

From the Principal:

Last term, Elleisha participated in an online science enquiry course with the Queensland Academy. She did this in her own time outside of school hours.

Elleisha achieved a grade of 'A' in Phase 1 – QASI – Scientific Inquiry for Years 5 and 6. An excellent result! Elleisha has also been accepted into the Brilliant Futures Program of the Queensland Academy and will attend an induction ceremony on Thursday 4th August. Congratulations Elleisha!

School Opinion Surveys:

The *School Opinion Survey* is undertaken each year to obtain opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and school staff to help schools identify what they do well, and how they can improve. The access codes for the online survey are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department.

Your logon details were sent home with the eldest in the family on Thursday 14th of July. Parents/ Caregivers who do not have access to the internet are welcome to complete their survey online at our school. Access to school computers in the Library can be arranged on request. The online survey will be available until **29th July 2016** and should take less than ten minutes to complete. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts.

www.education.qld.gov.au/schoolopinionsurvey

Curriculum Letters:

Our Term 3 curriculum letters were emailed on Friday. They outlined the unit overview for each Key Learning Area.

Team IQ:

As you are aware, in 2016, we are continuing with our 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 (written below). 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 this week (Week 2) and 8 to discuss their explicit focus and their students. **Every student counts!**

Team IQ Term 3: This term, we will have a literacy focus.

Prep	Identify rhyming words Create rhyming words Identify the odd one out.
Year 1	Verb tenses - word endings - s, ed, ing, er
Year 2	Retell
Year 3	Retell
Year 4	Vocabulary – STRIVE words
Year 5	Apostrophes
Senior	Note Taking
PE	Year 4 - Oz Tag skills
Music	Yr 2 - Aural Perception of s-m-l intervals (m3 and M2)

Triple P offers free parenting help

Sick of nagging your kids to get ready? Find out how Triple P strategies fixed this problem for a Queensland family, plus get tips that work, recipes and more, in your Triple P parent Tippaper.

Read it online now at www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-uken/blog-and-more/queensland-parent-magazine/.

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.

Voluntary Parent Contribution

Whilst the cost of providing instruction, administration and facilities for the education of students in state schools is funded by the State, parents/carers are directly responsible for providing other resources for their children while attending school. *Voluntary financial contributions are used by schools to provide an enhanced educational service and to enhance resources available for student learning, recreation and comfort.*

Each year we ask families to make a voluntary contribution for each student attending Mount Cotton State School. The contribution is \$40 per student or \$140 for families of four or more.

This money is attributed to our classes and will be spent on the following:

Equipment and resources to support literacy and numeracy activities

Reproduced class workbooks and worksheets and teacher prepared materials.

Student resources where the core curriculum is extended through provision of practical learning experiences, classroom projects and materials, in excess of provided by school grants, e.g. art and craft supplies, Science and cooking materials.

Mathletics (normally \$99 for a single licence)

Celebration of special days, e.g. Father's day, Mother's day and ANZAC day

Cash Window:

The cash window is open every week on Wednesday & Thursday from 8.15am to 9.15am and accepts cash, cheque and has EFTPOS facilities.

Please note that class teachers are not permitted to accept payments due to audit regulations.

If you have any queries regarding the Voluntary Parent Contribution, please do not hesitate to contact me on mstew40@eq.edu.au or organise an appointment via the office.

Thank you for supporting your child's education.

School Annual Report:

The 2015 School Annual Report can be accessed on our school website.

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is **95%**.

At the right is the attendance percent for Week 2.

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:

National Pyjama Day >> This Friday

On **Friday 29 July**, students are invited to **wear their pyjamas** to school and give a **gold coin donation** to the Pyjama Foundation. The Student Council are supporting this charity to raise awareness and funds for children in foster care.

The Pyjama Foundation provides opportunities for children in foster care to be involved in activities that promote learning, life skills and confidence.

The money raised on National Pyjama Day will help the foundation to offer opportunities to more than 1300 children in foster care. Students must wear closed in shoes suitable for participating in all school activities, including physical activity. Thongs, sandals or open-toed shoes are not appropriate footwear at any time.

We look forward to seeing everyone at school in their pyjamas on Friday 29 July!

Great Mates:

Great Mates is a lunchtime activity program for students and will be run in the hall at second break. Each year level has been designated a day they are able to come to the hall and participate in fun activities. Students may come and go from the hall, but only 50 students can be in the hall at a time.

Prep	96.5
PA	97
PB	98
PC	95
PD	96
Year 1	97
1A	98
1B	93
1C	99
1D	98
Year 2	94.75
2A	96
2B	94
2C	93
2D	96
Year 3	91
3A	89
3B	95
3C	82
3D	98
Year 4	95
4A	93
4B	94
4C	97
Year 5	94
5A	94
5B	95
5C	95
5D	94
Year 6	94
SA	94
SB	93
SC	94

The activities this term are:

Week No.	Activity
1	Disco
2	Camp Games (Monte Carlo etc)
3	School Yard Games
4	Trivia
5	Board Games/ Twister/ Celebrity Heads
6	Dress Up Relays
7	Obstacle Course
8	Fitness Circuit
9	Bingo
10	Disco

Days for each year level are:

Monday	Year 2 and 3
Tuesday	Year 1
Wednesday	Year 4 and 5
Thursday	Prep
Friday	Seniors

Kind regards,
Glenice Cleary

Senior News!

Exciting times are afoot for the senior students. Currently we have 14 microscopes on loan from Cleveland District State High School that are being utilised to examine micro-organisms, plants, insects and walaby scat, as part of the science studies on micro-organisms. There are plenty of unique and exuberant comments flowing as the students share their many interesting discoveries. Many thanks to Cleveland District State High School for their support in lending us this valuable equipment.

Particularly relevant in this age of digital communication is the senior students studies in their health unit on Cyber Safety and promoting responsible use of the internet.

The hall kitchen is becoming an interesting classroom where the senior students are learning first-hand about aspects of food safety and hygiene as they begin to embark on running the 'Cotton Café'.

Donna Wilkins

ICAS (UNSW) Science Testing.

The results for ICAS (UNSW) Science tests have been returned to the school and again MCSS students have acquitted themselves well. The overview of results are listed below.

Participation	11 students
Merit	4 students
Credit	4 students
Distinction	1 student

Students will receive their certificates and results on Parade next week as outline below. Parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend.

Wednesday 3rd August – Year 2 students

Thursday 4th August – Years 3, 5 & 6 students

Thursday 11th August—Year 4 students

ICAS (UNSW) English Testing.

The ICAS (UNSW) English test will take place at 9am on Tuesday 2nd August. Participating students will be withdrawn from their class to take part in this test and then return to class upon completion.

Sally Bedford

Term 3, 2016 Week 2 Congratulations to these students on their achievement!

Georgia	PA	Respect
Samuel	PB	Respect
Rainier	PD	Respect
Ruby	1A	Clever
Aden	1B	Clever
Amelia	1C	Responsible
Isabelle	1D	Resilience
Makayla	2C	Clever
Tyler	3A	Respect
Bryce	3B	Respect
Josie	3C	Caring
Sienna	4A	Clever
Luke r	4C	Clever
Brody	5A	Resilience
Lincoln	5B	Responsible
Lochlann	SA	Clever
Morgan	SB	Clever
Olivia	SC	Responsible



**Pyjama Day
Friday 29th July
Gold Coin Donation**

From the Library

Meerkat production



Each year the Children's Book Council of Australia presents awards to books of literary merit and recognises authors and illustrators who make an outstanding contribution to Australian Children's literature. These awards are announced during Book Week which this year runs from August 19th – 26th. We will celebrate Book Week a little earlier on 10th August when the Meerkat production company will visit the school and perform a puppet show based on Mr Huff one of the books which have been shortlisted for the Book of the Year Early Childhood. This show is suitable for all ages as the Question and Answer section after the performance is tailored to the age of the audience. Notes regarding this incursion were sent home last week. Please note that students are permitted to come to school on that day dressed as a book character but there will be no Junior Assembly due to the setup time required for the first performance at 9.30am.

Roald Dahl Readathon – 1st August – 13th September

If you love Roald Dahl books and you would like a chance to win free tickets to Matilda the Musical enter this competition! First step to unlock the entry form is to read at least seven of the books listed and complete seven quizzes before 13th September. To enter readers will have to answer 'Who is your favourite character from Roald Dahl's Matilda and why?' – the best answer wins.

Details and sign up will be available at www.pen.gy/RoaldDahlReadathon from 1st August.

Book Club

The due date for orders either through the school or online is **Wednesday 27th July.**

Helen Plaschke Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

Important Notice

Mount Cotton State School does not encourage parents to park across from the school in the Lutheran Church grounds or the Community Hall grounds. Cars parked on the "road reserve" are liable to be booked by the Redland City Council. **Parent car parks are provided off Sanctuary Drive for drop off and collection of students.** Parking in the church and hall grounds and then crossing Mt Cotton Road has inherent risks resulting from the high volume of traffic including buses arriving and departing. Thank you for your co-operation.

Reminders, dates to remember ...

Week 3

- Tues 26 July School Newsletter
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
- Wed 27 July Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Junior Assembly
- Thurs 28 July Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Uniform Shop 8.15 to 9am
Senior Assembly
- Fri 29 July Tuckshop Open
Playgroup 9am
Pyjama Day—Gold Coin Donation

Week 4

- **Mon 1 Aug Stella Science Day—CDSHS**
- Tues 2 Aug P & C Newsletter
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
UNSW English Test
- Wed 3 Aug **Tuckshop Open**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Junior Assembly
Year 4 Camp departs at 8.15am sharp
- Thurs 4 Aug **Tuckshop Open**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am

Uniform Shop 8.15 to 9am

Senior Assembly
District Track & Field

- Fri 5 Aug **Tuckshop Open**
Playgroup 9am
District Track & Field
Year 4 Camp returns—2.30pm

Week 5

- **Mon 8 Aug EKKA Public Holiday—Redland City**
- Tues 9 Aug P & C Newsletter
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
- Wed 10 Aug **Tuckshop Open**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
No Junior Assembly
Meerkat Incursion Prep to Year 6 -
(Dress a book character)
- Thurs 11 Aug **Tuckshop Open**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Uniform Shop 8.15 to 9am
Senior Assembly
- Fri 12 Aug Tuckshop Open
Playgroup

P & C News



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

Fundraising News

Hi everyone. I hope you all put in an order for some yummy fresh pies? All order forms and money needed to be returned by **yesterday**, so any new orders that come in cannot be placed and will be returned to you via your eldest child. The delivery of the pies will be next **WEDNESDAY 3rd August**. You will need to come in and pick up your order between 2-5pm outside the **tuckshop**. (Was originally in the hall but we have had to move).

Our annual Father's Day stall is coming up. There are some great gifts available for the daddys, dads, papas, pops and granddads in your family. More info will be in the upcoming newsletters.

As always if you have any amazing fundraising ideas or info or would like to come on board to help us out please send me an email fundraisingmcss@gmail.com
Thanks Jen

Tuckshop News

OUR NEW ONLINE SUPPLIER IS FLEXISCHOOLS!! To open an account simply log on to www.flexischools.com.au Click the 'register' icon and follow the prompts.

If you need to cancel an online order after the cut off time of 8.30am, or have any queries regarding your account please call flexischools on 1300 361 769.

*** If you plan on ordering tuckshop on Friday, Thursday night is the best time because Friday mornings there is always a high volume of orders and it may take some time ***

WE NEED YOU! As the tuckshop is becoming busier and busier, more volunteers are needed. If you like to have a bit of fun while giving back to your school, the tuckshop is the place for you! If you could spare anywhere from 30 minutes up to a couple of hours, on any day, I would love to see you. Grandparents and fathers are also welcome. Unfortunately, due to health and safety, we can't have little ones in the tuckshop.

I can be contacted via the school phone number on 3822 0444, or alternatively via email at tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au

Have a great week! Rachelle

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours for Term 3:

Tuesday afternoons	2 to 3pm
Friday morning	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



School Banking News

Student Bankers of the Week & Class of the week:

12/7/16 Archie Ittensohn PC Class: 5A

19/7/16 Ella Ball 3B Class: Senior A

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 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 4 Camp. Final Instalment \$100 - Cash Window deadline Thurs 28th July.**
- **Meerkat Incursion Pre to Yr 6 \$8.80. BPoint Deadline Mon 1st August. Cash Window Deadline Thurs 4th August.**
- **Interschool Sports Yrs 5 & 6 \$8. BPoint Deadline Mon 8th Aug. Cash Window Deadline Thurs 11th Aug.**
- **Jacob's Well Excursion Prep \$23.50. BPoint Deadline Mon 15th Aug. Cash Window Deadline Thurs 18th Aug.**
- **Living History Incursion Year 4 \$17. BPoint Deadline Mon 15th Aug. Cash Window Deadline Thurs 18th Aug.**

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.

Student Absence Line: 3822 0460 for all daily absences. Please leave: name, class & **brief** reason
Long Absences in advance (1 week & over—holidays etc):
Please apply to admin@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au