

From the Principal

During Week 11, 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 below shows how the naming of five-point scales varies across the years of schooling.

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

Under 8s – Celebration

Our Preps, Year 1s and Year 2s enjoyed the Under 8s celebrations on Friday. Check out the photos on page 3. A special thank you to the P & C who provided our children with fruit, popcorn and a drink! The children enjoyed their snack after a busy session engaging in activities.

Celebrations of Learning – Term 2

Each class will be holding a Celebration of Learning this term to showcase the fantastic work they have been doing during the term. Parents and family members are invited to attend the Celebrations of Learning to see first-hand just how hard our students have worked and what wonderful things they have achieved. Check on page 2 for dates etc.

Prep	Under 8s Celebration - Friday 27 th of May at 9 am
Year 1	Under 8s Celebration - Friday 27 th of May at 11:15 am
Year 2	2A - Tuesday 21 st of June at 2 pm 2B - Thursday 23 rd of June at 2 pm 2C - Wednesday 22 nd of June at 9:45 am +++ Change of date +++ 2D - Friday 24 th of June at 9 am
Year 3	Monday 20 th June at 2:15 pm
Year 4	4A and 4B - Thursday 9 th June at 9am 4C - Thursday 23 rd June at 9am
Year 5	Friday 24 June at 2 pm in the Hall
Senior	Wednesday 22 nd of June at 2 pm

Uniform Blitz: - Week 8 >> Jewellery!

Jewellery: Single set of sleepers or studs, wristwatch, a signet ring and an item of religious or cultural significance. Parents must make a formal request to the Principal for their child to wear a piece of jewellery of cultural or religious significance. Medical alert bracelets or necklaces are permitted. Tongue, nose, eyebrow piercing and multiple ear piercings are not allowed.

Voluntary Contribution Scheme

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

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is **95%**. On page 3 is the **Week 7** attendance percent for each class. We look forwards to seeing you throughout the term and thank you for your ongoing support of the school.

Regards, Meagan Steward

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From the Deputy Principal: Glenice Cleary

Spotted Campaign

Our selected Senior students are busy observing during lunch times on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays wearing brightly coloured vests for our Spotted campaign. They are handing out 'spotted' tokens to those students they see following the school rules and sitting down in their eating area when eating. If a student receives one of these tokens, they will bring them back to their classroom and place it in a box. Each Friday afternoon for the next couple of weeks, our teachers will draw out one name and that student will receive an ice-block! We look forward to giving out lots of 'spotted' tokens!

Local Chaplaincy Committee

The LCC is a supportive committee comprised of school staff, parents, and local church representatives. This dedicated team offers practical support for the Chaplaincy service, and is involved with Chaplaincy programmes and fund-raising ventures. This committee meets approximately twice per term. Depending on what roles you take up, there may be tasks to complete between meetings.

This is an opportunity for you to be part of a service that brings hope to young people and supports the school and local community. If this is something you would be interested in, please come along to our next LCC meeting: Tuesday the 7th June (Week 9), 8am at the Mi Hub. I look forward to seeing you there. Chappy Bonny



Congratulations to the following children who have already completed the challenge. **Kiara, Bridie, Kayden, Asha, Bella, Riannon, Landen**. These children will now go into the book prize draw. This will be drawn at the end of the reading period (26th August). Regards, **Carol Donhardt - Challenge Coordinator**

Year 2 Excursion:

Our Tuesday 24th of May, our Year 2 students went on an excursion as part of their history unit. The Year 2 teachers felt the excursion gave the students hands on experiences of the places they have studied this term. The Yr 2 teachers shared that it made everything real for them and seeing their faces light up as we rounded the corner to Cleveland Point and the Old Lighthouse came into view was priceless! A lot of instant discussion!

CLASS	Week 7
Prep 95.75	
PA	95
PB	97
PC	96
PD	95
Year 1 96.5	
1A	97
1B	99
1C	96
1D	94
Year 2 96.75	
2A	98
2B	97
2C	93
2D	99
Year 3 96.5	
3A	93
3B	96
3C	98
3D	99
Year 4 94.3	
4A	93
4B	92
4C	98
Year 5 94.75	
5A	97
5B	96
5C	98
5D	88
Seniors 94.3	
SA	97
SB	95
SC	91

**Photo Gallery:
Safety Truck Visit**

**Term 2, 2016 Weeks 6 & 7
Congratulations to these students on their achievement!**

Holly	PA	Caring
Jacob	PC	Respect
Bohdie	PD	Caring
Owen	1A	Respect
Matthew	1B	Resilience
Marley	1C	Responsible
Caitlyn	1D	Responsible
Evie	2A	Creative
Aidan	2C	Resilience
Stephanie	3A	Respect
Harry	3B	Responsible
Lachlan	3D	Resilience
Tayah	4A	Clever
Jessica	4B	Clever
Cael	4C	Responsible
Zoe	5A	Resilience
Noah	SA	Resilience
Jai	SB	Responsible
Abbey	SC	Responsible

Molly	PA	Clever
Miranda	PC	Creative
Anastasia Mia	PD	Responsible Respect
Kane	1A	Clever
Summer	1B	Clever
Jake	1D	Resilience
Johnny	2C	Clever
Lauren	3A	Clever
Archer	3B	Respect
Aisha	3D	Caring
Jasmine	4A	Caring
Kylah	4B	Creative
Casey	4C	Resilience
Caiden	5A	Caring
Rosie	SA	Caring
Jazmin	SB	Respect
Sam	SC	Respect

Photo Gallery: Under 8's Day

From the Library



Book Club

The due date for all orders is Wednesday 1st June.

When ordering – either -

1 – send your order form to school (**to the Library**) with either cash or cheque (cheques payable to Scholastic Australia Book Club) payment making sure the details for student's name and class are filled in clearly.

2 – LOOP - Order and pay directly to Scholastic via **scholastic.com.au/LOOP** or download the app. You will need to specify your child's class and fill in their first name and initial of their last name. Order forms do not have to be returned to school as they are processed with the school order.

Helen Plaschke
Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

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Changes to Bus Routes and Times

Full route descriptions and information on timing points are now available on the Transdev website <http://www.transdevqld.com.au/>

These changes will commence from Monday 30th May 2016.

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**
- **Professor Jellybean—Prep \$10. Cash Window deadline Thursday 2nd June**
- **Senior Athletics Carnival \$7 BPoint Deadline Monday 6th June and Cash Window Deadline Thursday 9th 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.**

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. Please ensure that all student's belongings are named.

Reminders, dates to remember ...

Week 8

- Tues 31 May School Newsletter
Uniform Shop Open 2 to 3pm
UNSW Science Test
- Wed 1 June Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8:15–9:15
Junior Assembly Prep to 3
- Thurs 2 June Cash Window Open 8:15-9:15
Uniform Shop 8:15-9am
Tuckshop Open
Senior Assembly 4 to 6
- Fri 3 June Tuckshop Open
Playgroup
Interschool Sports Day 2
- **Week 9**
- Tues 7 June P & C Newsletter
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
- Wed 8 June **Tuckshop Open**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
- Thurs 9 June **Tuckshop Open**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Uniform Shop 8.15 to 9am
Bayside District Reader's Cup

- Fri 10 June **Tuckshop Open**
Playgroup
Professor Jellybean Incursion—Prep

Week 10

- Tues 14 June School Newsletter
Uniform Shop 2 to 3
- Wed 15 June Tuckshop Open
Cash Window 8.15 to 9.15
Junior Assembly P to 3
- Thurs 16 June Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Uniform Shop 8.15 to 9am
Senior Assembly 4 to 6
- Fri 17 June Tuckshop Open
Playgroup
Junior Track & Field P to Yr 2

Week 11

- Tues 21 June **Senior Track & Field Yrs 3 to 6 @ Beenleigh**
- Thurs 23 June **Free Dress Day—wear purple**
- Fri 24 June **Last day of Term 2**

P & C News

NEXT P&C MEETING – 8th June at 7pm



Please join us in the library.

FROM THE P&C EXECUTIVE

Hi everyone. Our next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 8th June at 7pm in the Library. We will be taking the time to discuss our school fete.

We have sent a survey to all our stall holders and we also value your feedback. If you would like to join us for a debrief that would be fantastic, otherwise if you have any feedback please email us on mcssfete@gmail.com

Our first disco for the year is coming up on Friday 17th June. Our theme is SUPERHEROES. Junior (prep-yr2) 5-6.30pm and Senior (yr3-yr6) 7-8.30pm. Entry cost is \$5.00 and the canteen will be open with all our regular favourites. If you are able to help out on the night please email Nicole on nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com

Thanks Nicole

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Hi all! We had our first fundraising committee meeting last week, Fiona and I are in the process of putting a plan in place for the remainder of the year. If you would like to come on board and help with ideas, planning of events or help complete fundraising tasks send us an email. We would love to see some new faces

The **entertainment book** orders are starting to come in, if you would like to order you can do so online using the link below. Each and every book sold gives money back to the school.

<http://www.entbook.com.au/2289c21>

Don't forget our upcoming **disco** on Friday 17th June. It will be a great night for the kids, so come along and enjoy the party. We will be putting the call out for people to help on the night soon. An hour of your time helps to make the night run more smoothly.

Thanks. Jen fundraisingmcss@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours for Term 2:

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.

Our new Uniform Shop Convenor, Kylie Shiels is available on 0421 556 932 or email hello@knoxwear.com.au



Tuckshop News

Week 8 has arrived! Hot chocolates have been a big hit this week! They can be purchased before school for \$2. !!! AT THE START OF TERM 3 WE WILL BE CHANGING OUR ONLINE ORDERING SUPPLIER TO FLEXISCHOOLS !!! **Please start running your current accounts down as we cannot transfer money over to the new supplier.**

PLEASE CHECK THE **UPDATED MENU** FOR PRICE CHANGES.

I would like to thank the AMAZING VOLUNTEERS who gave up their spare time on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to help in the Tuckshop. Without you the tuckshop simply couldn't run properly. **I am always after volunteers, for all days that the tuckshop is open and Tuesdays** when I prepare yummy homemade food for your children's bellies. If you enjoy a bit of fun while giving back to your school then the tuckshop is the place for you. Every little bit helps – even 1/2 an hour in the morning preparing sandwiches or doing dishes!

Our online ordering system's cut off time is 8.30am sharp. If you need to pay for an outstanding, please don't do this through the online ordering system. If you need to cancel your child's order for any reason, please contact the Tuckshop prior to 8.45am via the school office. Over the counter ordering shuts at **8.45am**.

If you need to contact me, do so via the school office or email tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au or [see me at the tuckshop](#). Have a wonderful week, Rachele.

School Banking News

Student Bankers of the Week & Class of the week:

17/05/16 Landen 1C Class: 1C

Student Banking is done on Tuesdays.

BANKING NEWS: Just a few housekeeping points of interest for our school bankers this week.

Deposit Slips. We have had a few bankers not filling in deposit slips. It makes our job a lot easier if all deposit slips are completed. So if you wouldn't mind double checking to make sure that they are filled in we would be greatly appreciative.

Reward Items. When you order a reward item, it usually should arrive the following week. Sometimes at the end of term, there is a delay over school holidays, but 99% of the time you will be bouncing your handball or throwing your rocket a week later.

Foreign Currency. Unfortunately, the Commonwealth Bank doesn't like it. If we find foreign currency in the banking, we will send it back home. Maybe you can use it on your next holiday.

Thank you for helping us with these little issues.

Anita - Banking Guru

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