

**From the Principal:**

Welcome back students and families to Term 2. We trust that you had a wonderful break and we look forwards to the many exciting learning experiences planned for the term ahead. As always we encourage parents to be active partners in your child's learning and we endeavour to provide many opportunities for you to engage in the experiences that your children have every day.

**ANZAC Ceremony:**

This Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> of April is ANZAC day. 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 this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of April at 9 am. Parents/carers are welcome to attend.

**Thank you to the P & C:**

Recently, the P & C donated \$24 000 to the school. \$10 000 went toward some new furniture in our Year 4 classrooms. \$14 000 went towards half of the cost of 48 iPad minis, 12 iPad airs and accessories (e.g. cases) for our Junior classroom. We hope to have the iPads in classes by Week 4. We appreciate this contribution as it will assist us to work towards our vision to grow Clever, Creative and Caring children.

**Junior and Senior Cross Country:**

We recently had our Junior and Senior Cross Country events. Thank you to Sue Harris who did a fantastic job organising both events. Thank you to the parents/carers that were able to come along and support the event. It was also wonderful to see the number of children giving it a go for their house. There were a lot of red faces, smiles and genuine excitement shown by our students and as always they conducted themselves with pride and sportsmanship beyond their

years. Please see the report in next week's newsletter for results.

**Term 2 Events:**

On the last day of Term 1, a Term 2 calendar of events was sent home. If you do not receive a copy, please contact the office.

**Parent Surveys:**

We are keen to hear feedback from our parents/carers. A parent survey was sent home on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. Please return the survey by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

**Uniform Blitz:**

During Term 2, we will have a weekly uniform blitz.

This week, our blitz is: Our School Shirt

Prep: Navy blue MCSS polo shirt. Formal: Maroon Check Blouse/Shirt/Dress. Sport: MCSS Maroon or White Polo Shirt/House Shirt (1-6 students and Fridays only). Seniors: MCSS Senior Shirt

**Facilities Update:**

Through our Maintenance Plan, over the Easter break and during this term, the following occurred/will occur:

Resurfacing the amenities block

Replacement of 20 fans in C-Block

Painting of the inside and outside of C Block

Plumbers replacing grey water pumps/new cabling in the tank

Small section of decking replaced in the OHSC building

New wall/doors to replace concertina door in H block

The majority of the carpets in our classrooms were cleaned. A few classes will be completed in the June/

July holidays.

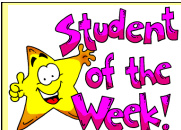
**Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!**

At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is **95%**. Below is the **Week 10** attendance percent for each class and all of **Term 1**.

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](mailto:mstew40@eq.edu.au)

Wk 10 PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
98.10	97.27	93.64	93.64	93.64	86.67	91.82	89.52
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
94.78	96.52	90.83	90.00	93.60	86.92	96.92	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
95.83	91.20	96.67	88.80	89.68	97.14	89.33	
Senior A	Senior B	Senior C					
92.00	96.00	94.40					

Term 1 PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
95.75	95.16	94.84	95.89	94.25	93.72	91.83	92.2
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
94.16	94.17	93.2	93.15	92.68	91.31	89.93	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
95.74	93.96	94.68	93.53	94.17	95.48	94.61	
Senior A	Senior B	Senior C					
93.66	92.34	96.17					



**Term 1, Weeks 9 & 10**  
**Congratulations to these students**  
**on their achievement!**

<b>Sabrina</b>	Prep A	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Marley</b>	Prep B	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Jake</b>	Prep C	<b>Caring</b>
<b>Wyatt</b>	Prep D	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Samantha</b>	1A	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Nash</b>	1B	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Matty</b>	1C	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Thomas</b>	1D	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Bryce</b>	2A	<b>Resilience</b>
<b>Matilda</b>	2C	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Ava</b>	2D	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Taylor</b>	3A	<b>Caring</b>
<b>Alex</b>	3C	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Maya</b>	4A	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Monet</b>	4B	<b>Caring</b>
<b>Anna</b>	4C	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Lincoln</b>	4D	<b>Resilience</b>
<b>Ebony</b>	5A	<b>Resilience</b>
<b>Jay</b>	5B	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Jorgia</b>	SA	<b>Caring</b>
<b>Henry</b>	SB	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Alyssa</b>	SC	<b>Responsible</b>

<b>Ryley</b>	Prep A	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Asha-Rose</b>	Prep B	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Elijah</b>	Prep C	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Bella</b>	Prep D	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Lucas</b>	1A	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Tom</b>	1B	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Mackenzie</b>	1C	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Charlotte</b>	1D	<b>Caring</b>
<b>Alex</b>	2A	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Holly</b>	2B	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Harrison</b>	2C	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Landon</b>	2D	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Cael</b>	3B	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Josie</b>	3C	<b>Resilience</b>
<b>Kittie</b>	4A	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Xavier</b>	4C	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Owen</b>	4D	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Rosie</b>	5B	<b>Resilient</b>
<b>Lara</b>	SA	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Jaime</b>	SB	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Michael</b>	SC	<b>Respect</b>

**Photo Gallery: Our new furniture—thanks to the P & C!**

## Library News

Please note the following regarding student access to the Library before school – there have been some minor adjustments from last term.



Access to the Library – before school

**Year 5 and Senior students** are permitted in the Library from 8 am in the morning to access computers or a personal device to work on set assignments and/or homework only. **Year 4 students** may access the Library from 8 am to store their iPad before school (students are responsible for collecting their iPad when the 1<sup>st</sup> bell rings) access computers or their iPad to work on set assignments and/or homework only.

**Students from other year levels** are permitted in the Library from 8.30 – computers may be accessed for school related tasks and approved websites e.g. Cool Maths is permitted but Minecraft is not. Students in Years 1 - 3, who do not have access to computers at home, can, with prior arrangement, come into the Library before 8.30 to complete any online tasks they have been set by their teacher.

**Victoria Point Shopping Centre Earn to Learn competition – new headsets!**

our school received a total of \$200 from this promotion – \$100 voucher from Ed's PCs plus a \$100 voucher from the Shopping Centre. Thanks to an additional discount from Ed's PCs we have purchased 13 new headsets with our winnings. Thank you Ed's PCs and Victoria Point Shopping Centre.



## Readers' Cup

There was some keen competition in the last 2 weeks of last term for our school Readers' Cup finals.

Congratulations to all the winners and it was great to see the spirited competition – particularly with the Year 4 teams. The winners of the Prep – Year 3 competitions will be announced at the Junior Assembly next week. The winners for the Year 4 – 6 competitions are as follows  
Year 4 – 'Reading Kings' – Jordan , Angus , Sam , Carter  
Year 5 – 'Rubber Ducks' – Jay , Tait ,Ocean  
Year 6 – Abbi , Caitlin n, Asha , Joshua and Charlize (reserve)

The Year 6 winners have already started reading and preparing for the District Competition that will be held on June 11 at Moreton Bay Boy's College.

## Peer Support

Peer Support continues this term with the next session on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> (Week 2) – the focus is on Respect. Groups will revise what it means to show respect towards others and complete an activity in their booklets to identify people they respect at home, at school and within the wider community.

**Helen Plaschke, Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator**

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

Student Absence Line: 3822 0460  
Please leave: name, class & brief reason.

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

## Reminders, dates to remember ...

### Week 1

- Mon 20 April **Senior Cross Country**  
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**RE Yrs 1 to 6**
- Tues 21 April School Newsletter
- Wed 22 April Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Tuckshop Open
- Thurs 23 April Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Tuckshop Open  
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**Student Commemorative ANZAC Day Ceremony - School Leaders, ANZAC Square**
- Fri 24 April Tuckshop Open  
Uniform Shop Open 8.15-9.15am  
**ANZAC Day Ceremony 9am**  
**District Cross Country**

### Week 2

- Mon 27 April Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**Peer Support**
- Tues 28 April P & C Newsletter
- Wed 29 April Tuckshop open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
**Junior Assembly P to 3**

- Thurs 30 April Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**Senior Assembly 4 to 6**
- Fri 1 May Tuckshop Open  
Uniform Shop Open 8.15-9.15am

### Week 3

- Mon 4 May Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**RE Yrs 1 to 6**
- Tues 5 May School Newsletter  
**Mother's Day Stall**
- Wed 6 May Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
**Mother's Day Stall**  
**Junior Assembly P to 3**
- Thurs 7 May Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**Senior Assembly 4 to 6**
- Fri 8 May Tuckshop Open  
Uniform Shop Open 8.15-9.15am  
**Wildlife on Wheels—Yr 1's**

## P & C News

### Our Next Meeting:

**Next P & C Meeting** to be held this **Wednesday, 22nd April 2015 at 7pm**, in the school library.

Everyone welcome!

### From the President:

Hi everyone,

Welcome Back, I hope everyone has had a great Easter Break. I would like to thank Chappy Jo for all her hard work with the paper plane competition. It was great to see all the kids participate. The winners are listed in this newsletter.

This term we have our annual mother's day stall run by the fantastic Kirk Jackson. Also you will see the entertainment books coming home and to finish off—the fun run!

Regards, Nicole

### FUNDRAISING

We are looking forward to our events we have planned for this term with our annual mother's day stall, entertainment books and the fun run. If you would like to help with fundraising we are meeting on Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm in the Parent Room.



## Tuckshop News

[www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://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](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au) Bag orders are also accepted (please drop your bag order directly to the Tuckshop before school).



Welcome back for term 2, I hope you all enjoyed the holidays. As the cooler weather is starting to arrive I will be making some changes. I will be bringing back hot chocolate in the mornings and I hope to have soup available in the coming weeks. Sushi will go back to fortnightly as there isn't as much a demand for it. We still need more volunteers if anyone has some spare time, especially in the 2nd and 3rd week of May. If you are interested just pop down and say hi. **Tuckshop Manager Jo**

## School Banking News

### Student Bankers of the Week

24/03/15 Van 1C Class: 4A



31/03/15 Johnny 1D Class: 5C

### **Student Banking is done on Tuesdays**

Welcome back to Term 2 Banking. Hope you had a "Hoppy Easter" and I trust that serious amounts of chocolate were consumed. New reward items are on offer this term, Invisible Ink Martian Pens and an Intergalactic Rocket. Handball and ET DVD are also still available (until stocks last). Don't forget our Disneyland competition, all you have to do is bank 25 times this year to be in the draw. After week 5 of Term 2, students who have not banked this calendar year will be unable to enter the competition. Can't wait to see your banking wallets on Tuesday.

## 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:**

- **Wildlife on Wheels Year 1 \$8.50 due Thurs 7th 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.**

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

**Price List & Order Form** - Found on the school website ([www.mtcottons.q.edu.au](http://www.mtcottons.q.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.

**EMAIL:** [mel-foster@live.com.au](mailto:mel-foster@live.com.au) **PHONE:** 0418 438 747

### **Uniform shop hours Terms 2 & 3:**

<b>Monday Afternoon</b>	<b>2.15pm – 3.15pm</b>
<b>Thursday Morning</b>	<b>8.15am – 9.15am</b>

Welcome to term 2 everyone! I hope you all had a great Easter! I will be placing an order for prep jumpers soon so if you are needing one please have your order in by Friday 24th April at the latest. You can find the order form on the school website or come into the shop and pick one up. We have most sizes of the maroon jumper available now as well. Uniform shop days will be changing this term. It will now be open Monday afternoons 2.15-3.15pm and Thursday mornings 8.15-9.15am starting in week 2.

**Have a great week! Mel**

### ANZAC Day Stall

In the lead up to ANZAC Day, our Student Council Representatives will be selling commemorative items under B Block (near the tuckshop) between 8.30am-8.50am and at Morning Tea between 10.55am-10.10am. This stall will open on the first week of term from Monday 20 April until Friday 24 April 2015.

Commemorative badges and armbands can be purchased and worn all that week leading up to and including the ANZAC Day Commemoration Ceremony on Friday 24 April 2015.

The price list is as follows: Stickers – 50c, Silk badges - \$1.00, Metal Badges (limited number) - \$5.00, Armbands - \$2.00

Thank you for your support.

**Sally Bedford, Curriculum Coordinator**

### **From the Deputy Principal: Glenice Cleary**

Message from Cleveland District State High School:

Students entering Grade 7 in 2016 are invited to attend the Cleveland District State High School Sports Development Trials. These trials will take place at CDSHS on Monday May 18 from 3.30pm-5.00pm. Registration will commence at 3.15pm. Students can trial for Football (soccer), Touch Football and Volleyball. Please bring all appropriate equipment for these trials. For more information please contact Tim McKennariey on 3824 9220 or [tmcke89@eq.edu.au](mailto:tmcke89@eq.edu.au)

To register, head to [schoolinterviews.com.au](http://schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the code MRGFJ, and follow the prompts. You must bring your registration form to the trials.

### **Assemblies:**

We do not have our Junior or Senior assemblies this week due to our ANZAC ceremony on Friday.

### **NAPLAN:**

As you would be aware your child will be completing NAPLAN testing in Week 4 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:

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b><u>Language Conventions:</u></b> 40 minutes (Spelling & Grammar and Punctuation)	<b><u>Reading:</u></b> 45 minutes (Yr 3) and 50 minutes (Yr 5)	<b><u>Numeracy:</u></b> 45 minutes (Yr 3) and 50 minutes (Yr 5)

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 12<sup>th</sup> of May and Year 5 will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of May. The breakfast will be from 8 am to 8:30 am. A great way to begin the day! Have a great Week !! **Glenice Cleary**

### **Paper Plane Competition Winners:**

	1st	2nd	3rd	Most Creative
Prep	Liam H (PC)	Charlie L (PA)	Hamish M (PC)	Farrah M (PA)
Year 1	Liam V (1D)	Ashton D (2B)	Kayden B (1C)	Matty S (1C)
Year 2	Charlie B (2B)	Kiara D (2C)	William J (2B)	Jay M (2D)
Year 3	Alex C (3C)	Cooper M (3A)	Cael P (3B)	Josie M (3C)
Year 4	Caiden W (4B)	Jackson B (4B)	Carter D (4D)	Ava D (4A)
Year 5	Max D (5A)	Oliver M (5A)	Ivan B (5C)	Olivia J (5B)
Year 6	Joshua N (SA)	Finlay C (SA)	Lachlan F (SC)	Aaron B (SB)

## **ANZAC Day Commemoration 2015**

### **9am Friday 24th April**

The MCSS ANZAC Day Ceremony will be commemorated at 9am on Friday 24th 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**

**Curriculum Coordinator**

