

From the Principal

Principal Position:

As you are aware, the principal position was advertised recently. Interviews will be taking place on Thursday morning and we should hear an announcement during Week 10.

2016 Class Lists:

Our class lists will be displayed on Wednesday 9th of December from 9:00 am to 10:30 am and 1:30 pm to 4 pm. The class lists will be displayed near the tuckshop area.

As our teaching staff and classes are dependent on enrolment numbers, all state schools in Queensland staffing is finalised on the 8th school day in 2016, therefore, there may be changes to the current classes. By the 8th day, we will have a clear indication of the number of children in each class who has and hasn't returned to Mount Cotton State School.

Report Cards:

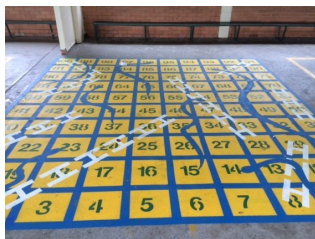
Report cards will be emailed out to all families on Monday 7th of December. Please email the school to request a paper copy to be posted.

Email: daspi7@eq.edu.au

Semester 2 Parent Interviews:

If you would like to discuss your child's Semester 2 progress, please liaise with your child's class teacher around a suitable interview time.

Check out our new artwork around the school!



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 8.

PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
89	96	97	95	99	96	95	97
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
93	97	91	92	95	96	92	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
98	94	96	98	86	92	97	
SA	SB	SC					
94	88	97					

Your support as parents in achieving the best possible academic, social and emotional outcomes for your child is greatly valued.

Kind regards,
Meagan Steward
mstew40@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy Principal

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. 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).

A representative from the Salvation Army will come to our final assembly on Thursday 3 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.

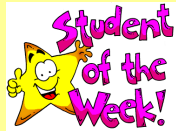
Assembly:

Whole school assembly – Thursday 3rd of December at 9 am. We will not have assembly on Wednesday morning.

Glenice Cleary
Deputy Principal

**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!**





Term 4, Weeks 7 & 8 Congratulations to these students on their achievement!

Timothy	Prep A	Clever
Samuel	Prep B	Clever
Bryn	Prep C	Clever
Lacey	Prep D	Clever
Alice	1A	Resilience
Amelie	1B	Clever
Ava	1C	Respect
Ronin	1D	Clever
Stephanie	2A	Responsible
Josephine	2B	Clever
Savannah	2C	Caring
Pheobe	2D	Responsible
Amelia	3A	Creative
Tyler	3C	Responsible
Elliot	4A	Responsible
Emerson	4C	Respect
Sam	4D	Resilient
Julian	5A	Clever
Daniel	5B	Clever
Korey Reilly	5C	
Abbi	SA	Clever
Jenny	SB	Clever
Luke	SC	Responsible

Jett	Prep C	Responsible
Isabelle	Prep D	Clever
Tom	1B	Creative
Chelsea	2B	Responsible
Jailan	2C	Clever
Connor	2D	Responsible
Riley	3A	Responsible
Tallan	4A	Resilience
Leisel	4C	Responsible
Carter	4D	Clever
Sarah	5A	Responsible
Kosta Liam	5B	Responsible Clever
Blake	5C	
Sophie	SA	Responsible
Alexia	SB	Clever
Kane	SC	Caring

Religious Education
Christmas Concert
Thursday 3rd December
2pm (for students who
participate in RE)
Under C Block



Goodbye and Good Luck!

Congratulations to our senior
students as they graduate
and move onto their high schools.
Good luck for the future!

Term 1, 2016 commencement
dates:
Years 1 to 6—Wed 27th
January 2016
Prep—Thurs 28th January 2016

Photo Gallery:
Junior Swimming Carnival
Congratulations Barawa!

Mt Cotton's Got Talent

Friday 4th December
School Hall

Years 4 to 6—9am to 11.15am

Prep to Year 3—11.15

to
12.45pm



Library News

All returns due

All library books and home readers are due to be returned now – notices were issued last Friday to students and another notice is being sent home today. Please assist us to complete our end of year checks by making sure any books that have a Mount Cotton barcode on them are returned to school immediately. If students receive an overdue notice and they believe the listed books have already been returned the onus is on the student to let me know so a check can be made of the shelves.

Student Librarians

Congratulations to the current Student Librarians for their assistance in the Library during Semester 2. The following students will be recognised with a certificate at our final assembly on Thursday – Mikayla , Max , Taylor , Ebony , Macey , Lochlann , Oliver , Sam , Aidan , Jessica and Riley. I would like to make special mention of Lochlann and Jessica who have volunteered their services all year and have proven to be very reliable, punctual and efficient – well done!

Helen Plaschke

Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au



Sports News



Seniors Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 8th December

Cleveland State School 9am to 2pm

Students are to wear a swimming cap as requested by Cleveland State School.

Chaplaincy Sausage Sizzle at the pool

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.

Congratulations!

The following girls recently competed in Sydney at the National Championships for APDA Physie & Dance :

Chloe —finalist 7 year olds, placed 2nd

Stephanie —semifinalist 7 year olds

Hayley —semi finalist 9 year olds

Chloe —finalist 11 year olds, placed 6th

All finalists and placegetters were invited to attend the Opening Ceremony of the Senior National Finals event at the Sydney Opera House. Well done girls!

Newsletter Contributions Deadline: 3pm Monday prior.

Reminders, dates to remember ...

Week 9

- Tues 1 Dec School Newsletter
CDSHS Extension Arts Day
Prep 2016 Transition Morning
- Wed 2 Dec Cash Window Closed
Tuckshop Open
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
No Junior Assembly
- Thurs 3 Dec Cash Window Closed
Tuckshop Open
Uniform Shop 8 to 9am
Whole School Assembly P to 6
RE Christmas Concert 2pm
Christmas Concert P & 1—5.30 to 6.15pm
Yrs 2 & 3—6.45 to 7.30pm
- Fri 4 Dec Tuckshop Open
Cotton Club Playgroup 9am
Mt Cotton's Got Talent
Yrs 4 to 6—9 to 11.15am
P to 3—11.15 to 12.45pm

Week 10

- Mon 7 Dec Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
Senior AMF Bowling
- Tues 8 Dec P & C Newsletter
Senior Swim Carnival

- Wed 9 Dec Tuckshop Open-Counter Sales
Cash Window Closed
No Junior Assembly
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
Senior Graduation 6pm
- Thurs 10 Dec Tuckshop Open-Counter Sales
Cash Window Closed
Uniform Shop 8 to 9am
No Senior Assembly
Break Up Parties
Senior Farewell BBQ & Tunnel
- Fri 11 Dec Tuckshop Closed
Last school day of the year.

Term 1 Week 1 2016

- Mon 25 Jan Pupil Free Day
- Tues 26 Jan Australia Day Public Holiday
- Wed 27 Jan Day 1—Years 1 to 6
- Thurs 28 Jan Day 1—Prep students

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 at 7pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along!

From the President:

Hi everyone. Christmas raffle tickets are due back ASAP and will be drawn on Thursday night at the Christmas concert. Thank you to everyone who has supported our Christmas fundraiser and a **BIG** thanks to our lovely community who helped with our prizes:

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 vouchers - donated by Wendy at Beautify exclusive

Netgear - donated by Nicola Schuback

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

A **BIG** thanks to everyone who helped out today for our first day of book packing and thanks to everyone who will help out for the rest of the week. If anyone can spare some time on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday to help with book packing please give me a call.

Come on down Thursday night and enjoy our Preps to Year 3's singing in our annual Christmas concert. The P&C will have some drinks and food for sale.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful break and a very merry Christmas.

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!

Can you believe we only have 2 weeks left of school? If you need new uniforms for next year come on in now and get them as we have everything in stock! But in case you don't get time before the end of school we will be open on Thursday the 21st of January from 11am to 5pm.

Have a great week!

Mel

Tuckshop News



Welcome to week 9! This is the last week that we are preparing and serving lunches.

*******WE WILL ONLY BE OPEN FOR OVER THE**

COUNTER SALES OF DRINKS, CHIPS, GINGERBREAD STUDENTS, SLUSHIES AND ICECREAMS. NEXT WEEK THE TUCKSHOP WILL NOT BE OPENED THE LAST WEEK OF TERM FOR ORDERING. NO LUNCHES WILL BE ABLE TO BE MADE OR ORDERED OVER THE COUNTER, OR THROUGH OUR ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM*****

I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who came in to help last week, especially those who help on a regular basis. You are all **AMAZING**, and without you the tuckshop simply couldn't run.

I would love some extra volunteers this week, for each day, as we are more inclined to be busy the last couple of weeks. If you can help this week then please drop in, call the tuckshop (through the school office), or email me at tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au.

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 and rectify the problem quickly.

And finally, the tuckshop will be shut the first week back in 2016. I need to prepare all the yummy menu items made in-house.

Enjoy your week,

Rachelle

School Banking News



Student Bankers of the Week & Class of the week:

18/11/15 Caitlin PA Class: 3A

24/11/15 Savannah 2C Class: 4B

Student Banking is done on Tuesdays.

Well that is Banking done for 2015. **NO BANKING ON THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL!!** The **"Top Ten Bankers"** and **"Banker of the Year"** have received their certificates last week. **The winners are:**

"Top Ten Bankers"

Sabrina PA, Marley PB, Lincoln 1C, Lachlan and Matthew 1C, Holly 2B, Max 2B, Lucia sibling C/- 2B, Matilda 1A, Lucas 1A.

"Banker of the Year": Lauren 2C

Well done to all of our bankers, great job!

I have my fingers crossed for all of those bankers who have banked more than 25 times and have automatically been entered into the Disneyland competition.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of my wonderful helpers this year. Andrea, Kaylene, Tamara, and Mel. I could not have done it without your help. Thanks for the laughs and many thanks to all the quality conversations we have had. Have a great Christmas, and I look forward to seeing all of your banking wallets again in 2016. Anita, Banking Guru

