

From the Principal**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 1! We are very proud of our results and the progress our students made. Every student counts!

Team IQ Term 2: This term, we will have a numeracy focus.

Prep	Counting to 20 and backwards from 10
Year 1	1-100 number board
Year 2	Addition and subtraction strategies – including jump strategy, split strategy, vertical addition and using a hundreds board.
Year 3	Number facts, addition and subtraction.
Year 4	3, 6, 9 times table - multiplication and division facts
Year 5	Word problems - scanning problems for important information and identifying what you need to do to solve the problem – Use See, Think, Do and Check.
Senior	Fractions – identifying, marking on number line, addition and subtraction, fractions of an amount, and percentage/decimal fraction/common fraction conversions.
PE	Year 3 Shot Put Skills
Music	Year 3: Incorporating the rhythmic element of ° (too-oo) 2 beat rhythm, into 4 beat patterns.

2016 Camps, Excursions and Incursions:

At the meeting last week, our 2016 excursions and incursions were supported by the P & C. We hope that by gaining the support of the P & C for our 2016 camps, excursions and incursions that it gives notice to our parents about upcoming costs. Our 2016 camps, excursion and incursions have been attached to the newsletter. More details will be given prior to each event.

Message from the Department of Transport and Main Roads:

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) would like to advise that work to improve safety will begin on Mount Cotton Road between Valley Way and Lakeside Drive, Mount Cotton.

Works will be carried out from **mid April 2016 to early July 2016**, weather and construction conditions permitting. Works are expected to be carried out from **Monday to Saturday between 7am and 5pm**, with some night works (between 8pm and 5am). Works include widening of a 300 metre section of Mount Cotton Road (northbound) between Valley Way and Lakeside Drive, Mount Cotton. This will involve earthwork, drainage works and asphaltting. These safety improvement works are being carried out to create safer roads for all road users.

What to expect

Increased dust, noise, lights and vibration from construction equipment, reversing vehicles, asphaltting machinery and activities on site can be expected.

Changed traffic conditions including minor traffic delays, reduced speed limits, and possible lane closures are also to be expected. Motorists are expected to drive safely.

Traffic controllers, police and road signage will be in place when required to ensure the safety of road workers and motorists.

Every effort will be made to minimise the impacts on the local community and we thank you for your patience and cooperation during these important safety works. If you require further information on this project, please email metropolitanregion@tmr.qld.gov.au. Alternatively, please contact the department on **13QGOV (13 74 68)** during business hours. For up-to-date information on road closures and traffic conditions across Queensland, please visit www.131940.qld.gov.au or call 13 19 40.

ANZAC Ceremony

As you are aware, ANZAC day is Monday 25th of April. It is the day we remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. Mount Cotton will have an ANZAC ceremony next Friday 22nd of April at 9 am. On the 25th of April, our Mount Cotton Voices will sing at the Redland Bay ANZAC dawn service.

Term 2 Events:

Over the holidays, a Term 2 calendar of events was emailed home. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the office. Corrections to the Term 2 Parent Calendar; There will no assemblies in Week 5 due to NAPLAN. School photos will be 26th and 27th May. Change of date for the next P & C meeting. It is now 9 am on Friday 6th of May.

Uniform Blitz:

During Term 2, we will have a weekly uniform blitz. This week, our blitz is: Our School Shorts! Formal: Maroon Check Skirt/Shorts/Dress Sport: Sports Shorts

Victoria Point High School Musical – Year 6 students

Victoria Point High School has invited forty Year 6 students to see a dress rehearsal of their school musical in Week 4. The musical begins at 11:45 am. Parents would be required to provide transport to and from the event. If you would like your child to watch the musical, please let me know by the end of Week 2.

Fire Education Visit for our Year 1 students

1st visit is: Friday 15th April 2nd visit is: Tuesday 10th May

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is **95%**. On the right is the **Week 1** attendance percent for each class.

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

From the Deputy Principal: Glenice Cleary

Assemblies:

Week 2: No assemblies on Wednesday or Thursday. Whole school ANZAC ceremony on Friday at 9 am. **Weeks 3 and 4:** Assemblies as per Term 1 – Wednesday (P to Year 3) and Thursday (Year 4 to 6). **Week 5:** No assemblies due to NAPLAN.

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:

Week 1-Disco, Week 2 - Camp Games (Monte Carlo etc), Week 3 - School Yard Games, Week 4 - Trivia, Week 5 - Board Games/Twister/Celebrity Heads Week 6 - Dress Up Relays, Week 7 - Obstacle Course, Week 8- Bingo, Week 9- Fitness Circuit, Week 10 - Camp Games (Monte Carlo etc) Week 11 -Disco.

Days for each year level are:

Monday : Yr 2 & 3, Tuesday: Yr 1, Wednesday: Yr 4 & 5, Thursday: Prep, Friday: Yr 6.

NAPLAN:

As you would be aware your child will be completing NAPLAN testing in Week 5 of this term. These tests will be completed by all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia in the areas of Numeracy, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading and Writing. The dates for the test are as follows:

Tues10 th May	Wed11 th May	Thurs12 th May
<u>Language Conventions:</u> 40 mins (Spelling & Grammar and Punctuation) <u>Writing:</u> 40 mins	<u>Reading:</u> 45 mins (Yr 3) and 50 mins (Yr 5)	<u>Numeracy:</u> 45 mins (Yr 3) and 50 mins (Yr 5)

CLASS	Week 1
Prep	93.75%
PA	95
PB	96
PC	97
PD	87
Year 1	95.5%
1A	98
1B	94
1C	97
1D	93
Year 2	93.25%
2A	98
2B	93
2C	89
2D	93
Year 3	95.25%
3A	92
3B	97
3C	94
3D	98
Year 4	96.67%
4A	96
4B	95
4C	99
Year 5	94.75%
5A	89
5B	96
5C	96
5D	98
Seniors	96.67%
SA	96
SB	96
SC	98

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. *The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.* Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions. We will have our NAPLAN breakfasts again this year. The Year 3 breakfast will be on Tuesday 10th of May and Year 5 will be on Thursday 12th of May. The breakfast will be from 8 am to 8:30 am. A great way to begin the day! A special thank you to our P & C for supplying the muffins.

Kind regards, Glenice Cleary

**Term 1, 2016 Week 9
Congratulations to these students
on their achievement!**

Harrison	PA	Resilience
Matilda	PB	Resilience
Brooke	PC	Caring
Ayla	PD	Respectful
Lilly	1B	Creative
Samuel	1C	Responsible
Rhys	1D	Clever
Nash	2A	Resilience
Brooke	2C	Resilience
Bridie	3A	Clever
Ella	3B	Respect
Ashton	3C	Caring
Braxton	3D	Caring
Summer	4A	Respect
Destiny	4C	Resilience
Abbey	5A	Clever
Daniel Emerson	5B	Clever Responsible
Jordan	5C	Clever
Bethany	5D	Clever
Alex	SB	Resilience
Taylor	SC	Resilience

Anzac Day Commemoration 2016

The MCSS Anzac Day Ceremony will be commemorated at 9am on Friday 22 April 2015 in the school hall. Parents and community members are invited to attend.



This year we are lucky to welcome a representative from both the Armed Forces and the RSL to speak at our commemoration.

Children may bring a small posy of flowers to lay on our school's commemorative stone during the wreath-laying part of the ceremony.

Anzac Day Commemorative badges and armbands are still available for purchase and students are welcome to wear them in the week leading up to and including our Commemoration Ceremony.

Thank you for your support in this important ceremony.

Sally Bedford

Important Notice

The Department does not have accident insurance for students. Medical costs associated with an injury to a student are borne by the parents or guardians.

It is a parent's decision whether they take out insurance and what level of cover is appropriate.

Parents can contact insurance companies directly to enquire about student personal accident insurance cover for their child.

For more information regarding student accident insurance, please refer to

<http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/school-life/health-wellbeing/accident-insurance-cover.html>.

Library News

From the Library Book Club



Scholastic Book Club catalogues for Issue 3, 2016 were distributed to children today. When ordering – either –

1 – send your order form to school (**to the Library**) with either cash or cheque (cheques payable to Scholastic Australia Book Club) payment making sure the details for student's name and class are filled in clearly.

2 – LOOP - Order and pay directly to Scholastic via scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app. You will need to specify your child's class and fill in their first name and initial of their last name. Order forms do not have to be returned to school as they are processed with the school order.

The due date for orders is Wednesday April 27.

If you do not wish your child to collect the order - for orders through the school - please write 'HOLD' on the order and we will contact you. For orders made online please use the email address below to advise the Library of your contact details.

Helen Plaschke

Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

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**
- **Year 1 Wildlife on Wheels, \$8.50. BPoint Deadline 9 May and Cash Window Deadline 12 May.**

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.



School Photos

**Thursday 26th and
Friday 27th May**

Newsletter Contributions Deadline: 3pm Monday prior.

Reminders, dates to remember ...

Week 2

- Tues 19 April School Newsletter
Uniform Shop Open 2 to 3pm
- Wed 20 April Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open
Fete Arm Bands For Sale 2-3pm
No Junior Assembly
- Thurs 21 April Cash Window Open
Uniform Shop
Tuckshop Open
District Cross Country
Year 3 Ngutana-Lui
No Senior Assembly
- Fri 22 April **ANZAC Day Ceremony 9am**
Fete Arm Bands For Sale 8.15–9am

Week 3

- Mon 25 April **Public Holiday**
- Tues 26 April P & C Newsletter
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
- Wed 27 April **Tuckshop Open**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Junior Assembly P to 3
Fete Arm Bands For Sale 2-3pm

- Thurs 28 April **Tuckshop Open**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Uniform Shop 8.15 to 9am
Senior Assembly 4 to 6
- Fri 29 April **Tuckshop Open**
Playgroup
Fete Arm Bands For Sale 2-3pm

Week 4

- Mon 2 May Public Holiday
- Tues 3 May School Newsletter
Uniform Shop 2 to 3
- Wed 4 May Tuckshop Open
Cash Window 8.15 to 9.15
Junior Assembly P to 3
Mother's Day Stall
- Thurs 5 May Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Uniform Shop 8.15 to 9am
Senior Assembly 4 to 6
Mothers Day Stall
- Fri 6 May Tuckshop Open
Playgroup
- Sat 14 May School Fete 10am–3pm

P & C News

OUR NEXT MEETING:

We are trialling alternate times for P&C meetings. The next meeting will be held on **Friday 6th May at 9am**, venue to be confirmed. We'd love to see you!



FETE & FUNDRAISING NEWS

Mount Cotton State School's Fete will be held on **Saturday 14th May from 10am – 3pm**.

The fete will be our major fundraising event for 2016! We are seeking support from parents, family and community to help make the event a success! Funds raised will go towards improvements in the school hall, for the whole school community to enjoy.

Your fete needs your support!

Sponsors, Volunteers, Donations, Stall holders, Volunteers with RSA licence, Large marquee for the day.

We continue to seek many **volunteers** to help at the Fete! Whatever assistance and time you can spare is appreciated - just 1 hour per family would go a long way. Volunteers are needed in side-show alley, food and drink stalls, during setup and pack down. Please complete the flyer you received via email / paper and return to the P&C box ASAP, or contact Nicole on 0423 731 175 or mcssfete@gmail.com.

We are seeking **donations** for the Fete. A donation box is in each classroom: Temporary coloured hairspray, Blocks of chocolate & full sized chocolate bars, Cans of soft drink, Baked goods (cakes, muffins, biscuits etc.) Side-show alley prizes, Books, Plants (new or cuttings)

Market stalls are still available. Pricing starts at \$30 for a 3x3m space. 2nd hand stall are available also. Please email Jess at mcssfete@gmail.com.

There will be heaps of activities at the fete!

- *Sideshow alley
- *Market stalls
- *BBQ & bar
- *Food
- *Performances
- *Live entertainment

Rides will include:

- *Giant slide
- *Sizzler
- *Cup 'n' saucer
- *Giant chairs
- *Lost temple
- *Clown jumping castle

Pre-sale unlimited ride arm bands are available to buy now at the uniform shop. Pre-sale closes Friday 6th May. Costs are:

Presale to 6 th May	\$30 each armband
On the Day 14 th May	\$35 each armband
On the Day 14 th May	\$6 per ride

The uniform shop will be open at the following times specifically for the sale of armbands only. (Uniforms will not be available for purchase):

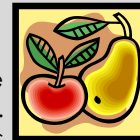
Wednesday afternoons	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Friday mornings	8.15am – 9am

Ride arm bands will be available for collection on the morning of the Fete (more info to come). They will not be distributed prior to the Fete.

For further information about the Fete, please email mcssfete@gmail.com. For book and plant enquiries, contact Danielle Kissane 0418 759 414.

Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP NEWS



Week 2 is here already! As of week 3 we are having an increase in some **pricing**. This is to coincide with price increases from suppliers. The increases include all sandwiches and some other items. These increases have been approved by the P&C and are in-line with other schools in the area. We will be sending out new menus very soon.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who so generously give up their spare time, you are all AMAZING!!!!!! Without you the tuckshop simply couldn't run properly. I am always **seeking volunteers**, for all days that the tuckshop is open. If you enjoy having a bit of fun while giving back to your school, then tuckshop sound like the place for you!

Our **online ordering** system's cut off time is 8.30am sharp. To set up an account simply logon to www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au. If you need to pay an outstanding amount, please don't do this through the online ordering system. If you need to cancel your child's lunch for any reason, please contact the tuckshop. We cannot cancel orders past 8.45am.

Over the counter ordering shuts at 8.45am sharp.

If you need to contact me please do so through either the school office, just stop in and see me or email tuckshop@mtcottons.eq.edu.au.

Enjoy your week! Rachelle.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS



Opening Hours for Term 2:

Tuesday afternoons	2 to 3pm
Thursday mornings	8.15-9.15am

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. These can be returned to the P&C box in the school office, uniform shop or emailed to Kylie Shiels . (0421556932) or hello@knoxwear.com.au

School Banking News

Student Bankers of the Week & Class of the week:

9/3/16 Amelia Class: 4C

22/3/16 Summer Class: 4A



Student Banking is done on Tuesdays.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

This year's P&C Mother's Day Stall will be held on **Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th May**. Children can purchase lovely gifts for their Mum & Grandmother/ Nan and help their school at the same time! See the attachment for **available items and class visit times** - the stall will also be open during lunch breaks. Please remember there are other gifts to choose from. All items have limited stock, but we will try to offer something similar if possible. Please bring a carry/ plastic bag for your purchase. For the younger or shy kids, please cut out or write down the item they'd like and then bring it on the day. **Volunteers** who are available to help at the stall should contact Kirk Jackson 0490 096 698 or kirk4tracey@yahoo.com.au and specify the amount of time they can help out on either day.

