

**Term 4 Curriculum Overview**

During Week 1 or 2, we sent home a Term 4 Curriculum Overview. It included a brief overview for each of our Key Learning Areas. If you did not receive a copy of the Term 4 Curriculum Overview, please let us know.



**P & C**

A big thank you to our P & C who have given us \$544.85 which was all the proceeds from the food and beverages sold at the musical. The money will go towards our Performing Arts Program.

**Mathletics:**

Mt Cotton State School: Since the beginning of this academic year, students results across Mt Cotton State School have been recorded. On average students now score 80.79% in curriculum activities. That's an improvement of 15.51% on their first attempts. This is no fluke. Students across the whole of Australia using Mathletics this year have improved by an average of 23.1%

Since the start of the year **606,264** points have been earned across MT Cotton State School.

**1,067** certificates have been awarded.

**18,361** total individual logins this year.

**4418h 59m** total login time by students.

**3,388,730** total curriculum points earned.

**Uniform Changes for 2016**

Our School Uniform Policy and Student Dress Code was endorsed by the MCSS P & C Association on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, 2015. The changes will be effective from the beginning of next year (January, 2016). Last week, the updated School Uniform Policy and Student Dress Code was attached to our newsletter.

As you are aware, at the beginning of next year our uniform will be a closed in black leather school shoes or black sneakers with black laces or velcro.

Some examples of suitable school shoes in 2016 are below:



**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.

**Classes For 2016**

During Term 4, staff will begin working on class structures for 2016. As always we invite parents to write a letter outlining information that you may need to share. Please remember that you cannot request individual teachers, request notes are focussed on learning and social concerns that you may wish to be taken into consideration. Parent requests are due by **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of October** to allow time for classes to be compiled for 2016. Requests will be unable to be accepted after the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. All requests must be in writing and submitted to the office.

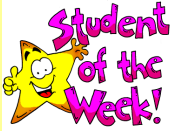
**Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!**

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

Below is the attendance percent for each class for Week 2. Your support as parents in achieving the best possible academic, social and emotional outcomes for your child is greatly valued.

PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
98	93	93	94	91	90	94	89
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
98	94	95	99	91	91	90	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
99	95	94	94	95	95	87	
SA	SB	SC					
90	94	92					

Kind regards,  
**Meagan Steward**  
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## Term 4, Week 2

## Photo Gallery: Prep Excursion to Jacob's Well

<b>Ariana</b>	Prep A	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Emily</b>	Prep B	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Landen</b>	Prep C	<b>Resilience</b>
<b>Elias</b>	Prep D	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Eden</b>	1A	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Neive Trae</b>	1B	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Cohen</b>	1C	<b>Resilience</b>
<b>Caitlyn</b>	1D	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Claire</b>	2A	<b>Creativity</b>
<b>Saxon</b>	2C	<b>Resilience</b>
<b>Archer</b>	2D	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Julian</b>	3A	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Destiny</b>	3B	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Bethany</b>	3C	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Chloe</b>	4A	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Kaleb</b>	4B	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Isabella</b>	4C	<b>Creative</b>
<b>Tia Mia</b>	4D	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Kaleb</b>	5A	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Ryley</b>	5B	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Harry</b>	SA	<b>Resilience</b>
<b>Billy</b>	SB	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Olivia</b>	SC	<b>Responsible</b>

## Curriculum News

### Certificate Presentation

#### REMINDER:

Students who participated last term in the UNSW Maths Test will receive their participation certificates on Senior Assembly this week (22nd October 2015). Parents and family members are most welcome to attend this event.

**Sally Bedford**  
Curriculum Coordinator

## Important Notice

Mount Cotton State School does not encourage parents to park across from the school in the Lutheran Church grounds or the Community Hall grounds. Cars parked on the "road reserve" are liable to be booked by the Redland City Council.

**Parent car parks are provided off Sanctuary Drive for drop off and collection of students.**

Parking in the church and hall grounds and then crossing Mt Cotton Road has inherent risks resulting from the high volume of traffic including buses arriving and departing.

Thank you for your co-operation.



## 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:

- Try It Day Year 4 \$8 due Thurs 22nd Oct
- Year 4 Camp final payment \$70 due Thurs 29th October
- Creative Arts Day Yr 6 \$15 due Thurs 5th Nov
- Swimming Lessons P to 2 \$40 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.

## Library News

### Bookclub –

The due date for Issue 7 Book Club orders placed at school or online through LOOP is **Thursday October 23rd.**



## Reminders, dates to remember ...

### Week 3

- Tues 20 Oct School Newsletter
- Wed 21 Oct Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Tuckshop Open  
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm  
**Junior Assembly P to 2**  
**Ditto Show P to 4**
- Thurs 22 Oct Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Tuckshop Open  
Uniform Shop 8 to 9am  
**Senior Assembly 3 to 6**  
**Orientation Day VPSHS Yr 6**
- Fri 23 Oct Tuckshop Open  
**Cotton Club Playgroup 9am**

### Week 4

- Mon 26 Oct Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm  
**Prep 2016 Screening Mon to Fri**  
**Cottonhoppers Day Trip**
- Tues 27 Oct P & C Newsletter
- Wed 28 Oct Tuckshop open  
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am  
**Junior Assembly P to 2**

Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm

- Thurs 29 Oct Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window open 8.15 to 9.15am  
Uniform Shop 8 to 9am  
**Senior Assembly**
- Fri 30 Oct Tuckshop Open  
**Cotton Club Playgroup 9am**  
**Try It Day—Year 4**
- **Week 5**
- Mon 2 Nov Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
- Tues 3 Nov School Newsletter
- Wed 4 Nov Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
**Junior Assembly**  
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
- Thurs 5 Nov Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Uniform Shop 8 to 9am  
**Senior Assembly**
- Fri 6 Nov Tuckshop Open  
**Cotton Club Playgroup 9am**

## P & C News

### Our Next Meeting:



The next P&C Meeting is to be held on **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7pm**, in the school library. Everyone is welcome!

### From the President:

Hi everyone.

This term is flying by and the school term will be over before we know it. We are in the process of finalising our Christmas raffle and tickets will be coming home soon. We are still chasing prizes for the raffle so if you are able to donate something or know of anyone who would be willing to donate to our Christmas raffle it would be greatly appreciated.

We still have boxes of chocolates outstanding and still have some for sale. Please return all outstanding money as soon as possible. If you would like to help and sell another box please contact us.

Our next fete meeting will be this Thursday night at 7pm at McDonald's Victoria Point. We would really like as many helpers as we can get. Look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks Nicole

## Tuckshop News



Welcome to Week 3!

We had a big week last week, with Friday being my biggest day since I've started.

I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who came in to help. You are all amazing!

As the tuckshop is getting busier and busier, I need some more volunteers. Unfortunately, if I don't get some more volunteers there will be days where I have no option other than to close. It is physically impossible to have orders out to your beautiful children if I only have one volunteer. Please contact me if you can volunteer, even if it is just for an hour. I can be contacted through the school phone number or

[tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au)

New items I am introducing this week are:

<b>fruit salad bowl</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>vanilla yoghurt tub (150ml)</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>

Enjoy your week, Rachelle

## School Banking News



**Student Bankers of the Week & Class of the week:**

07/10/15 Blake 2B Class: PC

13/10/15 Van 1C Class: 1C

**Student Banking is done on Tuesdays**

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

**Price List & Order Form** - Found on the school website ([www.mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](http://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](mailto: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. As you are aware we have swimming lessons coming up at the end of next month. If you are in need of a swimming cap please come in ASAP and get one. We only have a limited supply available so please don't leave it till the last minute! Have a great week! Mel

### 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

Student Absence Line:

3822 0460

Please leave:

name, class & brief reason.

Long Absences:

[admin@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au)

