

**From the Principal****Fete:**

Our fete on Saturday was a wonderful community event. We have received lots of lovely feedback with everyone enjoying the day. Thanks to our sponsors, stallholders, local businesses, the Mount Cotton staff members and the many parent volunteers who helped ensure the fete was a success. A special thanks to the P & C executive and the fete committee members for their hard work and dedication to the students of Mount Cotton.

**NAPLAN:**

Congratulations to our students and teachers on the calm manner in which NAPLAN testing was conducted last week. Our teachers had prepared the students well for doing their best in these tests. NAPLAN, while it is an important test, is one part of our students' assessment. We collect a great deal of additional data about students' progress. Thanks to our students in the non-NAPLAN years for being so considerate and quiet during test days. Thank you to the P & C for donating the muffins for our NAPLAN breakfasts and to our parents for your support too – it was much appreciated.

**Assessment:**

Within our P to 6 classrooms our teachers are entering the assessment phase for this semester. This is a process that is ongoing and will be finalised just prior to student's report cards being issued. It is very important that all parents are aware throughout the course of the entire school year how their child is progressing both academically & socially. Reporting gives teachers the opportunity to formalise information and observations gathered throughout the semester. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions.

**Strings Program:**

This is will be Mrs Slater's last week teaching at Mount Cotton. We thank her very much for her time and efforts in beginning our Strings Program at our school. A staffing update will be given as soon as possible.

**Before School Arrival Procedures:**

Attached to the newsletter is a copy of our Before School Arrival Procedures. We would like all students to sit in their designated area if they arrive before 8:30 am. Could we please request parents/guardians also sit in the designated area as often parents will have other children (not their own) join them? This will assist us with the management of our before school behaviour.

**Parent Surveys:**

We are keen to hear feedback from our parents/carers. The parent survey will be open until Tuesday, if you would like to provide feedback on how the year is progressing.

**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 9 <sup>th</sup> 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: - Weeks 5 and 6 >> Our Winter Uniform!

Maroon Jumper (Preferably with MCSS embroidered emblem)

MCSS Maroon and White polo shirt – short or long sleeve.

Maroon Track Pants or long-length pants.

Maroon stockings/tights may be worn under culottes or dress – not under sports shorts and no leggings.

### Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

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

Below is the **Week 5** attendance percent for each class.

CLASS	Week 5
<b>Prep 94.5%</b>	
PA	92
PB	96
PC	97
PD	93
<b>Year 1 96%</b>	
1A	98
1B	97
1C	97
1D	92
<b>Year 2 94%</b>	
2A	99
2B	85
2C	96
2D	96
<b>Year 3 93.75%</b>	
3A	88
3B	97
3C	92
3D	98
<b>Year 4 96.3%</b>	
4A	93
4B	98
4C	98
<b>Year 5 94.25%</b>	
5A	93
5B	90
5C	98
5D	96
<b>Seniors 97.3%</b>	
SA	98
SB	96
SC	98

We look forwards 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, selected Senior students will be observing during lunch play 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!

#### Staff Car Park—Important Notice

**Parents are strictly prohibited from using the staff car park, off Mt Cotton Road. This is for staff, service vehicles and emergency services only. It is not a safe zone for student drop off and collection. Parents are asked not to use this car park under any circumstances. Please drop off and collect students from the parent car parks provided off Sanctuary Drive.**

#### Before & After School Care

**Parents who attempt to use the staff car park to collect students from after school care will run the risk of their vehicles being locked in the grounds by the cleaners. Please use the parent car parks only to collect students**  
**Many thanks for your cooperation.**

#### From the Office: Sick Students

The sick bay has been very, very busy of late, with many students saying that they have been sick on the morning of a school day and have been given the option by parents, of coming to school and then they have opted to do so. We all agree that the best place for sick children is at home being cared for by a family member. Students being given the option to come to school are causing **cross infections** and **prolonged illness**. We ask that parents please keep at home students who are sick.

#### Collection of Sick/Injured Students

Could all parents please ensure that they have a Plan B in place for collection of students if both parents are unavailable and/or more than an hour away from the school. We try to ensure that students aren't in the sick room longer than an hour and we are seeing some sick/injured students waiting **90 mins** or even **2 hours** for parents to collect.  
Many thanks for your co-operation.

Student Absence Line:  
3822 0460  
for all daily absences.  
Please leave: name,  
class & brief  
Reason

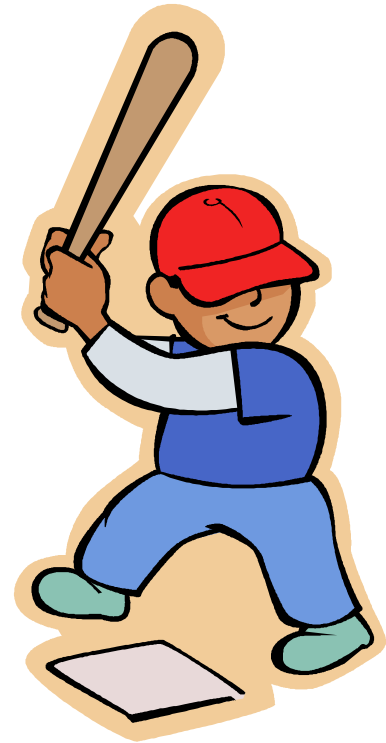
Long Absences in  
advance  
(1 week & over—  
holidays etc):  
Please apply to  
[admin@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au)

**Term 2, 2016 Week 4**  
**Congratulations to these students**  
**on their achievement!**

Diljot	PA	Responsible
Kelly	PB	Responsible
Hayley	PC	Resilience
Jimi	1A	Responsible
Caitlin	1B	Resilience
Lyla	1C	Resilience
Charlie	1D	Clever
Matthew	2A	Clever
Poppy	2B	Respect
Mila	2C	Responsible
Kai	3A	Respect
Tiah	3B	Respect
Millie	3C	Clever
Koby	3D	Resilience
Breea	4A	Responsible
Jorja Harrison	4B	Responsible Creative
Kade	4C	Respect
Zac	5A	Respect
Amelie	5C	Responsible
Aysha	SA	Caring
Mitchell	SB	Responsible
Shannon	SC	Caring

## Sports News

Congratulations Hayley & Emma  
 Hayley & Emma have been selected in  
 the Bayside District Softball Team.  
 Hayley & Emma will compete at the Met-  
 ropolitan East Carnival in June.  
 Congratulations and good luck girls.



## Altitude

**WANTED!**

*EMPTY PAPER TOWEL ROLLS/CARDBOARD CYLINDERS*

*Please no toilet rolls.*

If you have any and can send them to the library we would  
 appreciate it. Thank you.

From the Library  
**Readers' Cup**  
[library@mtcottons.eq.edu.au](mailto:library@mtcottons.eq.edu.au)



From the Library  
**Overdue books**

A reminder that students are permitted to borrow books for 2 weeks at a time and may extend their loans if they have not finished reading in that time. Recently some notices regarding overdue loans from Term 1 were emailed home – in future we will endeavour to email notices in a timelier manner. As previously advised, if students believe they have already returned a book they need to advise Library staff so a check of the shelves can be made.

Prep to Year 3 students need to have a library bag for transporting books to and from school – this does not need to be a school library satchel – a recycled plastic bag can be used.

**Peer Support**

Session 5 was held yesterday and it was very pleasing to see how all students transitioned smoothly from playtime to organising themselves for the session and then moving to their respective Peer Support classrooms.

The session introduced the High 5 strategies for dealing with situations that may arise in the playground. The aim is to strengthen the resilience of students and empower them in the following:

- Always trying to do your best
- Working out problems in a fair and calm manner
- Showing self - control
- Asking for help when needed
- Trying to help others

The High 5 strategies will be reinforced through class discussions and each room will display posters depicting these strategies. The High 5 steps are:

- Ignore
- Talk friendly
- Walk away
- Talk firmly
- Report (to a staff member)

Helen Plaschke

**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**
- **Year 4 Apple Store \$9 Cash Window Deadline 19th May.**
- **Bus Tour of the Redlands Year 2 \$16 Cash Window Deadline 19th May**
- **Second Interschool Sports Day \$8 BPoint Deadline 23 May and Cash Window Deadline 26th May.**
- **Senior Athletics Carnival \$7 BPoint Deadline 6th June and Cash Window Deadline 9th June**

**Newsletter Contributions**  
**Deadline: 3pm Monday prior.**

**Reminders, dates to remember ...**

Week 6

- Tues 17 May School Newsletter  
Uniform Shop Open 2 to 3pm
- Wed 18 May Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window Open 8:15–9:15  
**Wildlife on Wheels Year 1**  
**Junior Assembly Prep to 3**
- Thurs 19 May Cash Window Open 8:15-9:15  
Uniform Shop 8:15-9am  
Tuckshop Open  
**Senior Assembly 4 to 6**
- Fri 20 May Tuckshop Open  
Playgroup  
**Interschool Sports Day 1**  
Week 7
- Mon 23 May **Apple Store Year 4**
- Tues 24 May P & C Newsletter  
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm  
**Historical Tour Year 2**  
**Apple Store Year 4**
- Wed 25 May **Tuckshop Open**  
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am

- Thurs 26 May **Tuckshop Open**  
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am  
Uniform Shop 8.15 to 9am  
**School Photos**
- Fri 27 May **Tuckshop Open**  
Playgroup  
**School Photos**  
**Under 8's Day**  
  
Week 8
- Mon 30 May **Year 6 LOTE Day CDSHS**  
**Beginners Band Week**
- Tues 31 May School Newsletter  
Uniform Shop 2 to 3
- Wed 1 June Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window 8.15 to 9.15  
Junior Assembly P to 3
- Thurs 2 June Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am  
Uniform Shop 8.15 to 9am  
Senior Assembly 4 to 6

## P & C News

### NEXT P&C MEETING – 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm

Please join us in the library.



#### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

What a fantastic fete! After so much planning and dreaming about the fete, we are glad it turned out as well as it did. The day was here, the weather was perfect and everything fell into place. The line of stall holders rolled in, the volunteers started to arrive. The smell of food flooding through the school, the screams of children having a wonderful time. It was music to our ears.

A day like this isn't possible without a hardworking team. I would like to thank the fete committee for their hard work over the last six months. You have all been very dedicated to putting on a successful day. A BIG thanks to the school for their support throughout the whole process. Thank you to the teachers and teacher aids for giving up their Saturday to help out for the day, Jeff Dunn for staying back and coming in early to help set up the day. It would not have been possible without all of you. Meagan Steward, Glenice Clearly and Peta Holmes thank you so much for helping with all the behind the scene jobs to make sure the fete ran smoothly. Nothing was ever too much trouble. To our band, strings, mini melodies and Mount Cotton voices, thank you for putting on a beautiful performance.

A massive thanks to our volunteers who helped either on the day or in the lead up. We could never put on a big event without you. To the community for turning up and supporting our event THANK YOU. We put these events on to raise money to improve our school and to support our children's learning but also to bring the community together. The feedback we have received is nothing but positive.

I would also like to acknowledge our sponsors IGA, Gumdale Demolition, Smilestyle Orthodontics, Patriot Environmental Management, Benchmark Psychology, Manly Concrete and Novus Auto Glass. Thank you for your support.

To our stall holders and outside performance groups, thank you for attending our fete and to all the people apart of our wonderful day.

Lastly I would like to thank the rest of my P&C Executive team for all the hard work. We have had many late nights and big days preparing for our fete. During some testing times, we have always managed to keep a smile on our face and have a laugh. I've enjoyed my time working on the fete and can't wait for the next one. So hopefully with your continued support we can have a fete more often.

Regards Nicole

## Tuckshop News

### TUCKSHOP NEWS

What a week! Firstly, I would like to thank the ladies who so generously gave up their time on Saturday to help the Tuckshop. An extra special mention to the ladies from Bay View State School's P&C who came in - we really are extremely lucky to have 'outsiders' come and help.

**PLEASE CHECK THE UPDATED MENU FOR PRICE CHANGES.** For those that order online the prices will be automatically changed. For those who order over the counter please check the new menu you received last week with your newsletter. Alternatively, you can check out the "Mount Cotton State School Community" Facebook page and a copy will be on there under the photos.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the AMAZING volunteers who generously gave 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 to see new faces so if you can spare an hour of your time, 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 your child's order, please ring the office and they will forward your call to tuckshop. If you need to contact me, other than cancelling an order, email [tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au)

As of Term 3, we will be changing from our current online supplier to flexischools. More information will be coming in the following weeks. Have a wonderful week everyone. Rachelle.

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

### Opening Hours for Term 2:



#### Just for this week.

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](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.

Our new Uniform Shop Convenor, Kylie Shiels is available on 0421 556 932 or email [hello@knoxwear.com.au](mailto:hello@knoxwear.com.au)

## THANKS TO OUR FETE SPONSORS!



### FUNDRAISING NEWS

This week the Entertainment Book envelopes will be coming home. Great value at only \$65 for over \$20000 worth of vouchers. Each and every book sold gives money back to the school. Thanks. Jen.

[fundraising-mcss@gmail.com.au](mailto:fundraising-mcss@gmail.com.au)



