value, the "yummy" factor, more suitable items for children, and also what I have seen work at other schools. I have reduced the size of the menu as I felt the menu was just too large, and there were many items which weren't selling often enough.

Parents/Caregivers, volunteers are the heart of any tuckshop and I am chasing more! 30 minutes of your time in the morning would help, an hour would be wonderful, and a couple of hours would be AWESOME! In return you will get to meet other parents/caregivers, get that 'feel good' feeling from helping out and as much tea and/or coffee as you can drink.

Please come and see me if you have any suggestions or need any more information on the changes I have made or just forward an email to me at tuckshop@mtcottons.eq.edu.au.

Regards **Rachele, Tuckshop Convenor**

(*Although all care is taken when preparing gluten free food, and all ingredients are gluten free, they are not prepared in a gluten free environment.)

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:**

- **Forensic Science Yrs 3 to 6, \$5 due Thurs 23rd July**
- **Stella Science, selected Yr 6 students, \$18 due Thurs 30 July**

Please contact the school office, prior to the deadline, if you have difficulty meeting the deadlines, to make alternate arrangements.

School Banking News

Student Bankers of the Week & Class of the week:



16/06/15 Isaac PB Class: PB
23/06/15 Aysha 5C Class: 1D

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Price List & Order Form - Found on the school website (www.mtcottons.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

