

**From the Principal:**

We would like to welcome back all of our students, parents & staff for the final term of the 2015 school year. Hopefully you have had a safe and relaxing break especially after our productive pursuits in Term 3. We also saw fantastic achievement in classrooms with many students making significant improvement in various Key Learning Areas throughout the term. We hope to finish the year with a term that is full of diligence and commitment to learning, creativity and excellence.

**Staff on Leave**

**Mrs Vicki Crombie** (Prep D) > promotional position in regional office all of Term 4 > replaced by Mrs Cheryl Wallace. **Mrs Silvana Baihary** (1B) > Long Service Leave until 16<sup>th</sup> of October > replaced by Ms Antonia Laing. **Mrs Carleen Tilbury** (Senior) > Long Service Leave 22<sup>nd</sup> of October to 30<sup>th</sup> of October > replaced by Mrs Melinda Bashford

**National Skipping Championships**

Over the school holidays, members of the Hot Shots Skipping Club competed at the National Rope Skipping Championships at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. There were some outstanding results including 3 students being selected into the Australian Team for the world championships next year! Please see page 5 for results and photos. We certainly have some CLEVER students!

**Uniform Changes for 2016**

Our School Uniform Policy and Student Dress Code was endorsed by the MCSS P & C Association on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, 2015. The changes will be effective from the beginning of next year (January, 2016).

As you are aware, the changes were:

**Uniform**

Change to wording - 'Warning - If a student does not comply with the Dress Code he/she will be reminded of the expectation' and given 7 days to comply

Our shoe will be closed in black leather school shoes or black sneakers with black laces or velcro.

Addition to our uniform: A bucket style hat with the house colour on the inside of the hat.

Attached to this newsletter is the updated School Uniform Policy and Student Dress Code.

**Uniform Blitz**

During Term 4, we will have a weekly uniform blitz.

This week, our blitz is: Our School Shirt

Prep: Navy blue MCSS polo shirt

Formal: Maroon Check Blouse/Shirt/Dress

Sport: MCSS Maroon or White Polo Shirt/House Shirt (1-6 students and Fridays only)

Seniors: MCSS Senior Shirt

**Sanctuary Drive Car Park**

As you are aware, Redland City Council will be undertaking improvement works to the Sanctuary Drive Car Park. These improvement works include a facility for parallel parking between Sanctuary Drive and the existing car park, construction of a retaining wall, installation of a footpath, upgrading the existing line marking and signage as well as installation of bollards and planting of trees in the exiting garden beds.

Construction works have been scheduled for September and December School Holidays:

Works completed during the **September** Holidays:

Installation of bollards,

Line marking including a pedestrian crossing

Upgrade existing garden beds

Works scheduled for **December** Holidays:

Construction of Retaining Wall

Installation of footpath

Construction of parallel parking area

**Term 4 Parent Calendar**

In the last week of Term 3, our Term 4 calendar of events was sent home. If you do not receive a copy, it can be found on our

website.

**2016 Enrolments**

Staffing allocations are provided to schools based on their effective enrolment numbers on the 8th day of Term 1 each year. We are beginning to look at our staffing for 2016. If your child/ren will not be returning in 2016, please assist us in determining effective enrolment numbers by completing the letter from your child's classroom teacher.

**Classes For 2016**

During Term 4, staff will begin working on class structures for 2016. As always we invite parents to write a letter outlining information that you may need to share. Please remember that you cannot request individual teachers, request notes are focussed on learning and social concerns that you may wish to be taken into consideration. Parent requests are due by **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of October** to allow time for classes to be compiled for 2016. Requests will be unable to be accepted after the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. All requests must be in writing and submitted to the office.

**Senior Graduation – Date Claimer**

Our Senior Graduation will be on the evening of Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of December.

**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

If you have any queries regarding the Voluntary Parent Contribution, please do not hesitate to contact me on [mstew40@eq.edu.au](mailto:mstew40@eq.edu.au) or organise an appointment via the office. Thank you for supporting your child's education.

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

At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is **95%**. Attached is the attendance percent for each week of last term. Congratulations to the following classes who met our 95% target for 5 or more weeks during Term 3.

**Prep A , 1C, 3C, 4C, 4D, 5A, 5B.**

The term ahead promises to be busy and rewarding with many curriculum and extra curricula activities planned to maximise the learning opportunities for our students.

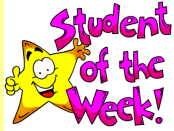
We look forward to the term ahead and the continued partnership in learning between teachers, students and families.

Kind regards,

Meagan Steward

[mstew40@eq.edu.au](mailto:mstew40@eq.edu.au)

**Monday 19th October—Student Free Day**



## Term 3, Weeks 8 & 9

Ben	Prep A	Respect
Olivia	Prep B	Clever
Jake	Prep C	Respect
Charlotte	Prep D	Resilience
Ryan	1A	Resilience
Grace	1B	Creative
Kirra	1C	Clever
Levi	1D	Resilience
Ashton	2B	Responsible
Riley	2C	Respect
Jay	2D	Clever
Chelsea	3A	Caring
Shayden	3B	Respect
Fletcher	3C	Clever
Ava	4A	Responsible
Hannah	4B	Respect
Trae	4C	Resilience
Alanna	4D	Caring
Macey Emily	5B	Responsible
Ryan Gabby	5C	Caring
Josh	SA	Respect
Seth	SB	Resilience
Lain	SC	Responsible

Isaac	Prep B	Responsible
Zander	Prep C	Resilience
Lincoln	Prep D	Clever
Ethan	1A	Caring
Oscar Summah	1B	Responsible
Kayden	1C	Responsible
Layla	1D	Clever
Olivia	2B	Clever
Harrison	2C	Responsible
Sarah	2D	Resilience
Destiny	3B	Responsible
Curtis	3C	Clever
Abby	4B	Responsible
Jamie	SA	Responsible
Elke	SC	Clever

### Cotton Café Success

Last term all the Senior students participated in running the Cotton Café which catered for the dedicated staff at Mount Cotton. As part of their Technology studies the students learnt about kitchen safety and hygiene, as they learnt to make frozen fruit smoothies, iced coffees and iced chocolates and various tasty delicacies such as mini pavlovas, apples pie and savoury jaffles and vol au vents. Students developed their organisational and team management skills as they took turns managing their groups through all stages of the cooking, cleaning, delivering and support process. Check out the photos to see how much fun the students had. Well done Seniors!

### Photo Gallery:

**Mt Cotton Café students  
whipping up a storm!**

### Sleep Out Donation:

Many thanks to the Capalaba Bowls Club for their kind donation of \$400 towards the Sleep Out Fundraiser this Friday night.

(Pic: Meagan Steward,  
Alyssa, Lain and Capalaba  
Bowls Club Committee  
Member  
Graham Curtis)

## From the Deputy Principal:

**Assembly:** Assemblies will begin next week.

**Great Mates:** 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. Students may come and go from the hall, but only 50 students can be in the hall at a time. Days for each year level are:

Monday	Year 2 and 3
Tuesday	Year 1
Wednesday	Year 4 and 5
Thursday	Prep
Friday	Seniors

The activities are:

Week 1	Disco
Week 2	School yard games (skipping/ hula hoops/elastics)
Week 3	Camp Games (monte carlo etc)
Week 4	Bingo (Years 2-6) Construction/blocks (Prep & Year 1)
Week 5	Obstacle Course
Week 6	Celebrity Heads
Week 7	Fitness/Aerobics
Week 8	Novelty/Dress Up Relays
Week 9	Disco
Week 10	No Great Mates

If you are looking for something to do at lunch time, come along and have some fun! Kind regards, **Glenice Cleary**

## 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:**

- **Ditto Show (Bravehearts) P to Yr 4, \$5 due Thurs 15th October**
- **Year 4 Camp final payment \$70 due Thurs 29th October**
- **Voluntary Contribution Scheme \$40 per student or \$140 for families of 4 or more.**

**Please contact the school office, prior to the deadline, if you have difficulty meeting the deadlines, to make alternate arrangements.**

## Maths Team Challenge Participant Certificates

### REMINDER:

Students who participated in this competition last term are to receive their certificates on Senior Assembly in Week 2 (15th October 2015). Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

## UNSW English Testing Certificates

Students who participated last term in the UNSW English Test will receive their participation certificates on Senior Assembly in Week 2 (15th October 2015). Parents and family members are most welcome to attend this event.

**Sally Bedford**  
Curriculum Coordinator

## Reminders, dates to remember ...

### Week 1

- Tues 6 Oct School Newsletter
- Wed 7 Oct Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Tuckshop Open  
**No Junior Assembly P to 2**  
**Living History Incursion Year 4**
- Thurs 8 Oct Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Tuckshop Open  
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**No Senior Assembly 3 to 6**
- Fri 9 Oct Tuckshop Open  
**Cotton Club Playgroup 9am**  
**Chaplaincy Sleep Out 4.30pm Yr 6**

### Week 2

- Mon 12 Oct Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
- Tues 13 Oct P & C Newsletter
- Wed 14 Oct Tuckshop open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
**Junior Assembly P to 2**  
**P & C Meeting 7pm**

- Thurs 15 Oct Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window open 8.15-9.15am  
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**Senior Assembly**
  - Fri 16 Oct Tuckshop Open  
**Cotton Club Playgroup 9am**
- ### Week 3
- Mon 19 Oct **Pupil Free Day**
  - Tues 20 Oct School Newsletter
  - Wed 21 Oct Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
**Junior Assembly**  
**Ditto Show P to 4**
  - Thurs 22 Oct Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**Senior Assembly**
  - Fri 23 Oct Tuckshop Open  
**Cotton Club Playgroup 9am**

## P & C News

### Our Next Meeting:



**The Next P & C Meeting** is to be held on **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7pm**, in the school library. Everyone is welcome!

### From the President:

Hi everyone.

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a wonderful break. We are still looking for people to help out with donations for our Christmas raffle. So if you are able to make a couple of phone calls to some local businesses in the area please let us know.

This term we will also be looking for volunteers to help out with our book packing. Once the dates are set I will let you know.

Our first fete meeting is on this Wednesday night at 7pm at McDonald's Victoria Point. I look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks Nicole

### FUNDRAISING

If you still have outstanding chocolate money, could you please drop it into the office ASAP. Also we still have some boxes to be sold if you are willing to sell some more that would be greatly appreciated. Contact Nicole on 0423 731 175.

## Tuckshop News



Welcome to Term 4!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.

Pizza pinwheels have been added to our menu this term. We make them on site and they will be selling for \$1.00

Due to price increases:

**Slushies will now be \$2.00**

**Garlic Breads will now be \$1.20**

**Pizzas will now be \$3.00**

The pizzas we will now be selling are the McCain single serve pizzas. The flavours to choose from are Ham & Pineapple, Bacon & Cheese or Supreme, no changes will be made to these pizzas. The P&C and myself have made the decision to change to these pizzas because we believe they will be easier for the children to handle, the topping will not be getting stuck to the top of the bag (they come in a little box), we are hoping the flavours will cater for every taste, and the price increase would have been far greater had we kept with the old pizzas. There is absolutely no change in the nutrition value of the pizzas.

I hope to see some more new faces volunteering in the tuckshop this term. Come in and see how things are done while having some fun with myself and the other volunteers. Also, you will be fed and supplied with cups of tea or coffee, and your child/children will get a FREE icy cup!

A copy of the new menu will either be emailed out or sent home with the newsletter. If you do not receive a copy then I can quickly print one off for you.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on [tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:tuckshop@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au) or alternatively through the school phone number.  
Rachelle

## 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

## School Banking News

**Student Bankers of the Week & Class of the week:**



08/09/15 Lachlan Fitzpatrick 2C Class: SB

15/09/15 Lincoln Fawkes PA Class: 2B

**Student Banking is done on Tuesdays**

### Student Absence Line:

3822 0460

Please leave:

name, class & brief reason.

Long Absences:

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

Hot Shots Team Students	Event	Results
Under 8 team - Brooklyn , Charlotte , Matilda & Stephanie	Double Dutch Speed	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	4 person Freestyle	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Overall	3 <sup>rd</sup>
9-10yrs team - Kirra , Ella , Telea & Grace .	Speed Relay	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Double Dutch Single	2 <sup>nd</sup>
12-14yrs team - Holly, Abbi and Elke .  <b>The girls have qualified to represent Australia in the team category at the 2016 World Rope Skipping Championships to be held in Sweden during July/ August next year!! J</b>	Double Dutch Speed	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Speed Relay	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Double Dutch Pairs Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Double Dutch Single Freestyle	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Pairs Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup>
	4 person freestyle	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Overall	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust. Records
Stephanie - 7 yrs	Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Overall	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Kirra - 9yrs	Overall	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Telea - 10yrs	30 Second Speed	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Freestyle	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Overall	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Holly - 11yrs	Freestyle	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Abbi - 12yrs	Overall	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Elke - 11yrs  <b>Elke has also qualified as an individual skipper for the World Championships! J</b>	Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup>
	3 Minute Speed	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	30 Second Speed	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Overall	2 <sup>nd</sup>

**Hero Wall Recipients**  
**Max**  
**Alfie**