

During Week 10, you will receive a copy of your child's Semester 1 report card. This report includes a rating on your child's academic achievement, effort and behaviour, as well as comments made by your child's teacher/s to provide valuable information regarding their progress so far this year. We encourage all families to take the time to discuss your child's report card with them to identify areas of success and to set goals for achievement in Semester 2.

As you would be aware, the introduction of the Australian Curriculum means that our students are being assessed against the standards outlined in the Australian Curriculum in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography from Prep to Year 10. The level of achievement your child receives in each of these areas is determined by how well they have achieved the **required national standard**, not on how well they have achieved compared to others in their class.

In Year 3 to 10, when reading your child's report card, it is important to understand what each level of achievement means. Achieving a 'C' means that a student has achieved the **required standard for their year level** as outlined in the Australian Curriculum. In general, it means that students can remember and understand learning considered essential for their age. Students who achieve A's and B's have generally demonstrated an extension of the required standard for their year level, such as applying learning in problem solving contexts.

Students receive a 'D' when they have not yet achieved the required standard for their year level, however, are working towards it and continue to learn and develop. Students who receive an 'E' are experiencing difficulty and require intervention and support. Whatever rating your child receives, the teacher's comments will tell you how hard they are trying and describe the progress being made.

#### Reporting uses on-balance judgments

Teachers make on-balance judgments about the quality of student work in the assessment folio, that is, how well the student has met those elements of the achievement standard that have been taught and assessed during the reporting period (all of Semester 1). A level of achievement is then awarded using a five-point scale (A-E or equivalent depending on the year level).

#### Reporting scales

The table at right shows how the naming of five-point scales varies across the years of schooling.

	Prep	Years 1 – 2	Years 3 – 6
<b>Achievement</b>	<b>Australian Curriculum: Applying</b> Making Connections Working With Exploring Becoming Aware  <b>Queensland curriculum: Comment</b>	Very High High Sound Developing Support-required	A B C D E
<b>Effort and Behaviour</b>	Comment	Very High High Sound Developing Support required	Excellent Very good Satisfactory Needs attention Unacceptable

#### Uniform Blitz: - >> Our Hat!

Maroon Full Brimmed Hat

#### Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

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

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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#### **From the Deputy Principal:**

##### **Parent Interview Dates:**

##### **Senior (Year 6) Classes: 16<sup>th</sup> of June**

A letter was sent home last week. You are now able to book.

##### **Prep to Year 5: 24<sup>th</sup> of June**

A letter will be sent home this week.

You will be able to book from

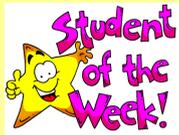
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of June.

Kind regards,

**Glenice Cleary**

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PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
94.29	95.45	91.82	91.82	96.36	94.55	92.73	90
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
93.04	99.13	90.83	96.67	93.85	93.08	98.46	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
94.17	94.40	96.67	94.40	96.13	95.71	89.33	
Senior A	Senior B	Senior C					
98.33	93.60	96					



## Term 2, Weeks 5 & 6

### Congratulations to these students on their achievement!

<b>Makenzi</b>	Prep A	<b>Caring</b>	<b>Sophie</b>	Prep A	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Jackson Caitlyn</b>	Prep B	<b>Resilience Respect</b>	<b>Summer</b>	Prep B	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Lyla</b>	Prep C	<b>Clever</b>	<b>Oscar</b>	Prep C	<b>Creative</b>
<b>Sophie</b>	Prep D	<b>Clever</b>	<b>Tye</b>	Prep D	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Lucas</b>	1A	<b>Clever</b>	<b>Eden</b>	1A	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Paige</b>	1B	<b>Clever</b>	<b>Oscar Malikai</b>	1B	<b>Resilience</b>
<b>Kadin</b>	1C	<b>Clever</b>	<b>Kirra</b>	1C	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Laila</b>	1D	<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Erin</b>	1D	<b>Creative</b>
<b>Isobel</b>	2A	<b>Caring</b>	<b>Charlie</b>	2A	<b>Resilience</b>
<b>Holly</b>	2B	<b>Respect</b>	<b>Zoe</b>	2B	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Nate</b>	2C	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Savannah</b>	2C	<b>Caring</b>
<b>Alyssa</b>	2D	<b>Respect</b>	<b>Ella</b>	2D	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Jordan</b>	3A	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Emma</b>	3A	<b>Resilience</b>
<b>Charlotte</b>	3C	<b>Respect</b>	<b>Bethany</b>	3C	<b>Caring</b>
<b>Olivia</b>	4A	<b>Clever</b>	<b>Chloe</b>	4A	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Kiara</b>	4B	<b>Caring</b>	<b>Abbey</b>	4C	<b>Resilience</b>
<b>Isabelle</b>	4C	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Alfie</b>	4D	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Sharna</b>	4D	<b>Creative</b>	<b>Keoni</b>	5A	<b>Resilience</b>
<b>Emerson</b>	5A	<b>Respect</b>	<b>Samantha</b>	5B	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Daniel Alyssa</b>	5B	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Grace</b>	5C	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Ben</b>	SA	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Jodie</b>	SA	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Emilie</b>	SC	<b>Caring</b>	<b>Jordan</b>	SB	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Noah</b>	SEP	<b>Caring</b>	<b>Jasmine</b>	SC	<b>Responsible</b>

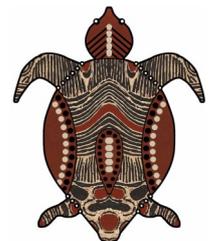
### Music Notes :

Our instrumental students are having an amazing time at Beginner Band Week! They have been kept super busy and already participated in Band, Dance and Choir. This morning they are already hard at work in their specific instrument tuition groups and later it's back into rotations of mass performance groups. We are looking forward to the concert on Friday to showcase all that they have accomplished throughout the week. Please remember that there are No rehearsals this week.



**Suzie Bath**  
Music Teacher

### Photo Gallery: Year 3 Ngutana Lui Excursion



## Library News

### Premier's Reading Challenge – It is not too late to join!

The Premier's Reading Challenge is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2015. The challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning. Students wishing to complete the challenge may collect a reading record sheet from the library. Although there is a suggested reading list students may record any book at their level that they are reading – it really is all about encouraging children to read a variety of book and establishing good reading habits. The reading period is **19th May - 28th August**. For more information - <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/>  
 Congratulations to Ruby Abbott in 2A – first student to complete the challenge!

### Queensland State Schools eBooks Digital Library

All students in Year 4 – 6 are able to access this Digital Library using their MIS ID (the username students use to access the school network and Internet). Please see the attached user guide for more details. If this proves to be a useful resource access will be extended for students in younger year levels. **Cyber Safety - Online games** from <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Kids>

Playing games online can be great fun, but you need to be careful about how much you play and who you play with. You should limit your game play time so you can still do other things like homework, jobs around the house and hanging out with your friends.

It's always best to use a nickname when you are using gaming sites, rather than give out your real name. Some people who you meet online may not be who they say they are. Remember not to give people you meet on the gaming sites information about yourself.

If you are unsure whether a game is suitable, ask your parents or a trusted adult to check its classification and reviews for you.

If another player is behaving badly or making you uncomfortable, you can block them from your players list. You may also be able to report them to the game site operator.

It's important to remember that it is only a game, and sometimes you will win and sometimes you will lose. There is nothing wrong with losing - with lots of practice you will get better.

Many games on the internet are free and are fun to play with your friends and family. Other games you may need to pay for to access additional levels or features. Many of these games look similar to casino games like poker or pokies. You often find these games in advertisements on websites, as apps in social networking sites or as pop up messages while you are playing another game online. Playing gambling games is illegal if you are under 18 years of age.

### Tips

- If you are not sure whether a game is a gambling game, ask your mum or dad or another trusted adult for help.
- If a game asks you for money to play extra levels, check with mum or dad or another trusted adult.
- Make sure you know what you are getting for your money and if you are allowed to pay for these games.

**Helen Plaschke**

Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

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## Reminders, dates to remember ...

### Week 7

- Mon 1 June **Beginner Band Camp begins**  
**Beginner Strings Workshop**  
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
- Tues 2 June School Newsletter
- Wed 3 June Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Tuckshop Open  
**Junior Assembly**  
**UNSW Science Test**
- Thurs 4 June Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Tuckshop Open  
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**Senior Assembly**
- Fri 5 June Tuckshop Open

### Week 8

- Mon 8 June **Public Holiday—Queen's birthday**
- Tues 9 June P & C Newsletter  
**4A & 4B Apple Excursion**  
**Cottonhoppers on tour**
- Wed 10 June Tuckshop open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
**Junior Assembly**  
**4C & 4D Apple Excursion**  
**Cottonhoppers on tour**

- Thurs 11 June Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**Senior Assembly**
- Fri 12 June Tuckshop Open  
**Second Interschool Sports Day Yrs 5 & 6**  
**Week 9**
- Mon 15 June Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**RE Yrs 1 to 6**
- Tues 16 June School Newsletter  
**Parent/teacher interviews—Seniors**
- Wed 17 June Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
**Junior Assembly P to 3**
- Thurs 18 June Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**Senior Assembly 4 to 6**
- Fri 19 June Tuckshop Open  
**Gold Rush Excursion—Yr 5**
- Mon 22 June **Reports emailed & posted**
- Wed 24 June **Parent/teacher interviews—P to 5**
- Thurs 25 June **Senior Athletics Carnival Yrs 3 to 6**

## P & C News

### Our Next Meeting:



The Next P & C Meeting is to be held **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7pm**, in the school library. Everyone is welcome!

### From the President:

Hi everyone. This term is coming to an end and we are planning a great event for our fun run. The fundraising team and I are working hard to come up with a great course and are hoping the kids will love it. Please get behind this event and get as many donations as possible and remember you only have to raise \$10 to get a prize. We still need parent helpers so please email me on [nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com](mailto:nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com) I can promise you, you will have a great time. Our next meeting is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June in the school library and we would love to see some new faces.

Thanks **Nicole McGarrity**

**FUNDRAISING:** Our next fundraising event will be the Run 4 Fun, taking place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of June. By now, all students should have received their fundraising form and information pack. Please ensure that this is returned with monies by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. Thanks Danielle.



## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

**Price List & Order Form** - Found on the school website

([www.mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](http://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](mailto: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:**

- **Apple Store Excursion Yr 4, \$8 due Thurs 4th June**
- **Cottonhoppers Tour \$131.25 due Thurs 4th June**
- **Second Interschool Sport Yrs 5 & 6, \$9 due Thurs 4th June**
- **Gold Rush Excursion Yr 5, \$30 due Thurs 11th June**
- **Senior Athletics Carnival Yrs 3 to 6, \$7 due Thurs 18th June**

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:**

19/05/15 Caitlyn PB Class: 1A

26/05/15 Ava 2D Class: PA

**Student Banking is done on Tuesdays**



## Tuckshop News

[www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au)

Jo Wildermoth 0468 944 420

Tuckshop is open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays for Morning Tea and Lunch. We offer a convenient online ordering system – to register go to [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au) Bag orders are also accepted (please drop your bag order directly to the Tuckshop before school).

Hi guys, if you don't have a tuck shop menu please come down and see me. Winter is upon us and we have hot chocolate before school, be sure to get in early as it sells out quick!

**Jo Wildermoth, Tuck shop Manager.**

## 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

## Sports News

**Senior Athletics Sports Day**

**Thursday 25th June**

**Years 3 to 6**

**Beenleigh Little Athletics Centre**

**Cec Clark Oval**

**Oliver Sports**

**Complex**

**Logan St, Eagleby**



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

Long Absences:  
[admin@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au)

