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
mstew40@eq.edu.au

5th May 2015 From the Principal’s Desk ...

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 McKennerley on 3824 9220 or tmcke89@eq.edu.au
To register, head to schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code MRFJ, 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

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5th May 2015 From the Principal’s Desk ...
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

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

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| 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! |

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.

Happy Mother’s Day to all our Mums!
Reminders, dates to remember ...

**Library News**
Bookclub - Orders with money should be returned to the library by **WEDNESDAY May 6**. Orders placed directly through Scholastic via the LOOF (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/](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/)

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

**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, sandals 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:**

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Congratulations to all cross country runners.

Yours in Sport, Sue Harris

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  Mother’s Day Stall
  Entertainment Books go home

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  Fire Safety—Year 1
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  Wildlife on Wheels—Yr 1’s

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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 revamp 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.

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