

Congratulations Ethan

Congratulations to Ethan from 2B who has scored very high on Mathletics. Ethan was in 12th place in the top 100 students in Australia and 14th place in the top 100 students in the world!! Well done Ethan, a great achievement!

Mathletics Hall of Fame				Time Remaining
World Top 100 Students	World Top 50 Classes	Australia Top 100 Students	Australia Top 50 Classes	09 : 10 : 41
12	Peter A	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	10,290	
13	George Y	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	10,150	
14	Ethan G	Mt Cotton State School, QLD, Australia	10,078	
15	Hayden A	Matamata College, WKO, New Zealand	9,910	
16	Jack M	Australian International School - Singapore, Singapore	8,836	
17	Gerard B	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	8,350	
18	Daniella T	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	8,190	
19	Valeria F	Centro Escolar Yaocalli, DIF, Mexico	8,180	

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6	Jaxon D	Gordonvale State School, QLD, Australia	12,840	
7	Xavier N	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	10,960	
8	Jacinta C	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	10,609	
9	Molly A	Bounty Boulevard State School, QLD, Australia	10,299	
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15	Rita R	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	8,090	

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.

2016 Classes

From the 8th of September to the 26th of October, parents were able to put in friendship request for our 2016 classes. The due date has now passed and we are unable to take further requests. Please also note, we do not take requests for individual teachers.

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

Every Minute Counts – this ensures that we support our parents in having their child attend school for the maximum amount of time, as well as ensuring that our teachers make the most of instructional time; that we do not miss an opportunity for learning to take place. At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is **95%**. Below is the attendance percent for each class for Week 6. 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
90	93	98	95	97	98	88	96
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
97	97	97	97	95	94	94	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
99	98	98	98	95	92	99	
SA	SB	SC					
90	89	92					

From the Deputy Principal

2016 Student Leader Selection Process

Over the last few weeks we have been running the process to select our 2016 student leaders. We had over 30 students submit applications for the positions of school captain/ school vice captain and house captain/ vice captain. Teachers and administration have shortlisted the applicants, and the following students have moved through to the next stage:

School Captain/ School Vice Captain:

Ryley , Jay , Olivia , Holly , Elleisha , Jessica , Kaleb

Barawa Captain/ Vice Captain:

Telea , Korey , Elleisha Jessica

Kulla Captain/ Vice Captain:

Matthew , Tate , Olivia , Sara

Marloo Captain/ Vice Captain:

Ocean , Jay , Holly, Coral

These students will present a speech to students in Years 4,5 and 6 on Tuesday 24th November prior to students and staff voting. Parents of the shortlisted nominees are welcome to attend. The speeches will be held under C Block.

Annual Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

As per previous years, we will be running a Christmas Appeal in conjunction with the Salvation Army to assist families in our area who face many hardships. The appeal will run over the next three weeks (beginning next week) to collect food items for needy families. Our school has run this appeal for the last few years at this time and it is always very successful.

We will be asking our school community for donations of non-perishable food items (either tinned or wrapped/sealed). From next week, students are asked to bring these items to school and place them in a box in their classroom. The appeal will be run in weeks 7, 8 and 9.

A representative from the Salvation Army will come to our final assembly on Thursday 3rd December to collect the donations. These donations will then be distributed to needy families in time for Christmas.

Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

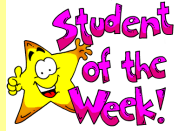
Thank You

A big thank you to former student Ella who nominated Mount Cotton SS in a competition at Grill'd restaurant called "Local Matters" to support the school in obtaining sporting equipment. We were lucky enough to receive \$100 through this initiative, which we are putting towards purchasing sports equipment to use at lunch times in 2016. Thank you to Grill'd and Ella.

Glenice Cleary



**Free Dress Day
Friday 20th November
Gold Coin Donation for
P & C Christmas Raffle**



Term 4, Weeks 5 & 6 Congratulations to these students on their achievement!

Congratulations!
Monet 4B recently
auditioned for the Queensland Ballet and
was successful in securing a role in the
2015 season of the Nutcracker.
Congratulations Monet!



Photo Gallery: Year 4 Camp

Darcy	Prep A	Resilience	Caitlin	Prep A	Clever
Marley	Prep B	Clever	Isabella	Prep B	Clever
Lilly	Prep C	Clever	Rhianna	Prep C	Responsible
Summer	Prep D	Responsible	Emma	Prep D	Responsible
Amon	1A	Respect	Lucas	1A	Clever
Nash	1B	Responsible	Malikai	1B	Clever
Isabella	1C	Creative	Aden	1C	Clever
Hunta	1D	Clever	Maia	1D	Resilience
Chloe	2A	Responsible	Asha	2A	Responsible
Tiah	2C	Responsible	Maximus	2B	Clever
Damien Max	2D	Clever	Ashton	2C	Responsible
Riannon	3A	Creative	Ava	2D	Responsible
Sienna	3C	Caring	Mia Simar	3A	Clever Respect
Mitchell	4A	Clever	Malekai	3C	Clever
Jonah	4C	Respect	Mikayla	5A	Responsible
Flynn	4D	Responsible	Macey Olivia	5B	Creative
Bohdi Oliver	5A	Clever Responsible	Joshua	SA	Creative
Lee	5B	Respect	Kurt	SB	Responsible
Ivan	5C	Resilience	Jacob	SC	Respect
Jase	SA	Creative			
Chloe	SB	Clever			
Shakaya	SC	Resilience			

Library News

Book Club Reminder

Orders for Issue 8 – either lodged at school or ordered online are due Wednesday 18th November.

Borrowing

This week is the last week for borrowing for students – all Library books are due back on Thursday 26th November.

At this time of the year we need to have all books returned – this includes home readers which need to be returned by Monday 30th November. Each year we lose quite a number of books that have been borrowed by teachers for use in the classroom and also for home reading. Your help in ensuring the prompt return of any books your child(ren) may have taken home is appreciated.

Washing of Maths equipment

Over the next week or so teachers in the lower grades may be seeking assistance with the washing of Maths equipment – again your help with this task is appreciated and ensures we start the 2016 school year with our resources cleaned and sorted.

Helen Plaschke

Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au



Sports News



Swimming Lessons Reminder

Swimming lessons commence Monday 23rd November through to Friday 27th November. Students will require the following equipment for swimming lessons:

(Please ensure everything is named)

- Swimmers/Togs
- Sun shirt—"no sun shirt no swim" as this is an Education Queensland sun safe requirement.
- Sunscreen
- Thongs or crocs to travel to and from the pool
- Swimming cap
- Goggles are optional

Supervision of Pre-Prep Siblings

Parents of students with younger siblings (pre-Prep) are kindly advised that the Junior Swimming Carnival is an official school activity for the participation of enrolled students only. Parents are asked to supervise their pre-Prep children at all times and refrain from allowing them to enter the various pools/areas being utilised for the purposes of the Junior Swimming Carnival activities (in particular the Adventure Pool). This is to ensure the children are safe.

Have a great time

Yours in sport, **Sue Harris**

Senior Shirts Reminder:

Year 5 students are reminded to return their Senior Shirt order slip by 27th November. Payment is required early in Term 1 next year.

Newsletter Contributions Deadline: 3pm Monday prior.

Reminders, dates to remember ...

Week 7

- Tues 17 Nov School Newsletter
- Wed 18 Nov Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Tuckshop Open
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
Junior Assembly P to 2

- Thurs 19 Nov Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Tuckshop Open
Uniform Shop 8 to 9am
Senior Assembly 3 to 6

- Fri 20 Nov Tuckshop Open
Cotton Club Playgroup 9am
Free Dress Day—Gold Coin

Week 8

- Mon 23 Nov Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
Swimming Lessons begin-Prep to 2
- Tues 24 Nov P & C Newsletter
2016 School Leader Speeches
Welcome BBQ—Prep 2016, 4-5pm
Parent Info Session Prep—2016, 5-6pm
- Wed 25 Nov Tuckshop open
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Junior Assembly P to 2
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
Music Showcase Night 6.30pm
- Thurs 26 Nov Tuckshop Open

Cash Window open 8.15 to 9.15am
Uniform Shop 8 to 9am

Senior Assembly

- Fri 27 Nov Tuckshop Open
Cotton Club Playgroup 9am

Week 9

- Mon 30 Nov Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
Junior Swim Carnival P to 3
- Tues 1 Dec School Newsletter
Arts Extension Day
Prep 2016 Transition Day 9.15am
- Wed 2 Dec Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
No Junior Assembly
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
- Thurs 3 Dec Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Uniform Shop 8 to 9am
Final Whole School Assembly
Religion Christmas Concert 2pm
Christmas Concert P & Yr 1—5.30pm
Christmas Concert Yrs 2 & 3—6.45pm
- Fri 4 Dec Tuckshop Open
Cotton Club Playgroup 9am
Mt Cotton's Got Talent Yrs 4-6
11.15am Prep to Yr 3

P & C News

Our Next Meeting:



The Next P&C Meeting is to be held on **Wednesday, 10th February 2016 at 7pm**, in the school library. The **P&C AGM** will be held on **Wednesday 9th March 2016**. Everyone is welcome to come along!

From the President:

Hi everyone. Christmas Raffle tickets have been sent home. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Concert on the 3rd December. We have collected the following prizes so far:

Webber BBQ - donated by Matt McEachan Local MP Member

Caravan Mat - donated by Capalaba Caravan Sales

Norwex Pack - donated by Justine Calvert

Pots and Pan set - donated by Dixon Homes

Travel Voucher to the value of \$100.00 - donated by Erin Ross at Travel Managers

\$75.00 gift voucher from Honey I Scratched the Car - donated by Amelia Christensen from Honey I Scratched the Car

2 x \$50 gift voucher - donated by Wendy at Beautify exclusive

Netgear - donated by Nicola Schuback

5 x 30min Metafit class at Mt Cotton - donated by Abi at Metafit.

Book Packing

We are still chasing some extra helpers for book packing on Tuesday 1/12, Wednesday 2/12, Thursday 3/12 and Friday 4/12. If you are able to help, please call or email me.

Chocolate Money

We still have a large amount of chocolate money outstanding. If you could please return all outstanding money and any unsold chocolates to the office by no later than this Friday.

Thanks Nicole

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 Term 4:**



Monday afternoons	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Wednesday afternoons	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Thursday mornings	8.00am – 9.00am

Hi everyone. Just another reminder that if you need a swimming cap for the upcoming swimming lessons come in and grab one now. They are \$5.00. Also we will be open on Thursday the 21st of January from 11am – 5pm for those of you who need uniforms before school starts back. Have a great week! Mel

Tuckshop News



Welcome to Week 7!

Friday the 13th was MCSS biggest tuckshop day ever and that was without the Year 4's being on campus.

I would like to thank the wonderful volunteers who came in to help last week, and who continually help week in week out. You are amazing, and without you the tuckshop simply couldn't run.

As the tuckshop is getting busier and busier, I need some more volunteers. It is physically impossible to have orders out to your beautiful children if I only have 1 volunteer. Please contact me if you can volunteer, even if it is just for an hour. It doesn't have to be first thing in the morning, helping with service at lunchtime helps too. I can be contacted through the school phone number or tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au.

I am in need of volunteers on ALL Tuckshop days this week

Breakfast menu: These items can be purchased before school starts, but only once students are permitted on school grounds (8am), on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. All these items are also available at both lunch times but need to be ordered. These items cannot be ordered online for breakfast only but can be ordered over the counter the day before:

Fruit salad cup	\$1.50
Fruit salad bowl	\$3.00
Quiches (cupcake size)	\$1.50
Muesli (toasted) & Yoghurt cup	\$2.00
Weetbix (2) & Milk	\$1.50
Raisin Toast (2)	\$2.00

If you order any of the following items for your child/children, please remind them to come to the tuckshop with their stamped bag to collect. These items include ice creams, frozen yoghurts, icy cups, yoghurt tubs and custard tubs. Could you also please let your children know that if there is an issue with their lunch to come and see me at the tuckshop. This way I can try to rectify the problem quickly.

***** The tuckshop will not be opened the last week of term for meals. We will only be open for over the counter sales of drinks, chips, gingerbread students, slushies and ice creams. *****
Enjoy your week, Rachelle

School Banking News

Student Bankers of the Week & Class of the week:



3/11/15 Matilda 2C
10/11/15 Hayden 5B

Class: PA
Class: 2D

Student Banking is done on Tuesdays

Music Notes

Please make sure you are aware of all performance dates in Term 4. We are very busy with Music and Performance right up until Christmas.



Instrumental Music 2016: We have already started the recruitment process for Instrumental Music 2016. Students from Year 3 (2016) will be selected to participate in the Strings Program and students from Year 4 and 5 (2016) are selected to be part of the band program. The recruitment and selection process is quite involved, it includes an aural test, consultation with Music teacher, Class teachers, IM teachers and Administration. This process is well under way and you will hear from us shortly about selection for 2016. We are awaiting our district allocations.

Music Showcase Night: Our Music Showcase Night is **Wednesday 25th November**. All our choirs, band and strings will be performing. Please mark the date.

Carols in the Park: We have been asked to perform at the Mt Cotton Carols in the Park again this year. Both Mini Melodies and Mt Cotton Voices will sing together. This is **Sunday 29th November**. Times to be confirmed shortly.

Christmas Concert: Our Prep – Yr 3 Christmas Concert will be held on **Thursday 3rd December** 5.30 – 7.30 pm.

Mount Cotton's Got Talent: Our Talent Quest will be held on **Friday 4th December** of week 9. The Entry Form is attached to the newsletter. Please start organising and getting ready soon and bring your forms back to Mrs Bath in the Music Room.

Creative Generation 2016: Nominations for CGen 2016 are now open. If you would like more information about requirements, please email sbath16@eq.edu.au or contact me at school. Suzie Bath, Classroom Music and Performance

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:

- **Swimming Lessons P to 2 \$40 due Thurs 19th Nov**
- **Senior Swim Carnival Yrs 4 to 6 \$6 due Thurs 19th Nov**
- **Junior Swim Carnival P to 3 \$5 due Thurs 19th Nov**
- **Senior AMF Bowling Yr 6 \$30 due Thurs 19th Nov**
- **Voluntary Contribution Scheme \$40 per student or \$140 for families of 4 or more.**

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.

Seniors Swimming Carnival Chaplaincy Sausage Sizzle



Sausage on Bread \$2.50

Bottles of water \$2.00

Poppers \$2.00

Combo:

Sausage on bread and a drink \$4.00

No pre-ordering,
just take money on the day.

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

Signing In and Out

Please be reminded that it is Education Queensland policy that all persons entering the school premises for any reason are required to sign in upon arrival and sign out prior to leaving and to wear a badge for the duration of your visit. This ensures the safety of staff and students at the school and also the safety of those visiting. If you are assisting in your child's classroom please sign in and out there in the book provided and collect a badge. If you are on the school premises for any other reason please sign in and out at the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation.