

From the Principal:**The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence:**

Our Vision at Mount Cotton State School, is to grow Clever, Creative and Caring children. We have a zero tolerance to bullying. I recently visited each class to ask what is great about Mount Cotton State School and many students stated that we have no bullying at our school and the students are caring towards each other. On Friday 20th of March, we celebrated the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. This day promotes the strong message that bullying and violence are not okay at any time.

To celebrate the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, the students of Mount Cotton State School:

- **Dressed in orange**
- **Shared oranges for morning tea**
- **Discussed the National Day of Action at our assemblies**
- **Year 4 students produced movie clips to show the strategies for dealing with bullying and shared the clips at our senior assembly.**

Photo 1:**Photo 2 :**

Our Statement of Purpose at Mount Cotton State School is:

Every Student Counts

Every Teacher Counts

Every Minute Counts

Mt Cotton Counts!

Every Minute Counts:

Every Minute Counts – this ensures that we support our parents in having their child attend school for the maximum amount of time, as well as ensuring that our teachers make the most of instructional time; that we do not **miss an opportunity for learning to take place.**

At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is **95%**. Below is the Week 8 attendance percent for each class.

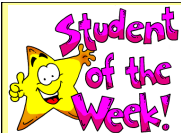
Your support as parents in achieving the best possible academic, social and emotional outcomes for your

child is greatly valued.

Regards, Meagan Steward

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PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
94.29%	93.64%	97.27%	98.18%	99.09%	88.18%	96.36%	93.64%
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
94.55%	99.13%	92.17%	94.78%	96%	92.31%	96.3%	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
100%	94.40%	100%	93.85%	97.42%	94.29%	99.33%	
Senior A	Senior B	Senior C					
94.40%	87.2%	98.4%					



Term 1, Weeks 7 & 8
Congratulations to these students
on their achievement!

Sahara	Prep A	Resilience
Aden	Prep B	Respect
Lilly	Prep C	Responsibility
Summer	Prep D	Creative
Ethan	1A	Creative
Isabella	1A	Creative
Olivia	1B	Creative
Kayden	1C	Clever
Poppy	1D	Respect
Kaycee-Lee	2A	Resilience
Ashton	2B	Clever
Jailan	2C	Responsibility
Jacob	2D	Clever
Brooklyn	3A	Creative
Maia	3C	Resilience
Joshua	4A	Respect
Zac	4B	Responsibility
Corey	4B	Caring
Jackson	4C	Respect
Samantha	4D	Clever
Lewis	5A	Caring
Olivia	5B	Responsibility


Charlie	Prep A	Caring
Isabella	Prep B	Caring
Rhianna	Prep C	Resilience
Isabelle	Prep D	Caring
Ryder	1A	Resilience
Hana	1B	Creative
Isabella	1C	Responsibility
Layla	1D	Creative
Lilly	2A	Caring
William	2B	Clever
Kayden	2C	Responsibility
Isaiah	2D	Resilience
Luke	3C	Resilience
Harper	4A	Caring
Scott	4C	Resilience
Charlie	4D	Resilience
Riley	5A	Caring
Liam	5B	Responsibility
Annabelle Sinead	5C	Responsibility Clever
Ryan	Senior C	Respect

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

Long Absences:
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 min@mtcottonss.eq
 .edu.au

Sports News

Monday 30th March
Junior Cross Country
Prep to 3



Wednesday 1st April
Senior Cross Country
4 to 6

Photo Gallery: (clockwise)
1A Parade presentation and a feast
of oranges!

From Deputy Principal ...

Mount Cotton SS implements a number of programs to promote positive relationships among students, including the "**Peer Support**" Program, "**Great Mates**" lunchtime program and our "**Buddies**" program.

The Peer Support Program is a whole school, peer led, experiential learning program that encourages students to support each other. It develops skills and attitudes around our school's core values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. The program utilises a whole school approach to support positive relationships. Great Mates is a lunchtime program that provides opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of structured activities to have fun and interact in a positive way with their peers. The Buddies program is designed to provide support between junior and senior students. Each senior class has a Prep buddy class that they are responsible for and the students engage in weekly activities and special events.

Disco: The first school disco for the year is Friday 27th March. The theme is Famous People. Prep to Year 2—5 to 6:30 pm. Year 3 to 6—7 to 8:30 pm. Entry cost is \$5 and an unlimited slide armband is \$5. The canteen will have all the regular favourites and the barbeque will be cooking.

Glenice Cleary

Library

Student Loans – all student loans are due to be returned by this Thursday except for students who have books they are reading for the school Readers' Cup. 1D whose last borrowing day will be Friday 27th. The Readers' Cup competitions will be held over the next 2 weeks – Prep – Year 2 will complete their 'quizzes' during their library lessons this week and the Year 3 – 6 will compete early next week. The top 4 scores from the Year 6 participants will go on to compete in the District competition.

Peer Support – Our third session will be run next Monday and the focus is on Respect. The students will complete a simple acrostic poem which sums up the meaning of respect very succinctly – **R**espect **E**very **S**ingle **P**erson **E**specially **C**lassmates **T**eachers. Students can demonstrate respect at school by being polite, listening attentively, showing care towards others and keeping hands and feet to themselves.

Helen Plaschke

Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

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MCSS - GIVE TO VANUATU: My name is Alexia and I am a MCSS Senior student. As you know a very severe cyclone hit Vanuatu last week and caused 24 deaths so far and 70000 children are without stable homes. With the support of our Principals and Chappy Jo, I am excited to be leading a collection drive of goods to donate to Vanuatu citizens. A group called 'Impact Vanuatu' is accepting donated goods and organising shipping to get these things to the people who need them asap. I am asking MCSS families to help by donating the following toiletry items:

bars of soap, roll-on deodorant, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste. All goods are to be in new condition and in original packaging. Please join me in helping the people of Vanuatu by placing your donated items in the collection box in your classroom by next Friday the 27th March. Thank you to all MCSS families for your help. Alexia ☺

Reminders, dates to remember ...

Week 9

- Tues 24 March School Newsletter
- Wed 25 March Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Tuckshop Open
Junior Assembly P to 3
- Thurs 26 March Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Tuckshop Open
Senior Assembly 4 to 6
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
- Fri 27 March Tuckshop Open
Uniform Shop Open 8.15-9.15am
Disco—Famous person
(Junior disco Prep-Yr 2 is 5-6.30pm
Senior disco Yr3-Yr6 is 7-8.30pm)

Week 10

- Mon 30 March **Junior Cross Country Prep to 3, 9am**
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Peer Support
- Tues 31 March P & C Newsletter
- Wed 1 April **Senior Cross Country 4 to 6, 9am**
Tuckshop open
Cash Window Closed
Junior Assembly P to 3

- Thurs 2 April Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Closed
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Senior Assembly 4 to 6
Last day of Term 1
- Fri 3 April **Good Friday Public Holiday**
Term 2 Week 1
- Mon 20 April First day of Term 2
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
RE Yrs 1 to 6
- Tues 21 April School Newsletter
- Wed 22 April Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
- Thurs 23 April Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
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
District Cross Country

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,

Well, holidays are almost here and we still have a busy couple of weeks left. This Friday we will see our first disco for the year and I'm looking forward to see everyone all dressed up. This is always a great event and a hit with the kids so come down and enjoy the night.

Our fundraising committee is working very hard to bring some great events for this year, if you would like to be involved please send me an email.

Cross Country is on next week so if you still need a house shirt please head over to see Mel in the uniform shop this week. This is a great event to watch so if you have time, stay to cheer all the kids on.

Also good luck to all the kids competing in the paper plane competition, may the best plane win!

Have a great week.

Regards, Nicole

FUNDRAISING

Easter Raffle will be drawn this week on Junior Assembly, if you still have any outstanding tickets it's not to late please drop them in the box by Tuesday afternoon.

School Disco is this Friday and the theme is Famous People.

Junior disco Prep-Yr 2 is 5-6.30pm

Senior disco Yr3-Yr6 is 7-8.30pm.

Cost is \$5 and armband for slide is \$5. Sausage sizzle is \$2.50 and all your other favourites including glow items will be on sale through the canteen. If you have volunteered to help can you please arrive 15-20mins prior so I can get you set up. Just come and knock on the door and ask for Nicole. Thanks Disco Diva

Tuckshop News

www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Jo Wildermoth 0468 944 420

Tuckshop is open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays for Morning Tea and Lunch. We offer a conven-

ient 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).

Hi everyone. We have had some great weeks lately, especially Fridays which are taking off big time. A few things have come to my attention: the sticker and stamp system. We have this in place because we cannot place slushies and ice creams in the tuck shop bags for obvious reasons. So the preps get sticker dots and year 1 to 6 get stamps that read "please collect". This reminds the child to come up and collect their slushies/ice cream when the second bell has gone. Please discuss this with your children so they are aware of the process. I would like to once again say a huge thank you to my wonderful volunteers. We have had some hectic Fridays of late and the ladies have been amazing!! A special thank you to Vanessa for one Friday when it was only her and I. If you have ever considered volunteering, come on down and introduce yourself. We have a wonderful bunch of women down at the tuck shop (men are also welcome). If there are any problems or you would like to know more about tuck shop please do not hesitate to contact me on 0468944420 and I will try my very best to assist you.

Jo Wildermoth Tuckshop Convenor

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**

Hi everyone. If you require a new house shirt for the cross country next week this is your last chance to come in and grab one as the uniform shop will be closed the last week of term! Also if you are in need of a jumper for the cooler months we are starting to collect orders now. We may still have your size from last year's order so come on in and ask! If we don't just place an order and we will get your required size in the first few weeks of next term.

I will be away next week so I wish you and your families a happy and safe Easter! See you in term 2
Cheers Mel

EMAIL: mel-foster@live.com.au **PHONE:** 0418 43 87 47

Thank you! Thanks to everyone who sponsored and supported me in the Great Shave. \$1778.00 was raised!
Vicki Westerberg

School Banking News

Student Bankers of the Week

10/03/15 Harrison 5C Class: PA

17/03/15 Cody 2A Class: 2A



Student Banking is done on Tuesdays

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:**

- **Instrumental Music Levy \$50 & hire \$55 due Thurs 26th March**
- **Instrumental Music Hire \$55 & hire \$55 due Thurs 26th March**
- **Uni of NSW Tests \$8.80 each due Thurs 26th March**

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.

MCSS Student Collection Policy

Parents are to ensure their students have clear instructions regarding pick up arrangements. If a change occurs during the day, please contact the office prior to **12.30pm** and a message will be passed onto students. Parents are also to ensure that their contact details and those of emergency contacts are up to date.

All students are to wait, for collection by parents, in one of two designated areas: the undercover area near the pick-up zone and the designated gate area near J Block. There is staff assigned to supervise students in these areas from **2.50pm** until **3.10pm**. **There will be no staff supervision after 3.10pm as there are limitations in the school's capacity to provide continuing supervision.**

Parents are asked to advise their children that if they become concerned at any time about pick up arrangements or believe that their parents are running later than usual – they are to come to the school office for assistance.

Students who present at the office and whose parents or emergency contacts cannot be contacted will be taken to after school care at 3.30pm (fees will be incurred).

All parents are asked to register their children online for the After School Care facility at www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au - click on the school/families tab and complete the enrolment form. This is strongly recommended as it will offer peace of mind to parents in case of an unexpected situation and it gives the school administration an after school hours alternative. Registration is free.

If students have still not been collected by a reasonable time and are not able to be signed into After School Care due to lack of registration, the school administration will contact relevant authorities (ie police).

Before School Policy

Official “start of instruction” is 8:50am. The first bell at 8:45am signals that classrooms are open so students can get ready for their day. **Before school is not a designated playtime.** Teachers are not rostered for formal playground supervision because they are involved in preparation, meetings and other professional responsibilities. Therefore we have established clear procedures that are aimed at maintain student safety. These are explained below:

Students arriving at school before 8:45am: It is strongly recommended these students be booked into Outside School Hours Care.

UNSUPERVISED students arriving at school **before 8:30am** must go directly to and sit in these designated areas:

Preps and Year 1s: Under Block B (near the tuckshop)

Year 2 – Year 5: Under Block C (area underneath the Year 3 classrooms)

Seniors - Year 6 : Outdoor classroom area near Library – if raining, back of Hall area

From **8:30 – 8:45am**, students may move around these areas and take part in low-risk activities such as hand-ball or skipping. However, this aspect of before school procedures is subject to periodical review due to the increasing numbers of unsupervised students arriving before school and their willingness to follow school rules.

Parents who would like their children to have an opportunity for “supervised play” before school are advised to book their children into the Outside School Hours Care program. OSHC staff members are trained in child-care and first aid so this is the safest option for supervised play before school.

Adventure playground equipment and all ovals are out-of-bounds to all students and families before and after school (unless students are taking part in a teacher supervised program).

THE LIBRARY is open from: 8am for Year 6 and Year 4, 8:30am for all other year levels .

(Please check the school website for the full version of the Before School Policy)



UNDER THE SEA HOLIDAY CLUB

The annual Livewires Holiday Club is back and children in Grade 1 to 6 are promised three days of fun and activity from 8-10 April, 9am-3pm (Children can be dropped off from 8:30am).

This year the theme will take children ‘Under The Sea’ in an amazing adventure. Children will be divided into two teams who will compete in loads of games and fun challenges over the three days. An epic serial drama “Rusty’s Secret” will take children on an adventure under the sea where they will discover a strange world.

The club will be held in the Mt Cotton State School Hall, and costs \$40 for all three days – \$30 for additional children from the same family.

The holiday club has become a favourite event for children in Mt Cotton with a program of games, crafts, challenges, Bible stories and more. Of course, the giant Ice Cream Sundae will be back.

For details and booking forms, sms your name and address and the number of children you would like to book in to the club to Ronwyn on 0434 552 955.