

How quickly the weeks go by, we are already in Week 5 of Term 2 and the pace does not appear to be slowing down. We have achieved so much already this term and it is a credit to our professional staff, our diligent students and our supportive parents. Congratulations to our students and teachers on the calm manner in which NAPLAN testing was conducted. Our teachers had prepared their students well for doing their best in these tests. NAPLAN, while it is a very 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. 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. Parent interviews will also be held later this term (as per the Term 2 parent calendar). Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions.

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC): The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is a nationwide measure of the development of young children. Every three years, schools (both government and non-government) take part in the national AEDC data collection. This gives each community in Australia a snapshot of how children have developed by the time they start full-time school. It helps schools, communities and governments to pinpoint the services, resources and support that young children and their families need to help shape the future and wellbeing of Australian children. The AEDC is a census and involves collecting information on groups of children around Australia who are in their first year of full-time school. To do this, prep teachers will complete a research tool, the Australian version of the Early Development Instrument for every child in their class. The Instrument includes more than 100 questions that look at five domains of child development:

physical health and wellbeing
social competence
emotional maturity
language and cognitive skills (school-based)
communication skills and general knowledge.

A letter will be sent home to our prep parents this week.

Term 2 Parent Calendar:

We have changed the date of the P & C Fun Run due to a Year 5 excursion. The new date will be 18th of June.

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 attendance percent for all of Week 4: Your support as parents in achieving the best possible academic, social and emotional outcomes for your child is greatly valued.

Regards, Meagan Steward

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From the Deputy Principal:

Wear Purple Day – Qld Cancer Council Fundraiser

On **Friday 22 May**, students are invited to wear purple and bring a gold coin donation for the Qld Cancer Council. The school holds this fundraising day annually to remember a former and much loved teacher at our school, Mrs Peters, who passed away from cancer. Mrs Peters was one of the foundation Prep teachers at Mount Cotton and is sadly missed by our community. There are many different forms of cancer and it is a disease that affects many people and their families. Our Student Council is promoting this fundraiser in the classes and we hope there is a sea of purple at Mt Cotton on Friday!

Parent Interview Dates:

Senior (Year 6) Classes: 16th of June

Prep to Year 5: 24th of June

A letter will be sent home shortly.

Kind regards, Glenice Cleary

PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
85.71	95.45	99.09	94.55	94.55	94.55	92.73	98.18
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
99.13	98.26	95.83	96.67	94.62	92.31	94.62	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
98.33	93.6	93.33	94.4	89.68	95.71	92.67	
Senior A	Senior B	Senior C					
92	87.2	96.8					

Term 2, Week 3
Congratulations to these students
on their achievement!

Photo Gallery: NAPLAN Breakfasts!

Declan	Prep A	Responsible
Samuel	Prep B	Resilience
Madden	Prep C	Resilience
Tyson	Prep D	Clever
Harper	1A	Clever
Ashton	1B	Clever
Ava	1C	Clever
Casey	1D	Clever
Josie	2A	Responsible
Lucas	2B	Respect
Emma	2C	Responsible
Sianna	2D	Resilience
Josh	3A	Responsible
Kade	3B	Respect
Claire	4A	Respect
Hayley Callum	4B	Caring
Zoe	4C	Respect
Daniel	4D	Clever
Mikayla	5A	Creative
Alex	5B	Responsible
Mya	5C	Clever
Max	SA	Responsible
Asha	SB	Clever
Summa	SC	Responsible

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:**

- **Ngutana Lui Year 3, \$18.50 due Thurs 21st May**
- **First Interschool Sport Yrs 5 & 6, \$8 due Thurs 21st May**
- **Apple Store Excursion Yr 4, \$8 due Thurs 4th June**
- **Cottonhoppers Tour \$131.25 due Thurs 4th June**
- **Second Interschool Sport Yrs 5 & 6, \$9 due Thurs 4th June**

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.

Report Card Options Form

If you haven't already done so please return your Report Card Options form by **Friday 29th May**. The form has also been uploaded to the website under: Support & Resources/Forms & Documents/Permission Forms.

Email or Post



Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge - The Premier's Reading Challenge is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2015. The challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning. The school has been registered as a participant and students wishing to complete the challenge may collect a reading record sheet from the Library. Although there is a suggested reading list students may record any book at their level that they are reading – it really is all about encouraging children to read a variety of book and establishing good reading habits. The reading period for Prep - Year 9 students is **19 May - 28 August**. More information is available at <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/>

Cyber Safety from <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Kids>

Access this website to learn about cyberbullying and strategies parents and students can use to become responsible cyber citizens. The information is presented for different age groups and is well worth consulting and referring to when parents have conversations with their children about the responsible use of technology.

Cyberbullying

The internet lets us watch videos, play all kinds of games and find out interesting stuff. But sometimes people can be mean on the internet, just like some people are mean in real life. If someone is being mean to you while you are on the internet or on a mobile phone

1. tell someone about it. Tell one of these people: your mum or dad, your teacher, an aunty, an uncle, a grandparent, your brother, your sister or a friend. Keep telling them until they help.
2. don't answer any of their mean comments. Save them and show them to a parent or teacher
3. get a parent or teacher to help you block them so they can't contact you any more
4. report them to the game/video host so they get blocked
5. remember it isn't your fault if someone is mean online. Nobody should be bullied
6. you can call the Kids Helpline for help on 1800 55 1800, or visit their website

If someone is being mean to a kid you know

1. don't join in. Even if their comments are funny and you think they are true – if they might hurt another person don't join in
2. don't share any mean pictures or videos or spread mean gossip
3. report bullying to someone that can help. Find a teacher or parent and tell them what is happening. If you are scared you can write a letter and post it under their door
4. Support them. Tell them you are sorry they are being picked on.

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Lost Property Bin

The lost property bin is overflowing. Could students and parents please check for lost belongings. All items still left in the bin at the end of the term will be donated to charity.



Sports News



Senior Athletics Sports Day
Thursday 25th June
Years 3 to 6

Beenleigh Little Athletics Centre
Cec Clark Oval
Oliver Sports Complex
Logan St, Eagleby

A permission note will come home soon.

Reminders, dates to remember ...

Week 5

- Tues 19 May School Newsletter
Under 8's Week
- Wed 20 May Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Tuckshop Open
Professor Jellybean Incursion
Junior Assembly
- Thurs 21 May Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Tuckshop Open
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Senior Assembly
- Fri 22 May Tuckshop Open
Free Dress Day—Purple (Gold Coin)

Week 6

- Mon 25 May Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Peer Support
- Tues 26 May P & C Newsletter
School Photos
- Wed 27 May Tuckshop open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Junior Assembly
School Photos
- Thurs 28 May Tuckshop Open

Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Senior Assembly
Yr 3 Excursion

- Fri 29 May Tuckshop Open
First Interschool Sports Day Yrs 5 & 6

Week 7

- Mon 1 June Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
RE Yrs 1 to 6
- Tues 2 June School Newsletter
- Wed 3 June Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Junior Assembly P to 3
- Thurs 4 June Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Senior Assembly 4 to 6
- Fri 5 June Tuckshop Open
- **Tues 16 June Parent/teacher interviews—Seniors**
- **Wed 24 June Parent/teacher interviews—P to 5**
- **Thurs 25 June Senior Athletics Carnival Yrs 3 to 6**

P & C News

Our Next Meeting:



The Next P & C Meeting is to be held **Wednesday, 10th June 2015 at 7pm**, in the school library. Everyone is welcome!

From the President:

Hi everyone. I am very happy to announce that our fans for the hall have been approved from the department. So keep an eye out, they will be installed shortly.

Our main fundraiser coming up is our Run 4 Fun on Thursday 18th June. This year we are changing it up and making our very own Mt Cotton obstacle course. Forms will be coming home this week. We will need parent help to man each station of the obstacle course and to help with cutting up fruit. If you are able to help, please contact me on nicolemcgarity@gmail.com.

Also, due to personal reasons our current Tuck Shop Convenor Jo has decided to finish up at the end of this term. Therefore we are looking for a new Tuck Shop Convenor to commence from Term 3! If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible on the above email address to receive further details, as we will be advertising externally as of next week. **Thanks Nicole**

Fundraising: Hi all. The next fundraising event will be the Run 4 Fun on Thursday 18th June. We will be sending out information and fundraising packs this week, to be returned by Monday 15th June. If you would like to help out with fundraising our next meeting is this Thursday 21st May at 1.30pm in the Parent Room!



Thanks Danielle

School Banking News

Student Bankers of the Week & Class of the week:



05/05/15 Thomas 1D Class: PC

12/05/15 Kaycee-Lee 2A Class: 3A

Student Banking is done on Tuesdays

MCSS has the chance to be in the draw to win a \$100 voucher from the Commonwealth Bank. All I have to do is share my "Top Tip" for bankers. So here it is.

My best "Top Tip" for banking is TO BANK A LITTLE, A LOT.

So, instead of banking \$20 in one week (= one token) bank \$5 a week over 4 weeks (= 4 tokens) or \$1 a week over \$20 weeks (=20 tokens) **more tokens more rewards**. You can bank as little as 50 cents up to 1 million dollars. It is so easy!

Can't wait to see your banking wallets next Tuesday!

Anita, Banking Guru.

PS. If anyone banks a millions bucks I may be away the next week. Tahiti looks nice!!

Tuckshop News

www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Jo Wildermoth 0468 944 420



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).

Hi everyone. This is a friendly reminder to please check the new menu, as lots of things have changed. I would like to thank all my fabulous volunteers last week as it was a very trying time, with me being unwell, you are all amazing and very generous with your time.

Jo Wildermoth, Tuckshop Manager

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. Hi everyone, there has been a slight delay on the maroon jumpers that were ordered a number of weeks ago. Unfortunately there isn't anything we can do about it but we have been assured they will be on their way soon. I'm so sorry to anyone who is waiting on a jumper. Once they get here I will let you all know ASAP. Have a good week. **Mel.**

Uniform shop hours Terms 2 & 3:

Monday Afternoon	2.15pm – 3.15pm
Thursday Morning	8.15am – 9.15am

Chaplain News—Chaplaincy Family Fun Day Sunday June 21st 2-4pm at MCSS

Come and join us for a free family day out. Entertainment will be provided by The Cotton Hoppers, MCSS choirs and Eddie Echidna. There will be free races and activities. Food and drinks will be for sale on the day. Anyone who would like to donate cakes, slices and muffins to be sold at a cake stall, please contact Tanya Edser or Chappy Jo. Items can be placed in Chinese containers or put onto throw away plates in a freezer bag. Please label items with ingredients and note if items are Gluten Free, Nut Free, Wheat Free or Dairy Free. We will be storing items in advance in our chaplaincy freezer. If you would rather bring something fresh on the day, please let us know the item and quantity so we are prepared. Thanks and have a great week. :) **Chappy Jo**

Music Notes :

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC:



Strings: Beginner Strings Workshop is coming up on Monday 1st June at Redland Bay SS.

Band: Beginner Band Week is coming up on Monday 1st June – Friday 5th June at Sleeman Sports Complex.

All students in the band program (yr4-6) should now be attending Concert Band rehearsals on Tuesday mornings at 7.45am.

Choir: The Choirs will be performing at the Chaplaincy Family Fun Day on 21 June. Please keep this date free.

Musical: Rehearsals are coming along nicely. Please mark your calendars – Pirates of the Curry Bean – Thursday 10th and Friday 11th September. We are very busy making music here at Mt Cotton. Please check below for your rehearsals and lessons.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
7.45am Musical Rehearsal (Hall)	8.00am Mini Melodies (Music Room)	7.45am Musical rehearsal (Music Room)	8.00am Mt Cotton Voices (Music Room)	7.45 Musical Rehearsal (Hall)
8am Piano Lessons (Music Room)	7.45am Concert Band (Hall)		From 12.15pm Strings Lessons (Hall)	8.00am Piano Lessons (Music Room)
	From 8.45am Instrumental Music Lessons (Hall)			

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 :Forms & Documents, Documents, Permission Forms

Student Absence Line: 3822 0460

Please leave: name, class & brief reason.

Long Absences:

admin@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au

Have fun
during
Under 8's
Week!



School Photos Timetable Tues 26th May & Wed 27th May

Time	Tues 26 May	Time	Wed 27 May
8:00 am	SIBLING Photos	8:10 am	STAFF Photo
8:55 am	3A 2D (Individual)	8:55 am	Assembly
9:10 am	3B	9:05 am	Assembly
9:25 am	3C	9:20 am	Assembly
9:40 am	Prep A	9:35 am	4A 4B (Individual)
9:55 am	Prep B	9:50 am	4C
10:10 am	Prep C	10:05 am	4D
10:20 am	Prep D	10:20 am	5A
10:30 am	2D (Group)	10:30 am	4B (Group)
Lunch Break (10:45-11:15)		Lunch Break (10:45-11:15)	
11:00 am (During Lunch)	Instrumental Band—bring instruments	11:00 am (During Lunch)	Cotton Hoppers
11:20 am	1A 2C (Individual)	11:20 am	5B
11:30 am	1B	11:35 am	5C
11:40 am	1C	11:50 am	Senior A
11:55 am	1D	12:05 pm	Senior B
12:05 pm	2A	12:20 pm	Senior C
12:20 pm	2B	12:40 pm	School Leaders
12:30 pm	2C (Group)		
Lunch Break (12:45 – 1:25)		Lunch Break (12:45 – 1:25)	
1:00 pm (During Lunch)	Three Choirs		

Global Texting

The school utilises a Global Texting system when we need to contact staff and/or parents with an urgent message and also for reminders about final money deadlines.

Please be aware that we use the abbreviation of **MCSS** (Mt Cotton State School) at the beginning of each global text so that parents are aware who is texting them. However the number that the text is generated from varies each time a text is sent, so don't save the number to your contacts.

The texts that are sent regarding final money deadlines are a **reminder** to all parents in the relevant year level. Isolating the parents who have already paid is too difficult a task and so the text serves as a **reminder only** to all concerned – please disregard if you have already paid for the camp/excursion/activity.

Do not reply to the text as it cannot be actioned by us or replied to. Many thanks.