

Term 3 Staffing:

Welcome to Mrs Andrews who begins teaching the 2C children this week.

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. Parents/Caregivers who do not have access to the internet are welcome to complete their survey online at our school. School computers will be available in the Library upon request. **The online survey will be available until 31st July 2015** and should take less than ten minutes to complete. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts.

Parent Summits:

During Term 3, we will be 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 affecting the school currently and/or into the future.

The dates will be:

Year 1 Parent Summit – 29th of July at 9:30 am >> THIS WEEK

Year 2 Parent Summit - 5th of August at 9:30 am

Year 3 Parent Summit – 13th of August at 9:30 am

Year 4 Parent Summit – 20th of August at 9:30 am

Year 5 Parent Summit – 27th of August at 9:30 am

Senior Parent Summit - 3rd of Sept at 9:30 am

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. More information about our 2016 prep information sessions will be announced soon.

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

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

PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
99	88	92	90	87	97	87	95
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
95	98	97	90	93	90	96	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
99	90	98	95	98	96	93	
SA	SB	SC					
94	94	98					

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 EFT-POS 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.

EKKA Public Holiday—Redland City Monday 10th August

Please note Wednesday 12th August is not a pupil free day as has been the case in previous years.
Wed 12th August is a normal school day.

Term 3, Week 1
Congratulations to these students
on their achievement!

Photo Gallery: Forensic Science Incursion

Ella	Prep A	Caring
Colton	Prep B	Respect
Sophie	Prep C	Respect
Sienna	Prep D	Clever
Cayden	1A	Responsible
Pradyun	1B	Clever
Van	1C	Resilience
Kayden	1D	Respect
Hunter	2A	Responsible
Isabelle	2C	Creative
Lachlan	2D	Clever
Seth	3B	Respect
Annastasia	3C	Resilience
Daniel	4A	Creativity
Jaye	4B	Resilience
Isaac	4C	Resilience
Cooper	4D	Caring
Tait	5A	Clever
Braidan	SA	Resilience
Sam	SB	Responsible
Alyssa	SC	Responsible

Free Dental Treatment

The School Dental Service provides free dental treatment to *all* school students up to Yr 10.

As well as to those 0-4yr olds, and Yr 11 & 12 students who hold a Health Care Card or receive the Child Dental Benefits Scheme.

Call **1800 300 850** to book an appointment

Student Absence Line: 3822 0460

Please leave: name, class & brief reason.

Long Absences:

admin@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au

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

Library News

Wednesday August 12th – Shine a Light

This performance by Perform! Educational Musicals will explore the theme of self-esteem through a selection of the short-listed books for this year's Book of the Year awards. There will be two performances – one for Prep – Year 3 students and the second for Year 4 - 6 students. The performance will be held in our school hall and students may come dressed as their favourite book character on the day. Permission notes will be sent home this week.

Earn & Learn Campaign

Completed sticker sheets or just stickers can be handed in at the Library (there is a box just inside the door). Our target for this year is 50 000 points (our point tally last time was over 42 000).

Bookclub –

All orders (whether placed at school or directly online) for Issue 5, 2015 are due by **WEDNESDAY 29th July**

Helen Plaschke, Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator. library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au



Sports News

Congratulations



The Mt Cotton School would like to congratulate the following students who have qualified to compete at the Bayside District Athletics Carnival to be held on the 6th & 7th August at Cleveland District State High School. Qualifying times and distances were taken from our athletics carnival held at the end of last term. We wish all students the best as they represent our school.

Mt Cotton SS Athletics Team 2015:

Maya , Harper , Abby s, Anaya Judd, Dominique , Alfie, Keoni s, Max , Sara , Sinead , Summa , Alyssa , Lochlann , Kurt , Ivan , Jamie , Lara , Paige , Blake , Sam , Jay , Tait , Harrison , William , Elke , Madison , Noah , Kyron , Ruben , Jamie , Abbie and Charlize.
Teale Weller, Relief PE teacher

Student's Mobile Phones & Devices must be handed into the school office upon arrival at school.



Reminders, dates to remember ...

Week 3

- Mon 27 July Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Forensic Science
- Tues 28 July School Newsletter
UNSW English
- Wed 29 July Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Tuckshop Open
Junior Assembly
Year 1 Parent Summit 9.30am
- Thurs 30 July Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Tuckshop Open
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Senior Assembly
- Fri 31 July Tuckshop Open
Cotton Club Playgroup 9am

Week 4

- Mon 3 Aug Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Science Extension Day
- Tues 4 Aug P & C Newsletter
- Wed 5 Aug Tuckshop open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Junior Assembly P to 2
Year 2 Parent Summit 9.30am
- Thurs 6 Aug Tuckshop Open
Cash Window open 8.15-9.15am

Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm

Senior Assembly 3 to 6
District Track & Field

- Fri 7 Aug Tuckshop Open
Cotton Club Playgroup 9am
District Track & Field

Week 5

- Mon 10 Aug Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
EKKA Show Holiday—Redlands
- Tues 11 Aug School Newsletter
UNSW Mathematics
- Wed 12 Aug Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Junior Assembly P to 2—Shine a Light Musical Performance
(dress as book character)
- Thurs 13 Aug Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Senior Assembly 3 to 6
Year 3 Parent Summit 9.30am
- Fri 14 Aug Tuckshop Open
Cotton Club Playgroup 9am

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, Last Friday we had our playgroup start back up and we had over ten new families turn up which was fantastic. The kids had a great time painting, kicking balls around and making some new friends. It was great to see new faces from our local community. If you would like to attend the cotton club playgroup we operate Friday morning 9-10.45am in the school hall. It's for children aged 0-5yrs and it's only a small cost of \$4 each week.

Our school disco is coming up on Friday 21st August and our theme is Wild Wild West. If you are able to help on the night please email me. Thanks
Nicole

FUNDRAISING

Just a reminder that the next fundraising event will be our Wild Wild West disco on Friday 21st of August. More details to follow over the coming weeks. If you would like to help with fundraising we are meeting on Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm in the Parent Room.



School Banking News

Student Bankers of the Week & Class of the week:



14/07/15 Brianna 2B Class: PA

21/07/15 Haylee 3C Class: 4C

Student Banking is done on Tuesdays

Hope everyone is excited about the latest competition. How good would it be to win an iPad mini? Got to be in it to win it! All you have to do is bank 3 times this term. It's that easy.

Would you believe that the crisis with Invisible Ink Pens has now been rectified? Stocks have arrived and we are ready to rock 'n' roll.

Just to let some of our new bankers know, when you hit the ten token mark we will send you home a little note to let you know it is time to redeem a reward. Sometimes when we process the banking we may forget to put a token in your wallet. (*silly duffers aren't we!!*) So don't stress, as the computer keeps track of how many times you bank we know exactly when you hit 10 tokens.

Here's hoping we get lots of bankers this week and see if we can beat our record of 108 students banking in a week. Hooroo from the Guru. Anita.

Tuckshop News



Week 2 down already, and Hot Dogs seem to be walking out the door..... hand in hand with the Fruit Kebabs! !!!!!A big surprise coming this week OLAF ICECREAMS FOR \$2.00!!!!

Another successful week due to the wonderful volunteers that came in to help. Again, I am requesting more helpers, even if it is only for 1/2 hour.

Just a friendly reminder that orders need to be in earlier. We are still having orders arriving after 8.45am and it just doesn't allow enough time to ensure the food reaches the temperature necessary to ensure food safety.

If you need to contact me for any reason, then I can be contacted through the school's number or via email tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au.

Rachelle, Tuckshop Convenor

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

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:**

- **Stella Science, selected Yr 6 students, \$18 due Thurs 30 July**
- **Year 5 Camp 2nd Instalment \$80 due Thurs 13th Aug**

Please contact the school office, prior to the deadline, if you have difficulty meeting the deadlines, to make alternate arrange-

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