Chappy Jo!
Last week, Chappy Jo let us know that she would be resigning from her position at the school. Over the last couple of years, Jo has been a wonderful support to the staff, students and parents of Mount Cotton. We are very grateful for the care and dedication Jo showed to our families and the wonderful events she organised for the students. Chappy Jo visited all the classrooms yesterday to say goodbye to our students and our school leaders presented Chappy Jo with a thank you gift from the school community. We wish Jo all the best with her new adventures. A job advertisement has been placed for a new chaplain with interviews occurring in a few weeks.

New Adopt-A-Cops:
We are very lucky and will have two Adopt-A-Cops at Mount Cotton! Our Adopt-A-Cops are:
Senior Constable Tim Macdade from Logan District Special Operations Team and dad of Allirah (3D) and Asha (1D) and Senior Constable Laura Fitzgerald from State Intelligence Cleveland and mum of Jett (1B). The Adopt-A-Cop induction ceremony will take place at the Senior assembly this week. We welcome Senior Constable Tim and Senior Constable Laura to Mount Cotton! We look forward to you visiting.

New Classrooms:
We have been approved for a demountable with two classrooms. It is currently being built and will be ready early Term 2. It will be placed on the top oval next to 5B’s classroom. 3B who is currently in Mi Hub will move into their new classroom early next term.

Oval Works:
The work on the oval is complete and I think it looks great (see above)! We will have it closed off for the next few weeks to allow the turf a chance to grow. This will be a great space for the community to utilise at upcoming school sporting events.

Team IQ
In 2016, we will continue with Team IQ. Team IQ is when our teachers meet in small groups, to share expertise and work collaboratively to improve the academic performance of students. Each teacher has an explicit focus for 6 weeks (on page 2). Our students complete a pre-check (Week 2) and then after the intensive focus (6 weeks) they complete a post-check/test (Week 8). The teachers have additional staff meetings in Week 2 and 8 to discuss their explicit focus and their students. The teachers will be released for one hour next week to discuss their Team IQ focus. Every student counts!
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

New school closures website launched
The Department of Education and Training has launched a new website which provides detailed information on closed educational facilities (including state, non-state schools and early childhood education centres) during a disaster or emergency event.

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!
At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is 95%. To achieve this target, children must have less than 10 days absent.
At right are the attendance rates for each of our classes in Week 4.
We look forward to the continued partnership in learning between teachers, students and families.
Kind regards,
Meagan Steward
mstew40@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy Principal:
Term 1 Curriculum & Parent Interviews
In lieu of a parent information evening, this year we will be holding parent interviews on 23rd of March. More information about parent interviews will come out shortly.
In 2016, we will report formally to parents by:
Term 1: Parent Interviews – 23rd of March
Term 2: Report Cards
Term 3: Parent Interviews
Term 4: Report cards
Kind regards, Glenice Cleary
Deputy Principal

Class | Week 4 Attendance Rates
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Prep | 94%
PA | 94%
PB | 99%
PC | 91%
PD | 94%
Year 1 | 94%
1A | 100%
1B | 97%
1C | 97%
1D | 94%
Year 2 | 94%
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Year 3 | 94%
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3C | 96%
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Year 4 | 94%
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4C | 96%
Year 5 | 94%
5A | 99%
5B | 96%
5C | 95%
5D | 97%
Seniors | 94%
SA | 96%
SB | 93%
SC | 94%
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SE | 94%
Congratulations!
Term 1, 2016 Week 4
Congratulations to these students on their achievement!

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Dental Van News
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School Procedure Reminders
Messages to Students
Change to pick-up messages are to be received at the school office no later than 12:30pm.

Late Arrivals—9am
Please be advised that students, who arrive late to school after 9am, do not need to be accompanied by their parents to collect a late slip before going to class.

Early Departures
Parents are required to sign out students in the office before they collect them. Students in P to Yr 3 can then be collected from the classroom and students in yrs 4 to 6 will be asked to come to the office to meet their parents.

Persons Other than Parents Collecting a Student Early
Please be aware that a person other than a parent, who is collecting a student/s early, will be asked for photo identification upon signing them out. Parents need to advise the office of that person’s name prior to the collection of the student.

Traffic Infringements in the Parent Car Park
Breaches of parent car park rules are to be reported to either the Redland City Council or the police. Due to the fact that the school has no jurisdiction (ownership) over the parent car park, there are limitations over actions the school can take.

Staff Car Park—Before & After School Care
Parents are asked not to use the staff car park to collect students from the Before & After School Care facility.

Please use the parent car park to do this.
The staff car park gates are locked each night by the school cleaners as they leave. All cars that are left in the staff car park will be locked in.

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:
- Voluntary Contribution Scheme $40 per student or $140 for families of 4 or more. Please use Code: VC or Levy if direct debiting
- Instrumental Music Levy $50 & Instrument Hire $75
- Forensic Science Yrs 3 to 6 $5 Thurs 25th Feb for cash Window payments
- Cottonhoppers Levy $50 due Thurs 25th Feb to Cash Window or Direct Debit (Code: Cothop)
- Senior Camp final payment $200 due Mon 29th Feb for Direct Debit payments (Code: camp) and Thurs 3rd March for Cash Window payments.
- Bravehearts/Ditto Show P to 4, $5 due Mon 14th March for Direct Debit payments (Code: Brave or Ditto) and Thurs 17th March for Cash Window payments.

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.

Term Dates
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Helen Plaschke
Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator
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P & C News

The next meeting for the P&C will be the P&C AGM which will be held on **Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 6.00pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along!

At the AGM all seats will be vacated so if you are interested in a position on the executive please grab a form from the office next to the P&C box and come along to the meeting. The AGM is the only meeting where you can become a member without being present at the meeting. Becoming a member doesn’t mean you need to attend all our meetings but it allows you to be on an emailing list to be informed on what is happening. Membership forms will also be available in the office beside the P&C box.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:
Hi everyone. If anyone is interested in any of the Executive Positions on the P&C and would like more information, please contact me as all positions will become vacant at our AGM on the 9th March.

Thanks Nicole

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Superhero Disco
Friday 11th March 2016
Junior (Prep - Year 2)  5.00 – 6.30pm
Senior (Year 3 - Year 6)  7.00 – 8.30pm
Cost $5.00

We will have sausage sizzle, drinks, lollies, glow sticks and much, much more.

FETE NEWS

Mount Cotton State School’s Fete will be held **on Saturday 14th May 2016**. We are very keen to be hosting our up and coming school fete. It has been a long time since our last fete and we are hoping to have the full school community support to make this a great success. We are chasing sponsorship if anyone is able to help or know of anyone that would like to sponsor the fete, could you please contact us on mcssfete@gmail.com. Also if anyone would like to hold a stall at the Fete please contact Jess on mcssfete@gmail.com. A stall starts from $30 for a 3x3 spot.

Fete donation boxes have arrived in all of the classrooms. At the moment we are really focusing on getting donations of prizes for the sideshow alley. You can use your imagination here but some suggestions include - chocolates, lollies, stationary, bubbles, toy cars, jewellery etc. We are also after pink and blue crepe paper for wrapping lucky dips.

More information will be posted each week as we will be chasing donations and volunteers.

Thanks Nicole

Tuckshop News

*** Please, please, please could you update your child’s class details online***

We had numerous orders last week that had incorrect class details. I have informed your child/children to let you know.

Preps are now able to order food, either online or bag orders. However, the Preps will not be able to purchase any items with cash until later in the year. All items required are to be on their orders.

Here is an example of a bag order:

To order online, go to [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au). Ordering closes online at 8.30am sharp and over the counter at 8.45am. This is to enable us to make sure the food reaches the temperature guidelines.

A big shout out to the wonderful volunteers who came in and helped this week, especially the new ones. You are all STARS!!

I am always chasing volunteers, for all days, so if you enjoy having a bit of fun while giving back to your school, send me an email or stop in and see me. The children really do love it when someone they love is in the tuckshop.

I can be contacted via email at tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au or alternatively through the office’s phone number.

Have a wonderful week!

Rachelle

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 emailed to pandc@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au.

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School Banking News

Student Bankers of the Week & Class of the week:
10/02/16 Lochlann SA Class: 1D
16/02/16 Claire 4B Class: 1C

Student Banking is done on Tuesdays.

Well what a terrific response to our account opening day. We opened 27 new accounts. WOW!! That will certainly keep me busy. Many thanks to Michelle and Annette from the Commonwealth Bank for their help on the day. I can’t wait to see all of those new wallets coming through. Anita Banking Guru