

Queensland Road Safety Week

This week, it is Road Safety Week (22nd to 28th August). Queensland Road Safety Week, a joint initiative of the Department of Transport and Main Roads and the Queensland Police Service, is an opportunity for all Queenslanders to be directly involved in making our roads safer for everyone. School Road Safety is an important issue in our community. We all have a responsibility to ensure the safety of our school community and in particular our children. Please find below information from our Road Safety Agreement that all parents have received.

Mount Cotton State School—Car Park Information**Kiss and Drop Top Car Park:**

The car park provides long term, short term and drop off/pick up parking facilities. The centre parking bays allow for long term parking. Perimeter parking bays provide short term parking with time restrictions. Please check the signs erected in the car park for specific parking limits and fines.

The drop off/pick up zone (2 min max.) operates between the hours of 8am—9am and 2.50pm—3.30pm. Drivers are not permitted to park and leave their vehicles in the zone during these hours.

When using the pick-up zone students should:

- Assemble in the designated waiting area
- Wait quietly and look out for their vehicle
- Wait until their vehicle has reached the first three collection bays before entering quickly and safely

Parents/carers should:

- Enter the car park keeping to the left and remain in single file as you approach the pick-up area (just like a taxi rank)
- Keep driveways clear
- Stay in your vehicle and wait until your child/ren arrive
- Do not park and leave your vehicle
- Move into a parking bay to wait for late students

(The car park is council property and therefore standard road rules apply)

Lower Car Park:

1. Students wait, under staff supervision, near the gate at the end of J Block
2. When a student sees their car arrive they will come to the gate and wait with the teacher on duty
3. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES will any child be permitted to cross the car park and it's associated traffic to get to their car.
4. It would be helpful if parents could then leave the car parking area as soon as possible to allow vehicle access to other parents and to avoid congestion

Parents may collect their children in the following ways:

- Personally collect from the teacher on duty at the gate
- If parked on the Sanctuary Drive side of the car park, parent MUST walk to the grass near the gate. Once acknowledged by your child, he/she will be permitted to join you to walk safely across the other side of the car park to your car.
- If parked on the "safe side" (school side) of the car park where the child does NOT have to cross traffic, they will be permitted to go to their car and join once they have acknowledge your arrival.
- At no time are the children permitted to wait outside the school grounds for pick up.

Parking on Mount Cotton Road (near the hall/church):

This is not a car parking area supported by the school as there is no infrastructure to cross safely. Also you are not able to park on the Road Reserve (the green patch of grass that meets Mt Cotton Road). This is illegal and you may be fined.

Supervision:

In both car parks, teacher supervision will cease at 3.10pm and any children left will be advised to go to the office if they become concerned.

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is **95%**. Below, left, is the attendance percent for Week 6.

Prep	95
PA	95
PB	96
PC	92
PD	98
Year 1	95
1A	99
1B	95
1C	96
1D	92
Year 2	92
2A	95
2B	86
2C	94
2D	94
Year 3	92
3A	96
3B	90
3C	85
3D	98
Year 4	90
4A	89
4B	94
4C	88
Year 5	94
5A	98
5B	94
5C	91
5D	95
Year 6	94
SA	98
SB	93
SC	91

Prep 2017

Now is the time to start thinking about enrolling children into Prep for next year. If you or your friends have children born between July 1st 2011 and 30th June 2012 they are eligible to be enrol in prep in 2017. More information about our 2017 prep information sessions will be announced soon.

To be part of our 2017 Prep Transition program, all enrolment paperwork must be submitted.

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: Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent interviews will be held at the end of this term. Please negotiate a suitable time with the classroom teacher if you wish to have a parent interview.

Our Buddy Bench

Please be reminded about our Buddy Bench which was donated by the Bosden family. We have also added a second buddy bench on the top oval. This is a way of helping to promote positive relationships amongst our students and foster friendships in the playground. During lunch time, if our students do not have anyone to play with, they sit on the buddy bench and then another child will come up and ask if they would like to play with them. We will also have our student councillors monitoring the buddy bench so no one sits on the buddy bench for very long.

Kind regards,

Glenice Cleary

Science Week Celebrations

There was exploding soft drink, slime, oozing Elephant Toothpaste of numerous colours, slimy edible worms, rainbow coloured water and dancing raisins. It could have been the special effects team on the latest movie. However, it was the seniors entertaining the masses of students during their lunch time for the Science Week celebrations. The senior students showed excellent enthusiasm and dedication as they performed and showcased their knowledge and skills demonstrating a wide variety of scientific concepts. Congratulations Seniors on a fantastic job.

From the Library

Book Week – 20th – 26th August

This year's theme is Australia! Story Country. Each year Book Week activities are organised by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) which was established in 1945. It is a not-for-profit, volunteer run organisation which aims to engage the community with literature for young Australians.

Celebrating their 70th anniversary, the CBCA Book of the Year Awards reflect the strength and diversity of Australia's book industry. Over 400 books were entered for this year's awards, with one winner and two honour book recipients being given in each of the five award categories.

Prizes for winning and honour books are funded by the CBCA Awards Foundation, set up in 1996 with \$1million from a national fund-raising campaign. According to Professor Hillel, "Australian picture books are recognised internationally for their innovative approach to illustration, pushing boundaries in design and media. In our long association with children's literature what hasn't changed is the joy children experience with a real book—hugging it, smelling it, turning the pages, sharing it with an adult."

In the Book of the Year Early childhood section the winner was **Mr Huff**, written and illustrated by Anna Walker. This was the book chosen to be performed by Meerkat Productions in their recent visit to Mount Cotton. The Honour books in this section were **Perfect** (Danny Parker/Freya Blackwood) and **The Cow tripped over the moon** (Tony Wilson/Laura Wood) - another favourite with many of our lower school students.

In the Book of the Year Younger Reader category the winner was **Soon** (Morris Gleitzman) with Honour awards going to **Shadows of the Master** (Emily Rodda) and **Sister Heart** (Sally Morgan)

Book Club

Reminder that Book Club orders (including LOOP orders) are due Wednesday August 24.

Helen Plaschke

Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

library@mtcottonss.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 5 Camp Final BPoint payment \$68.50 due Mon 29th Aug. Final Cash Window payment \$68.50 due Thurs 1st Sept.
- Volleyball Day Yr 6 Final BPoint payment \$8 due Mon 5th Sept. Final Cash Window payment \$8 due Thurs 8th Sept.

Important Notice:

The BPoint invoice numbers are specific to each activity. Please do not use a single invoice number repeatedly for different activities. Transactions will not credit against your child/ren name/s as a result.

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 term

Photo Gallery: Year 4 Camp

**Term 3, 2016 Weeks 5 (no Junior Assembly) & 6
Congratulations to these students
on their achievement!**

School Disco
Friday 26th August
P to Yr 2—5 to 6.30pm
Yrs 3 to 6—7 to 8.30pm
Colourful Outfit
\$5 per student



Holly	3B	Resilience
Tyler	4A	Resilience
Cooper Jett	4B	Resilience Responsible
Luke	4C	Resilience
Seth	5A	Clever
Jorja	5D	Respect
Sarah	SA	Responsible
Jay	SB	Responsible
Gabby	SC	Caring

Toby	PA	Respect
Jasmine	PB	Caring
Ella	PC	Resilience
Cohen	1A	Clever
Hamish	1B	Clever
Tyson	1C	Responsible
Emily	1D	Clever
Van Georgia	2A	Resilience
Eden	2B	Clever
Kayden	2C	Clever
Isabell	3B	Responsible
Kaycee-Lee Max	3C	Responsible
Connor Holly	3D	Respect
Alex	4A	Responsible
Ava	4C	Caring
Angus	5A	Creativity
Ryley	SA	Clever
Jacob	SB	Respect
Harry	SC	Caring

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours for Term 3:

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



Price List & Order Form can be found on the school website (www.mtcottonss.eq.edu.au: Support & Resources/ Documents/ P&C Assoc/ Price List & Order Form), at the office or uniform shop. These can be returned to the P&C box, uniform shop, or emailed to the Uniform Shop Convenor. Kylie Shiels is available on 0421 556 932 or email hello@knoxwear.com.au

Reminders, dates to remember ...

Week 7

- Tues 23 Aug School Newsletter
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
Prep Excursion Jacob's Well PA & PB
- Wed 24 Aug Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Junior Assembly
- Thurs 25 Aug Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Uniform Shop 8.15 to 9am
Senior Assembly
- Fri 26 Aug Tuckshop Open
Playgroup 9am
Living History Incursion Yr 4
Disco—Bright Colour

Week 8

- Tues 30 Aug P & C Newsletter
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
- Wed 31 Aug **Tuckshop Open**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Junior Assembly
Father's Day Stall

- Thurs 1 Sept **Tuckshop Open**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Uniform Shop 8.15 to 9am
Senior Assembly
Father's Day Stall
- Fri 2 Sept **Tuckshop Open**
Playgroup 9am
Interschool Sports Day 4

Week 9

- Tues 6 Sept School Newsletter
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
Parent Information Session 3.15pm
- Wed 7 Sept **Tuckshop Open**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Junior Assembly
- Thurs 8 Sept **Tuckshop Open**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Uniform Shop 8.15 to 9am
Senior Assembly
- Fri 9 Sept Tuckshop Open
Playgroup

P & C News



NEXT P&C MEETING – WEDNESDAY 24TH AUGUST 7PM MiHub

FROM THE P&C EXECUTIVE

SAVE THE DATE: Chaplain morning tea Tuesday 30th August 8.30am at the hall. Please come along and get to know our new Chaplain Bonny and enjoy some yummy treats on us. This is a great opportunity to see what Chappy Bonny has planned for Mt Cotton and see how you can help make that happen. Thanks. Nicole

COLOURFUL DISCO

Friday 26th August

Junior (Prep-Yr2) 5-6.30pm

Senior (Yr3-yY6) 7-8.30pm

Entry cost \$5.00

The canteen will be open with our favourites and the BBQ will be cooking a fantastic sausage sizzle. **COME DRESSED IN A BRIGHT AND COLOURFUL OUTFIT.** We will have some great giveaways for the **BEST DRESSED!**

We need your help to make this event a success so if you are able to spare sometime please contact Nicole on 0423 731 175 or email nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com

FATHER'S DAY STALL

The P&C Father's Day Stall will be held on **Wednesday 31st Aug & Thursday 1st Sep.** A list of available items will be sent soon! If you can volunteer on the day, contact Kirk Jackson 0490 096 698 or kirk4tracey@yahoo.com.au

Class Visit Roster 2016 Wednesday 31th Aug

Time	Class
9.30 - 9.50am	Prep B
9.50 - 10.10am	Prep C
10.10 - 10.30am	Prep D
10.30 - 10.45am	Prep A
11.30 - 11.45am	2B
11.45 - 12.00pm	2C
12.00 - 12.15pm	1B
12.15 - 12.30pm	2D
12.30 - 12.45pm	2A
1.30 - 1.45pm	Seniors
1.45 - 2.00pm	Seniors
2.00 - 2.15pm	4A
2.15 - 2.30pm	4B

Thursday 1th Sept

Time	Class
9.15 - 9.30am	5A
9.30 - 9.45am	3A
9.45 - 10.00am	5C
10.00 - 10.15am	4C
10.15 - 10.30am	3D
10.30 - 10.45am	1C
11.30 - 11.45am	3C
11.45 - 12pm	3B
12.00 - 12.15pm	5D
12.15 - 12.30pm	
12.30 - 12.45pm	5B
1.30 - 1.45pm	1A
1.45 - 2.00pm	1D

Tuckshop News

NEW TO THE MENU! ORANGES CUT INTO WEDGES \$1.50. Due to the quality of watermelon, we have removed watermelon wedges for the time being.

Have you thought about giving back to your school? Volunteering in the tuckshop is the perfect place for you! I work on a roster system and would like some more volunteers to help. If you can spare anywhere from 30mins to all day – weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Come on in and have a coffee, enjoy the company and help create some sandwiches etc!

If you would like to open an account online for the tuckshop, please go to

www.flexischools.com.au

and follow the prompts.

I can be emailed

tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au or contacted through the school phone number on 3822 0444. Have a great week, Rachele

School Banking News

Student Bankers of the Week & Class of the week:

09/08/16 Jimi 1A Class: 4A

16/08/16 Hayley PC Class: PC



Student Banking is done on Tuesdays.