

Principal's Position Update

The Principal's role for the remainder of 2015 has not yet been filled. An Expression of Interest application process is currently underway and we hope to hear something this week about Mr Forrest's replacement.

Bullying No Way! National Day of Action

The annual Bullying No Way! National Day of Action is being held on **Friday 20th March**. This is something our school believes in and we will again be recognising this important day this year. The P&C are wanting to run a free dress day around that time to raise money for the Easter raffle so we will combine the two – a gold coin free dress day with a “wear orange” theme (this is the official colour of the Bullying; No Way campaign) and the proceeds will go to the P&C Easter raffle. Our student council will be discussing at our next meeting other activities that can be undertaken on the day.

Glenice Cleary
Acting Principal

**University of New South Wales Testing
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Slip**

We are again offering interested students from Years 3 to 6 the opportunity to sit the UNSW tests. Children are invited to participate in any or all of the following subjects: Science, English or Mathematics.

There is a small fee of **\$8.80** to sit each test (THIS IS NOT REQUIRED YET). If you are interested please fill in the expression of interest slip below and return to your child's class teacher by

Friday 13 March 2015.

Sally Bedford
Curriculum Coordinator/Acting Deputy Principal

Uni. Of NSW Testing EOI Slip

1. Student Name: _____

Class: _____

(Please circle the test/s)

Science English Mathematics

2. Student Name: _____

Class: _____

(Please circle the test/s)

Science English Mathematics

3. Student Name: _____

Class: _____

(Please circle the test/s)

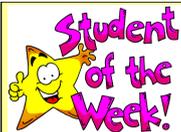
Science English Mathematics

From the School Office

Global Texting: The school utilises a Global Texting system when we need to contact staff and/or parents with an **urgent message** and also for reminders about money deadlines. Please be aware that we use the abbreviation of **MCSS** (Mt Cotton State School) at the beginning of each global text so that parents are aware who is texting them. However the number that the text is generated from varies each time a text is sent, so don't save the number to your contacts. The texts that are sent regarding final money deadlines are a **reminder** to all parents in the relevant year level. Isolating the parents who have already paid is too onerous a task and so the text serves as a reminder, only, to all concerned – please disregard if you have already paid for the camp/excursion/activity. Do not reply to the texts as we cannot action your reply or be replied to. Please make sure that your mobile phone numbers are up to date.

Asthma Medications: Students who are asthmatic and require medication must bring their puffers to the office and parents must sign a form for the medication to be kept at the school office and have a doctor complete an asthma action plan. Please collect a form if this is the case. Students are **not** permitted to have medication on their person or in their bags. Staff recently attended a Senior First Aid course and were informed that administering ventolin through a spacer greatly improves the effectiveness of the drug. If your child has ventolin kept at the school and it is not accompanied by a spacer, please drop one into the office.





Term 1, Weeks 3 & 4

Congratulations to these students on their achievement!

Amalie	Prep A	Caring
Olivia	Prep B	Responsibility
Annika	Prep C	Responsibility
Charlotte	Prep D	Caring
Corbin	1A	Clever
Neive	1B	Resilience
Jared	1C	Clever
Liam	1D	Responsibility
Max	2A	Clever
Ethan	2B	Caring
Ella	2C	Responsibility
Ella	2D	Clever
Breea	3A	Caring
Flynn	3B	Resilience
Maia	3C	Resilience
Tallan	4A	Resilience
Charlie	4B	Respect
Montanna	4C	Clever
Lochie	4D	Clever
Matthew Ocean	5A	Clever
Elleisha Amy	5B	Clever
Telea	5C	Responsibility
Hayden	Senior A	Clever
Nathan	Senior B	Responsibility
William	Senior C	Responsibility

Darcy	Prep A	Clever
Isaac	Prep B	Clever
Ashley	Prep C	Responsibility
Oliver	Prep D	Clever
Leo	1A	Respect
Owen	1B	Respect
Bindi	1C	Respect
Caitlyn	1D	Clever
Izzy	2A	Caring
Chelsea	2B	Caring
Lauren	2C	Clever
Bryson	2D	Clever
Corey	3A	Responsibility
Casey	3B	Caring
Neve	4A	Clever
Harrison	4B	Responsibility
Jonah	4C	Responsibility
Amelia	4D	Creative
Isla	5A	Clever
Jazmine	5B	Responsibility
Harry	5C	Clever
Abbey	Senior A	Clever
Luke	Senior B	Responsibility
Harrison	Senior C	Caring

Remember to sign in & out at the classroom if you are helping in the class

Remember to sign in & out at the office if you are helping anywhere else

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

Photo Gallery:

Senior/ Prep Buddies

From the Library

Prep Buddy Week

Last week our Prep students (except for Prep D who missed out due to the heavy rain on Friday) visited the Library with their buddies and were introduced to the lunchtime library routines.

A reminder about student access to the Library

Before school

Senior students are permitted in the Library from 8 am in the morning to access computers to work on school related tasks, read or just chat quietly.

If they have completed an agreement relating to a personal device use that device on school related tasks

Students in the Year 4 BYO iPad program can access the Library from 8 am to store their iPad before school (students are responsible for collecting their iPad from the Library prior to the 1st bell) use their iPads for school related tasks. Students from other year levels are permitted in the Library from 8.30. Students 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.

Access to the Library – lunchtime

All students are permitted to use the Library from 1.55 – 1.20.

Student Librarians – Congratulations to the following Year 5 students who were presented with their Student Librarian badges at the Senior Assembly last week –

School Readers' Cup

I will be running a school competition again during March - Prep - Year 2 will do this as part of Library lessons. Students in Year 3, 4 & 5 can nominate in teams of 4 while Year 6 can nominate individually. Please note that this competition is aimed at the top, keenest readers in each class. The four highest scoring Year 6 students then go on to compete at the Bayside District Readers' Cup Competition in June.

Peer Support

This program begins next week and will run on alternate Mondays until the end of Term 2. Students are split into groups of 10 or 11 students led by upper school students under the supervision of a teacher. Prep and Year 1 students are accompanied to and from each session by their buddy (and remain in the same group as their buddy).

The focus for this year's program is the 3 R's – Responsibility, Respect, Resilience. During the first session next Monday the leaders will give a brief overview of what each of the '3 R' words mean and how they can make good choices to show they are responsible, respectful and resilient. The leaders will discuss two of our behaviour expectations - 'keep your hands and feet to yourself' and 'walk on hard surfaces'. This program will be supported by follow up within each class and reflected in the weekly awards presented at Junior and Senior Assemblies.

ICT Matters

A Network Usage and Access Agreement (green) was sent home with the eldest child in the family – while most have been returned there are still some families who have not sent the completed forms back to school and we ask that this be done as soon as possible. This is an Education Queensland requirement and is an 'auditable' document.

Helen Plaschke Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au

Sports News

Monday 30th March

Junior Cross Country Prep to 3

Thursday 1st April

Senior Cross Country 4 to 6



Reminders, dates to remember ...

Week 5

- Mon 23 Feb Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Religious Instruction starts 1 to 6
- Tues 24 Feb School Newsletter
- Wed 25 Feb Cash Window Closed
Tuckshop Open
Junior Assembly P to 3
- Thurs 26 Feb Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Tuckshop Open
Senior Assembly 4 to 6
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
- Fri 27 Feb Tuckshop Open
Uniform Shop Open 8.15-9.15am
Cluster Swim Carnival

Week 6

- Mon 2 March Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Peer Support begins
- Tues 3 March P & C Newsletter
- Wed 4 March Tuckshop open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Junior Assembly P to 3
- Thurs 5 March Tuckshop Open

Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am

Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm

Senior Assembly 4 to 6

- Fri 6 March Tuckshop Open
Uniform Shop Open 8.15-9.15am

Week 7

- Mon 9 March Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Senior Camp departs RE
- Tues 10 March School Newsletter
- Wed 11 March Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Junior Assembly P to 3
- Thurs 12 March Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Senior Assembly 4 to 6
- Fri 13 March Tuckshop Open
Uniform Shop Open 8.15-9.15am
Senior Camp returns
- Mon 30 March **Junior Cross Country Prep to 3**
- Thurs 1 April **Senior Cross Country 4 to 6**

Tuckshop News

www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Jo Wildermoth 0468 944 420

Tuckshop is open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays for Morning Tea and Lunch. **Roster:**



Wed 25 Feb	Suzi
Thurs 26 Feb	Kerry , Debbie
Fri 27 Feb	Kerry , Stacey

We offer a convenient online ordering system – to register go to www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au Bag orders are also accepted (please drop your bag order directly to the Tuckshop before school).

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Price List & Order Form - Found on the school website (www.mtcottons.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.

EMAIL: mel-foster@live.com.au PHONE: 0418 438 747

**Uniform shop hours: Monday 2.15-3.15pm
Thurs 2.15-3.15pm, Friday 8.15-9am**

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:

- **Senior Camp Non-refundable deposit \$125 due Thurs 12th Feb**
- **Instrumental Music Levy \$50 now due**
- **Instrumental Music Hire \$55 now due**
- **Strings Program Levy \$50 now due**
- **Strings Program Hire \$55 now due**

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.

Chaplain News

CHAPLAINCY PAPER PLANE COMPETITION

In weeks 9 & 10 the Chaplaincy Committee is running a Paper Plane Competition. There is a \$2 entrance fee for those who wish to be in the running for a Medallion and Certificate but every child is welcome to participate on the day. Each class will run a competition with the top 3 then participating in a year level final. This is going to be lots of fun and we are very excited.

A note will come one in the next week with a permission note and further details. Parents please feel free help your children with their planes. Eddie the Echidna is also hoping to have a visit during this term, so keep a look out for him. Parents please remind your children that Eddie loves to visit Mt Cotton and have cuddles and Hi Fives but it is very important to be gentle and not to pull on Eddie's spikes. Thanks, Chappy Jo

Music Notes :

All Choirs, Band and Strings are up and running now. If you have forms to return or payments to make, please do this as soon as possible so that all instruments can be sent home.

Choirs: All rehearsals start at 8.00am. It is extremely important that all students are ready to start rehearsal at 8.00am. It is an expectation that students are organised and on time every week. When a student enters the music room late, it is a disruption to other students learning time and the flow of our rehearsal. The doors will be open at 7.50am and students are welcome to come in and get seated in their positions. The roll will be marked at 8.00am and the doors to the music room will be closed after the buses arrive. Thankyou in advance for you co-operation.

Mornings: If you need to see me or speak with me, I respectfully ask that you either email or make an appointment. Mornings are extremely busy. I am either conducting a rehearsal or preparing for the day ahead. **Please do not come to the door and interrupt rehearsals.**

Suzie Bath, Music Teacher



Adopt-A-Cop News

Hi Everyone

Well, I've finally done it! I finally reached my fundraising target of \$3,500.00, for the **National Breast Cancer Foundation, Ride for Research: Cambodia Cycle 2015.** This amount was the minimum amount that I needed to raise and I couldn't have done it without YOU. To all those people that have helped me to achieve that figure, I thank you.

I still have until the 1st of March 2015 to raise funds, so if you'd like to make a donation, please do so on my fundraising page (<https://rideforresearch2015.everydayhero.com/au/joanne-1>), as every dollar helps the National Breast Cancer Foundation towards achieving their aspirational goal of zero deaths from breast cancer by 2030.

Having done, what I believe to be the hardest part; the actual fundraising, (oh boy, that was not an easy job) I'm now just training and keeping fit for my upcoming trip to Cambodia, on the 7th of March 2015, where I will cycle 350kms, over 6 days, across Cambodia, with another fifteen like minded people. I am very excited and looking forward to this wonderful opportunity, that has only been made possible, thanks to those that have supported me. Your friend, Constable Jo



School Banking News

Student Bankers of the Week

11/02/15 Connor 4B Class: 1A

17/02/15 Ella 4D Class: 2B

Student Banking is done on Tuesdays

Just a quick reminder about our "Account Opening" day this Wednesday. Outside the school hall from 8.15 to 9.15am. All you need to bring is a drivers licence and you are good to go. (*If opening account for a sibling not at school, a birth cert. is required*). Hope to see lots of new bankers ready to "rock and roll" on Wednesday. Anita Banking Guru! !



