

Staffing News:

Sally Bedford is absent Weeks 3, 4 and 5. During this time, our A/Curriculum Coordinator will be Vicki Crombie. Prep D will be taught by Antonia Laing.

Emma Trevor (4C Teacher) is replaced by Melinda Bashford (Weeks 3 and 4).

Lisa McInnes (3C Teacher) is replaced by Adelle DeBruin (Weeks 2 to 5).

Term 2 Parent Calendar:

We have changed the date of the P & C Fun Run due to a Year 5 excursion. The new date will be 18th of June.

Letters that have been sent home recently:

- 2015 Voluntary Scheme
- Expectations around our school jumpers
- Communication via QSchools app
- Emailing of report cards

Uniform Blitz:

During Term 2, we will have a weekly uniform blitz.

Our Uniform Blitz: Week 3 blitz is SHOES!

Formal: Closed in black leather school shoes

Sport: Predominantly black or white sneakers

Cottonhoppers: May wear one lace of a different colour in their right shoe.

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 2.

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:**

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.

The activities this term are:

TERM 2**Days for each year level are:**

- Monday: Yr 2 & 3
- Tuesday: Yr 1
- Wednesday: Yr 4 & 5
- Thursday: Prep
- Friday: Yr 6

Message from Cleveland District State High School:

Students entering Grade 7 in 2016 are invited to attend the Cleveland District State High School Sports Development Trials. These trials will take place at CDSHS on Monday May 18 from 3.30pm-5.00pm. Registration will commence at 3.15pm. Students can trial for Football (soccer), Touch Football and Volleyball. Please bring all appropriate equipment for these trials. For more information please contact Tim McKenroney on 3824 9220 or tmcke89@eq.edu.au. To register, head to schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code MRGFJ, and follow the prompts. You must bring your registration form to the trials.

Assemblies:

Please note: We will not have our Junior or Senior assemblies next week (Week 4) due to NAPLAN.

NAPLAN:

As you would be aware your child will be completing NAPLAN testing next week. These tests will be completed by all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia in the areas of Numeracy, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading and Writing.

We will have our NAPLAN breakfasts again this year. The Year 3 breakfast will be on Tuesday 12th of May and Year 5 will be on Thursday 14th of May. The breakfast will be from 8 am to 8:30 am. A great way to begin the day! Thanks, **Glenice Cleary**

PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
94.29	91.82	90.00	97.27	96.36	92.73	94.55	92.38
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
96.52	98.26	95.83	90	95.20	92.31	93.08	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
93.33	92	97.50	89.60	95.45	95.71	94	
Senior A	Senior B	Senior C					
96	98.40	96.80					

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

Ariana	Prep A	Caring
Amelia	Prep B	Clever
Riley	Prep C	Clever
Spencer	Prep D	Responsible
Mila	1A	Responsible
Freya	1B	Clever
Hudson	1C	Caring
Hunta	1D	Clever
Chloe	2A	Clever
Josephine	2B	Responsible
Ember	2C	Clever
Ava	2D	Respect
Cael	3B	Clever
Luke	3C	Clever
Domonique	4A	Resilience
Briar	4C	Creative
Sam	4D	Caring
Tait	5A	Responsible
Sandae	5B	Clever
Mitchell	5C	Clever
Charlize	SA	Clever
Kurt	SB	Caring
Jessica	SC	Clever

Staff Car Park—Important Notice

Parents are strictly prohibited from using the staff car park, off Mt Cotton Road. This is for staff, service vehicles and emergency services only. It is not a safe zone for student drop off and collection. Parents are asked not to use this car park under any circumstances.

Please drop off and collect students from the parent car parks provided off Sanctuary Drive.

Before & After School Care

Parents who attempt to use the staff car park to collect students from after school care will run the risk of their vehicles being locked in the grounds by the cleaners. Please use the parent car parks only to collect students
 Many thanks for your cooperation.



Music Notes :

We have another busy term coming up in Music and Performance.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC:

Strings: All strings students should have received notes regarding the Beginners Strings Workshop. Please read and return forms to Mrs Bath by Thursday 14 May.

Band: All students in the band program (yrs4-6) should now be attending Concert Band rehearsals on Tuesday mornings at 7.45am. All beginning band students should have received notes regarding the Beginner Band Week. Please read and return forms along with payment to the Cash Window by Thursday 14th May.

Choir: Please note there will be no Mt Cotton Voices, this week only, on Thursday morning. Rehearsal will be on Friday at lunch time instead.

The Choirs will be performing at the Chaplaincy Family Fun Day on 21st June. Please keep this date free.

Musical: Yes – we've started! Students are so excited and we've jumped in already with enthusiasm to rehearsals. Please mark your calendars – Pirates of the Curry Bean – Thursday 10th and Friday 11th September.

We are very busy making music here at Mt Cotton. Please check for

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7.45am Musical Rehearsal (Hall)	8.00am Mini Melodies (Music Room)	7.45am Musical rehearsal (Music Room)	8.00am Mt Cotton Voices (Music Room)	7.45 Musical Rehearsal (Hall)
8.00am Piano Lessons (Music Room)	7.45am Concert Band (Hall)		From 12.15pm Strings Lessons (Hall)	8.00am Piano Lessons (Music Room)
	From 8.45am Instrumental Music Lessons (Hall)			

Photo Gallery:

4C: We've been looking at mining and erosion and the students had to use toothpicks to try and mine as many choc chips from their cookie as possible. Once they were done they had to try and 'rehabilitate their land' by putting their cookie back together - easier for some than others!



Happy Mother's Day to all our Mums!

Library News

Bookclub - Orders with money should be returned to the **library** by **WEDNESDAY**



May 6 - Orders placed directly through Scholastic via the **LOOP (Linked Online Ordering and Payment system)** need to be made by COB tomorrow (Wednesday May 6).

Premier's Reading Challenge - 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. The school has been registered as a participant and students wishing to complete the challenge may collect a reading record sheet from the Library **next week**. 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 for Prep - Year 9 students is **19 May - 28 August**. More information is available at <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/>

[readingchallenge/](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/)

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School Photos
Tues 26th May
Wed 27th May



Sports News

Reminder: This term all students will be participating in developing their skills in track and field events in readiness for our track and field carnivals. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately in shorts, shirt, sandshoes and hat enabling them to fully participate, alleviating any potential embarrassing situations.

Track and Field dates are:

Senior 3-7 Thursday 25th June at Beenleigh Little Athletics Club, Junior P-2 Friday 17th July at Mt Cotton SS.

Individual results from the Bayside District Cross

Country follow:

Jorgia	12 Years Girls	80th
Korey	11 Years Boys	54th
Grace	10 Years Girls	68th
Alfie	10 Years Boys	2nd
Max	10 Years Boys	13th
Jay	10 Years Boys	18th
Elke	11 Years Girls	12th
Jennifer	12 Years Girls	41st
Holly	11 Years Girls	21st
Elleisha	11 Years Girls	26th
Noah	12 Years Boys	44th
Harper	10 Years Girls	71st
Jacob	12 Years Boys	94th
Olivia	12 Years Girls	59th
Maximus	11 Years Boys	10th
Henry	12 Years Boys	48th
Maya	10 Years Girls	10th
Lochlann	11 Years Boys	32nd



Congratulations to all cross country runners.

Yours in Sport, Sue Harris

Reminders, dates to remember ...

Week 3

- Tues 5 May School Newsletter
Mother's Day Stall
Entertainment Books go home
- Wed 6 May Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Tuckshop Open
Mother's Day Stall
Junior Assembly
- Thurs 7 May Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Tuckshop Open
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Fire Safety—Year 1
Senior Assembly
- Fri 8 May Tuckshop Open
Wildlife on Wheels—Yr 1's

Week 4

- Mon 11 May Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Peer Support
- Tues 12 May P & C Newsletter
NAPLAN
Entertainment Books due
- Wed 13 May Tuckshop open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
NAPLAN
- Thurs 14 May Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am

Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm

NAPLAN

- Fri 15 May Tuckshop Open
Year 1—Fire Truck visit

Week 5

- Mon 18 May **Under 8's Week**
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
RE Yrs 1 to 6
- Tues 19 May School Newsletter
- Wed 20 May Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Professor Jellybean Incursion
Junior Assembly P to 3
- Thurs 21 May Tuckshop Open
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
Senior Assembly 4 to 6
- Fri 22 May Tuckshop Open
Free Dress Day—wear purple
- Tues 26 May **School Photos**
- Wed 27 May **School Photos**

P & C News

Our Next Meeting:



The Next P & C Meeting is to be held **Wednesday, 13th May 2015 at 7pm**, in the school library. Everyone is welcome!

From the President:

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13th May. We would love to see some new faces so if you would join us please come down. We would like to hear from people with new ideas for fundraising and car-park solutions.

Tuesday and Wednesday we will have our Mother's Day stall so don't forget to send your child with some money and a plastic bag to carry their goodies home. They will also be open through the lunch hours both days for anyone who may have forgotten.

We are working alongside Jo in the Tuckshop to re-vamp the tuckshop menu for the cooler months so keep an eye out for our new menu coming home soon.

Thanks Nicole

FUNDRAISING

We are looking forward to our events we have planned for this term with our annual mother's day stall and entertainment books. If you would like to help with fundraising we are meeting on Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm in the Parent Room.



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:**

- **Wildlife on Wheels Year 1 \$8.50 due Thurs 7th May**
- **Profession Jellybean Prep \$9 due Thurs 14th May**
- **Ngutana Lui Year 3 \$18.50 due Thurs 21st May**
- **Interschool Sport Yrs 5 & 6 due Thurs 21st May**

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



21/04/15 Lilly PC Class: PB

28/04/15 Caitlin 2D Class: PA

Student Banking is done on Tuesdays

Tuckshop News

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 Bag orders are also accepted (please drop your bag order directly to the Tuckshop before school).



TUCKSHOP NEWS

Hi everyone. In the next week or so I will be updating the menu for winter. I will be making it more user friendly so that parents will find it easier to choose healthier choices for their children. There will be lots of yummy things for the winter blues. Keep a look out for the new menu in your children's bags. We still require some extra volunteers for the two weeks starting 11th of May, so if anyone is interested please come see me at the tuckshop. Once again a humongous THANKYOU to all of the wonderful volunteers that help me time and time again.

Jo Wildermoth, Tuckshop Manager

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

If you ordered a prep jumper they have arrived in store in time for the cooler mornings! I have a few extras but you better hurry if you want one! Also, don't forget our tracksuit pants are now only \$10 normally \$20. Lots of larger sizes left. Have a great week! Mel

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 :Forms & Documents, Documents, Permission Forms

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

Long Absences:

admin@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au

