

From the Principal:

Our Car Park:

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. Attached to the newsletter is a letter to inform parents about our current situation and actions we are presently undertaking.

Uniform

Thank you for your suggestions in relation to our uniform policy. Taking on feedback from our community, at our next P & C meeting, I will be requesting that the P & C endorse the following changes to our uniform policy:

'Warning - If a student does not comply with the Dress Code he/she will be reminded of the expectation'

Closed in black leather school shoes or black sneakers with black laces or velcro. This was discussed at our last P & C meeting and if endorsed will be in place from the beginning of 2016.

Addition to our uniform: A bucket style hat with the house colour on the inside of the hat.

If you have feedback on the above changes, please provide your feedback in writing to myself or a member of the P & C Executive by Monday 31st of August.

Parent Summits

During Term 3, we have been holding Parent Summits. This is planned to be an informal chat about our school as well as giving us an opportunity to gain feedback from you on key matters effecting the school currently and/or into the future.

Our final summit is next week:

Year 5 & Senior Parent Summit – 4th of September at 9:30 am >> *Please note: Change of date*

Prep 2016

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 2010 and 30th June 2011 they are eligible to be enrol in prep in 2016.

To be part of our 2016 Prep Transition program, *all enrolment paperwork must be submitted*. Our 2016 Transition Program was emailed to the families who have submitted their enrolment paperwork.

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

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

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

PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
80	95	97	87	83	96	96	83
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
81	90	91	83	88	88	78	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
93	96	97	98	92	97	90	
SA	SB	SC					
85	95	94					

From the Deputy Principal:

Student Council Fundraising for the RSPCA

A reminder that our student council will be targeting the RSPCA for its fundraising efforts. This week a representative from the RSPCA will attend our Junior and Senior assemblies to talk about the work the RSPCA does to help injured and sick animals.

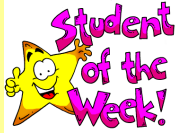
On **Friday (28 August) is our "Silly Sock" Day** – students are to wear a pair of silly socks and bring a gold coin donation. Socks can be colourful, patterned, team socks, long or short socks – whatever! Students should be dressed in their usual school uniform – it is just the socks that are different.

Then **during weeks 8 & 9 we will be holding a pet goods drive**. Students are asked to bring in an item or items to donate to the RSPCA. This could be in the form of pet food, pet toys, blankets etc. These can be brought to school as of **31 August** and stored in the classroom until the collection.

Kind regards,
Glenice Cleary

Have a great time next week on camp Year 5!





Term 3, Weeks 4 & 5 Congratulations to these students on their achievement!

Ruby	Prep A	Caring	Aiden	Prep A	Clever
Jackson	Prep B	Respect	Jewel	Prep B	Caring
Emily	Prep C	Caring	Kane	Prep C	Creative
Mackenzie	Prep D	Responsible	Lillian	Prep D	Caring
Sophie	1A	Resilience	Taylah	1A	Creative
Makayla	1B	Creative	Trae	1B	Respect
Eva	1C	Clever	Knox	1C	Responsible
Macy	1D	Clever	Noah	1D	Clever
Harry	2B	Responsible	Blake	2A	Resilience
Millie	2D	Resilience	Stephanie	2B	Clever
Riley	3C	Responsible	Isabelle	2C	Creative
Indira	4A	Creative	Riannon	3A	Creative
Connor	4B	Respect	Whyatt	3C	Responsible
Jackson	4C	Responsible	Jessica	4A	Resilience
Jada	4D	Responsible	Haylee	4C	Resilience
Kaleb	5A	Clever	Tia	4D	Resilience
Claudia	5B	Responsible	Holly	5A	Caring
Jessica	5C	Clever	Hayden Noah	5B	Responsible Creativity
Kyron	SB	Respect	Jeremy	5C	Clever
Jai	SC	Clever	Emily	SA	Resilience
			Jennifer	SB	Respect
			Jasmine	SC	Responsible

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

Student Absence Line:

3822 0460

Please leave:
name, class & brief reason.

Long Absences:

admin@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au

Lost Property Bin

The lost property bin is overflowing. Could students and parents please check for lost belongings.

All items still left in the bin at the end of the term will be donated to charity.

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 EFT-POS 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:**

- Year 5 Camp final instalment \$70 due Thurs 27th Aug
- Living History Yr 4 \$15 due Thurs 3rd Sept
- Volleyball Comp. Yr 6 \$10 due Thurs 10th Sept
- Year 4 Camp second instalment \$90 due Thurs 10th Sept
- Prep Excursion \$22 due Thurs 10th Sept

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.

School Banking News

Student Bankers of the Week & Class of the week:

11/08/15 Kane s PC Class: 4D 18/08/15 Riannon 3A Class: 2B.

Student Banking is done on Tuesdays

Product Withdrawal Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any 'Cosmic Light Beam Torches' their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a Torch are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item. This only effects about 10 or 15 students from Mt Cotton.

All students who have ordered the torch this term will be able to order a replacement item and their 10 tokens will be reinstated to the School Banking portal by the **end of next week**. I will arrange to send home a new order form for the affected students. PS - Stocks have run out of hand balls for this year, sorry they are no longer available.



Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

Well done to all students who have completed the challenge of reading a set number of books for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Completed forms need to be handed into the Library by this **Friday, August 28**. The final bookmarks will be presented to students at next week's assemblies. Official certificates will be sent to the school early next term.

Bookclub –

The due date for Issue 6 for both orders placed at school and online through LOOP is **WEDNESDAY August 26th**

Earn & Learn Campaign – target 50 000 points

Our current total is 30 000+ points! Please keep collecting your Earn & Learn stickers – they will enable us to receive valuable resources for the school.

For example –

Maths

Bank notes and coin set	499 pts
Money wise activity set	832 pts
Easy read classroom clock (set 10)	6 499 pts

Literacy

Jolly Phonics cards	1 049 pts
Set 6 guided readers (lower primary)	546 pts
Big books (assorted titles) (each)	899 pts

Science

Student thermometers (set 12)	549 pts
Hand magnifiers (set 12)	799 pts

Health & Physical Education

Sports kids soccer ball	419 pts
T-ball set with stand, bat & ball	479 pts
Trainers soft vinyl rugby ball	178 pts



Technology

Set of 10 iPad cases

6 599 pts

Tech tub iPad locking & charging stat(7 iPads) 5 999 pts

As in previous campaigns, Modern Teaching Aids will supply these resources – all of which are high quality items used on a daily basis by our teachers. A decision on which resources we will 'purchase' this year will be made in consultation with Staff and based on the needs of the school. **Helen Plaschke Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator** library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au

Sports News



Interschool Sport (Cluster Days)

Last Friday, 149 students attended Day 1 of our interschool sport program. This program allows students to improve their athletic skills, improve fitness and to work in a team environment. The focus is on having fun rather than competition. Our Year 5 students represented us in the sports of OzTag, Netball and soccer while the senior students were involved in AFL and soccer.

From all reports, Mt Cotton State School Community should be proud of all these students due to their wonderful efforts and sportsmanship displayed throughout the day.

A huge thankyou to teachers and staff who supported our students at this event. Thanks also to those family members who were able to come along and support our teams.

Day 2 of competition will be held on Friday 11th September at the same venues as the first day. Students will train over the next couple of weeks in preparation.

Met East Regional Athletics Carnival

We would like to wish Alyssa from our Senior C class all the best next week as she represents the Bayside District. She will be competing in the 11 yr olds high jump. Go ALYSSA!!!

Reminders, dates to remember ...

Week 7

- Tues 25 Aug School Newsletter
- Wed 26 Aug Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Tuckshop Open
Junior Assembly P to 2
Father's Day Stall
- Thurs 27 Aug Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Tuckshop Open
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Senior Assembly 3 to 6
Father's Day Stall
- Fri 28 Aug Tuckshop Open
Cotton Club Playgroup 9am
Silly Sock Day –Gold Coin

Week 8

- Mon 31 Aug Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Intermediate Music Week
- Tues 1 Sept P & C Newsletter
- Wed 2 Sept Tuckshop open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Junior Assembly P to 2
Year 5 Camp departs
P & C Meeting 7pm
- Thurs 3 Sept Tuckshop Open

Cash Window open 8.15-9.15am

Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm

Senior Assembly 3 to 6

Grandparents Morning Year 1

- Fri 4 Sept Tuckshop Open
Cotton Club Playgroup 9am
Year 5 Camp returns
Year 5 & 6 Parent Summits 9.30pm

Week 9

- Mon 7 Sept Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
- Tues 8 Sept School Newsletter
- Wed 9 Sept Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Junior Assembly P to 2
- Thurs 10 Sept Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Senior Assembly 3 to 6
School Musical
- Fri 28 Aug Tuckshop Open
Cotton Club Playgroup 9am
Interschool Sports Yrs 5 & 6
School Musical

P & C News

Our Next Meeting:



The Next P & C Meeting is to be held on **Wednesday, 2nd September 2015 at 7pm**, in the school library. Everyone is welcome!

From the President:

Hi everyone, we are looking for people to help with a few fundraising events we have planned for the future. So if you can help with the following please contact me via email.

We are chasing people to help call local business asking for donations for our Xmas raffle. Or if you have your own business or know anyone that does who would like to make a donation for our Xmas raffle.

We are wanting to have a fete next year and we are looking for some wonderful people who would like to join us and make a fete committee. You do not need experience just willing to pitch in and help out.

If you can help out in any of the above we would love to hear from you.

Thanks Nicole

FUNDRAISING

A **BIG** thanks to everyone that helped on Friday night at our Wild Wild West disco. Thanks to all the kids that turned up and had a great time.

Chocolate boxes should of been sent home if you are wanting another box please contact Nicole on 0423 731 175. Please support this fundraiser as it should make a good profit which then allows us to give back to the students.

Don't forget this year's **Father's Day stall** will be held **this Wed 26th and Thurs 27th Aug**. Please **bring a plastic bag** to carry your goodies home in! There has been one change to the class visit timetable with 2C now visiting the stall on Thursday. The stall will be open during play time at lunch breaks on Wednesday and Thursday, however unlike other years, it will not be open before school starts.

Father's Day Stall – Class Visit Roster 2015 Wednesday 26th August

Time	Class
9.30 - 9.45am	Prep B
9.45 - 10.00am	Prep D
10.00 - 10.15am	Prep C
10.15 - 10.30am	Prep A
11.30 - 11.45am	4A / 4B
11.45 - 12.00pm	Senior A
12.00 - 12.15pm	Senior C
12.15 - 12.30pm	1C
12.30 - 12.45pm	1B
1.30 - 1.45pm	4C & 4D
1.45 - 2.00pm	3B
2.00 - 2.15pm	Senior B

Thursday 27th August

Time	Class
9.15 - 9.30am	1D
9.30 - 9.45am	2B
9.45 - 10.00am	2A
10.00 - 10.15am	2D
10.15 - 10.30am	5C
10.30 - 10.45am	5B
Open at Morning Tea	During play time only
11.30 - 11.45am	1A
12.15 - 12.30pm	2C
12.30 - 12.45pm	5A
Open at Lunch	During play time only
1.30 - 1.45pm	3A
1.45 - 2.00pm	3C

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Price List & Order Form - Found on the school website



(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 to the email address below. **EMAIL: mel-foster@live.com.au**
PHONE: 0418 438 747. Uniform shop hours Terms 2 & 3:

Monday Afternoon	2.15pm – 3.15pm
Thursday Morning	8.15am – 9.15am

Hi everyone, Just wanted to let you all know we have a layby system in place in the uniform shop. If you are wanting to get a head start on new uniforms for next year why not come in and put a layby on. Pay it off weekly and you'll be set! Have a good week!

Mel

Tuckshop News



Welcome to week 7! Things are running well as we head into the downhill run to school holidays.

Once again, a big THANK YOU to the wonderful volunteers this week! I would love to see some more faces, even if it's only for 1/2 hour.

A friendly reminder that some orders are still coming in too late, this makes it very difficult for myself and the volunteers to have your children's lunches out on time.

Also, we are still getting orders through with the old menu's pricing and/or products. If you don't have a Term 3 menu then I can print one off.

Enjoy your week,
Rachelle

