

From the Principal
Cyber Safety

Last week, our Year 4 and 5 students had an information session on cyber safety. They provided us with the following links to websites for staff, parents and students to explore:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

www.staysmartonline.gov.au

<https://www.fosi.org/good-digital-parenting/>

<http://creepquiz.eq.edu.au/>

Kik App

The team also gave us the following information about the app Kik:

Primary school aged students are encouraged to delete the instant messaging app Kik. This app has the following warnings and concerns as it has a strict age restriction of 17.

Kik Messenger is an instant messaging application for mobile devices. This app has a 17+ age restriction which has no verification of identity, enabling its users to connect with strangers. This app is very popular amongst Primary school age students.

The app can be installed on iPod touch and iPad devices as well as smart phones. Instead of using phone numbers or real names to contact each other, each Kik member has a user name. Contacts can be blocked, however this does not stop the initial contact from strangers on this app. Conversations and images can't be viewed publicly, which makes it much harder for parents to monitor Kik.

Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat

The team also discussed students accessing Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. If they are under the age of 13 and do not have parental permission then they should delete their account.

Staffing

We welcome Ms Anna Kowalenko to Mount Cotton. Ms Kowalenko is our new teacher-aide and will support Prep A on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mrs Williams will continue to support Prep A on Thursdays and Fridays.

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Our Vision at Mount Cotton State School, is to grow Clever, Creative and Caring children. We have a zero tolerance to bullying. On 22nd of March, we will celebrate the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. This day promotes the strong message that bullying and violence are not okay at any time. We will be asking our students to wear orange and bring a gold coin donation.

Tuckshop

As you are aware, on Friday 4th of March, our tuckshop ordering system went down. I would like to say a special thanks to Rachelle, Nicole Healey, Nicole McGarity and Alison Olsen who worked extremely hard to ensure all students had lunch. Thank you ladies!

Supporting Your Child In the Early Years of School

Attached to the newsletter are some ideas for supporting your child in the early years.

Full School Review:

We received notification that our Full School Review will be held from 9th of June to 13th of June (Term 2). The school reviews are about ensuring every school is given differentiated support to improve student outcomes. Under the *School Performance Assessment Framework*, every Queensland state school receives a review at least every four years, with more than 320 reviews scheduled in 2016.

The review will use the National School Improvement Tool to look at the school's operations and practices, and identify what the school is doing well and areas where it can improve. At the completion of the review, the review team will present their findings to us. A written report will follow. It will be an important input into our quadrennial school review.

Medical Conditions:

Some medical conditions require exclusion from school or child care to prevent the spread of infectious diseases among staff and children. This poster (attached) provides information on the recommended minimum exclusion periods for infectious conditions and will assist medical practitioners, schools, pre-schools and child care centres to meet the requirements of the Public Health Act 2005.

Celebrations of Learning – Term 1

Each class will be holding a Celebration of Learning at the end of Term 1 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.

Prep	Friday 18 th of March at 9:00 a.m.
Year 1	Friday 18 th of March at 2:15 p.m.
Year 2	Thursday 17 th of March at 2:00 p.m.
Year 3	Monday 14 th of March at 2:00 p.m.
Year 4	Thursday 24 th of March at 10 a.m.
Year 5	Thursday 24 th of March at 11:15 a.m.
Senior	Thursday 24 th of March at 2:00 p.m.

Principal Conference:

I will be attending a principal conference on 7th and 8th of March and will therefore be absent from school.

Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is **95%**. To achieve this target, children must have less than 10 days absent. Below are the attendance rates for each of our classes in Week 6. We look forward to the continued partnership in learning between teachers, students and families.

Kind regards,

Meagan Steward

mstew40@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy Principal:

Parent Interviews:

We have scheduled a Parent/Teacher interview afternoon/evening to allow you to meet with your child's teacher. This has been arranged for **Wednesday 23 March 2016**. On this day, from 3pm until 7:30pm, classroom teachers will be available for interview by appointment. Due to Mrs Bailey being on leave, 1C interviews will be held in Week 1 of Term 2.

Interviews will be of **10 minutes duration**. A bell will signal the end of each interview time. To ensure the interview process runs smoothly, we would appreciate parents being on time for their interviews. Interviews will take place in the school hall for all year levels. Parents who are unable to attend the interviews on 23rd March should speak to their child's teacher directly to arrange an alternate time. This term we will again be using an **online booking system** to assist parents in securing their preferred interview times. The procedure is as follows:

- Parents who wish to see their child's teacher/s need to make an appointment time using this system.
- The booking system will be accessible from **6:00am on Wednesday 9 March through to 11pm Friday 18 March 2016**. No interview requests can be accepted outside of these times.
- **After the system becomes accessible on Wednesday 9 March**, type the following URL into your web browser: <http://sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php?schoolid=696> You will not be able to access the system until 9 March.
If you do not have access to the internet your local library may be able to help, or alternatively you can call the school office between **9:30-10:30am any day from 9th – 18th March** and speak to Mrs Kelly Meacham, who will make a booking on your behalf. Parents must call at these specified times as this is when Mrs Meacham is available and can access the online system to make a booking on behalf of parents. No arrangements can be made outside of these times.

Support Programs

Mount Cotton SS implements a number of programs to promote positive relationships among students, including the "Peer Support" Program, "Great Mates" lunchtime program and our "Buddies" program. The Peer Support Program is a whole school, peer led, experiential learning program that encourages students to support each other. It develops skills and attitudes around our school's core values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. The program utilises a whole school approach to support positive relationships. Great Mates is a lunchtime program that provides opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of structured activities to have fun and interact in a positive way with their peers. The Buddies program is designed to provide support between junior and senior students. Each senior class has a Prep buddy class that they are responsible for and the students engage in weekly activities and special events.

Kind regards, Glenice Cleary Deputy Principal

CLASS	Week 4
Prep	
PA	98%
PB	99%
PC	95%
PD	98%
Year 1	
1A	100%
1B	97%
1C	92%
1D	99%
Year 2	
2A	100%
2B	97%
2C	98%
2D	98%
Year 3	
3A	98%
3B	100%
3C	94%
3D	98%
Year 4	
4A	97%
4B	99%
4C	100%
Year 5	
5A	93%
5B	98%
5C	96%
5D	98%
Seniors	
SA	98%
SB	97%
SC	97%

Term 1, 2016 Week 5
 Congratulations to these students on their achievement!



Fynn	PA	Responsible
Tasmyn	PB	Clever
Grace	PC	Resilience
Erin	PD	Respect
Oliver	1A	Responsible
Wyatt	1B	Clever
Tyson	1C	Clever
Summer	1D	Resilience
Jared	2A	Responsible
Charlotte	2B	Responsible
Isabella	2C	Caring
Tom	2D	Responsible
Ella	3B	Responsible
Aysha	3C	Resilience
Max	3D	Caring
Jack	4A	Responsible
Jordan Jordan	4B	Responsible
Seth	4C	Caring
Abby	5A	Clever
Damen	5B	Clever
Flynn	5C	Responsible
Anna	5D	Responsible
Holly	SA	Creative
Elleisha	SB	Caring
Hayden	SC	Responsible

Senior & Junior Cross Country



UNSW TESTING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Each year students are given the opportunity to participate in the *University of New South Wales ICAS* external tests in the key learning areas of Science, English and Mathematics. This test is an independent and skills-based assessment that allows you to see how your child is performing against his/her peers nationally. This year we are opening up each of these tests to interested students from Years 2-6.

Each test attracts a cost of \$8.80, payment for which is NOT REQUIRED with this EOI.

If you would like your child/ren to participate in this testing procedure please fill out the EOI below and return to the office by **Friday 18th March 2016**.

Provision for registering more than one student is provided below.

Sally Bedford, Head of Curriculum

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UNSW Testing Expression of Interest 2016

Student 1 name: _____

Class: _____

Test	Testing Date	Cost
Science	Tuesday 31 May, 2016	\$8.80
English	Tuesday 2 Aug, 2016	\$8.80
Mathematics	Tuesday 16 Aug, 2016	\$8.80

Student 2 name: _____

Class: _____

Test	Testing Date	Cost
Science	Tuesday 31 May, 2016	\$8.80
English	Tuesday 2 Aug, 2016	\$8.80
Mathematics	Tuesday 16 Aug, 2016	\$8.80

Student 3 name: _____

Class: _____

Test	Testing Date	Cost
Science	Tuesday 31 May, 2016	\$8.80
English	Tuesday 2 Aug, 2016	\$8.80
Mathematics	Tuesday 16 Aug, 2016	\$8.80

Please do not send payment yet.

Community News

"Meals on Wheels Victoria Point/Redland Bay are looking for volunteers to assist with the delivering of meals to those in our community that need a bit of help. The service not only provides a nutritious meal, but it's a friendly visit that may be the only human contact these people have in a week. We deliver to approx. 90 clients across Victoria Point, Thornlands, Redland Bay, Mt Cotton and the Bay Islands. One morning a month from 10.30am - 12.00pm is all we ask. If you think you can help, please contact Megan on 3207 7126 or email mowvicpoint@gmail.com. "

Dental Van News

The School Dental Van is currently here at Mt Cotton.

Metro South Oral Health provides free dental care to all interested students and any eligible siblings. Please phone the Oral Health Call Centre on **1300 300 850** to arrange bookings.

This mobile clinic will be operating on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays with appointments available from 8:20am.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS



Price List & Order Form - Found on theschool 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 emailed to pandc@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au.

Applications for the Uniform Shop Convenor position have closed and we will be in contact with the applicants this week to make interview times.

Tuesday afternoons	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Thursday mornings	8.15am –

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:

- **Voluntary Contribution Scheme \$40 per student or \$140 for families of 4 or more. Please use Code: VC or Levy if direct debiting**
- **Instrumental Music Levy \$50 & Instrument Hire \$75**
- **Senior Camp final payment \$200 due Thurs 3rd March for Cash Window payments.**
- **Bravehearts/Ditto Show P to 4, \$5 due Mon 14th March for Direct Debit payments (Code: Brave or Ditto) and Thurs 17th March for Cash Window payments.**
- **Ngutana-Lui Excursion Year 3, \$18 due Mon 14th March for Direct Debit payments (Code: NGU) and Thur 17th March for Cash Window payments**

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.

From the Library

End of term returns

The end of term is fast approaching and as is the usual practice, we ask that all Library books are returned by the end of next week – except for students who are participating in the Readers' Cup.



Readers' Cup – School Competition

Prep – Year 2 will complete this as part of their Library lessons this term and early next term. In Year 3 and Year 4 students compete in teams of 4 and read two set texts. Their competition will be held in Week 2, Term 2. The Year 5/6 competition is an individual competition as the top 5 scoring students are selected for the District team which competes against other schools in June. The Year 5/6 competition will be held in Week 9.

Book Club- reminder

The due date for orders is Wednesday Mar 9 for both school and online orders.

Peer Support

Our Peer Support groups met for the first time on Monday and considering we had over 600 students moving to 26 different locations around the school the first session went quite smoothly. The next session will be in Week 9 and the groups will discuss 'Circles of Responsibility' – how they can show responsibility themselves, within their family and at school.

ICTS – Internet Usage Agreement – pink form & iPad Agreement - yellow form

Additional forms were sent home last week to several families and these need to be returned by Wednesday March 9. Please help us finalise the collation of these forms before the end of this term.

Helen Plaschke

Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

library@mtcottons.eq.edu.au

School Banking News

Student Bankers of the Week & Class of the week:

23/02/16 Ashton 3B

Class: PB



01/03/16 Grace 2D

Class: PD

Student Banking is done on Tuesdays.

We had another record breaking banking last week. We are getting so popular we are in need of some more help.

The dynamic team at School Banking are in search of another volunteer. We process School Banking on a Tuesday afternoon from 12pm to the bell. It is really easy to do and we are great people to work with. Fantastic on the job training provided. Look at it this way you will get your pick of the car parks.

If you are interested give Nicole a call on 0423 731 175. Anita, Banking Guru

Newsletter Contributions Deadline: 3pm Monday prior.

Reminders, dates to remember ...

Week 7

- Tues 8 March School Newsletter
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
Senior & Junior Cross Country
Creative Generation
- Wed 9 March Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Tuckshop Open
Bookclub Orders due
Junior Assembly P to 3
Creative Generation
P & C AGM 6pm
P & C Mtg 6.30pm
- Thurs 10 March Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15 am
Tuckshop Open
Uniform Shop Open 8.15 to 9am
Senior Assembly 4 to 6
- Fri 11 March Tuckshop Open
Cluster Swimming
Playgroup 9am to 10.45am

Week 8

- Tues 15 Mar P & C Newsletter
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
- Wed 16 Mar Tuckshop Open

Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am

Junior Assembly P to 3

- Thurs 17 Mar Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Uniform Shop Open 8.15 to 9am
Senior Assembly 4 to 6

- Fri 18 Mar Tuckshop Open
Playgroup 9am to 10.45am
UNSW Tests Nomination Form Deadline
Week 9

- Mon 21 Mar **Public Speaking Day CDSHS**

- Tues 22 Mar School Newsletter
Uniform Shop 2 to 3pm
Anti Bullying Day—wear orange, gold coin

- Wed 23 Mar **Tuckshop Open—Counter sales only**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Junior Assembly P to 3
Ditto Show P to 4

- Thurs 24 Mar **Tuckshop Closed**
Cash Window Open 8.15 to 9.15am
Uniform Shop 8.15 to 9am
Senior Assembly 4 to 6
Last day of Term 1

- Fri 25 Mar **Public Holiday—Good Friday**

P & C News

Our Next Meeting:



The next meeting for the P&C will be the **P&C AGM** which will be held this **Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 6.00pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along!

At the AGM all seats will be vacated so if you are interested in a position on the executive please grab a form from the office next to the P&C box and come along to the meeting. The AGM this is the only meeting where you can become a member without being present at the meeting. Becoming a member doesn't mean you need to attend all our meetings but it allows you to be on a emailing list to be informed on what is happening. Membership forms will also be available in the office beside the P&C box.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hi everyone. With the AGM being held on Wednesday night I would like to take this time to thank everyone who has helped out over the last twelve months. I'm very happy with the things we have been able to achieve in 2015. It was fantastic being able to provide new furniture for the Year Four class rooms, iPads for all classrooms from Prep to Year Three and fans for the hall. This year is looking promising with our first fete since 2010. We have been extremely lucky to have a good group of parents who have put up their hands to help on the fete committee. I hope the whole school community will help and support this huge venture we are taking on. Thanks Nicole

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Disco: Due to reasons beyond our control the Disco has had to be cancelled this Friday night. Once a date has been confirmed we will let you know!

Easter Raffle

Our Easter Raffle tickets have gone out to families, the cost per ticket is \$2, a book for \$20. All tickets and money are to be returned in a sealed envelope to the P&C Box in the school office by **no later than Friday, 18th March, 2016**. The Raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday, 23rd March 2016** at Junior assembly.

FETE NEWS

Mount Cotton State School's Fete will be held on Saturday 14th May 2016. We will be selling arm bands for the rides at the Fete from **Wednesday 13th April** in the Uniform Shop. We will be opening the Uniform shop on the following days only for the sale of the arm bands (not uniforms):

Wednesday Afternoons 2.00 – 3.00pm

Friday Mornings 8.15am – 9.00am

We will be closing the presales of these arm bands on **Friday 6th May!** The cost of them are as follows:

Presale to 6th May	\$30.00 each
On the Day 14th May	\$35.00 each

The arm bands are for unlimited rides on the day of the Fete and will not be given out prior. They will need to be collected on the morning of the Fete (more information to come). We are chasing sponsorship, if anyone is able to help or knows of anyone that would like to sponsor the fete, could you please contact us on mcssfete@gmail.com. Also if anyone would like to hold a stall at the Fete please contact Jess on mcssfete@gmail.com. A stall starts from \$30 for a 3x3 spot.

WE ARE IN NEED OF YOUR HELP!

We are looking for donations for our side show alley and we are chasing volunteers to help out on the day. Forms are coming out soon that show a list of examples of items we would like as donations as well as a volunteers form. If you could all please support us by donating one or two items each and giving up at least an hour of your time on the day it would be greatly appreciated.

Call out for second hand book donations for the fete book stall. Just 4 or 5 good books from each student would be much appreciated and would go towards supporting our school. Call Danielle Kissane on 0418 759 414 if you have books to donate.

Call out for anyone who has their RSA Licence who is willing to volunteer at the Fete, please email your interest to mcssfete@gmail.com.

We are also putting a call out for anyone that has a large Marquee that would be willing to loan it to us for the Fete. Please email us on the Fete email above.

More information will be posted each week as we will be chasing donations and volunteers.

Tuckshop News



Welcome to week 7!

Unfortunately, last Friday, our online ordering system went down, prior to 7.30am. It was completely out of my hands as the issue was entirely the fault of our online ordering company. I, along with the wonderful volunteers and office staff, tried as best we could to manage the issue at hand, to ensure orders went out. This was extremely difficult to do without any access to the site. If you have any concerns regarding your ordering on Friday, please send an email to tuckshop@mtcottons.eq.ed.au. I would sincerely like to apologise to anyone who was inconvenienced by this.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who so generously gave up their spare time, especially those in the middle of the chaos on Friday. You are all AMAZING and without you the tuckshop simply couldn't run properly.

I am always after volunteers, for all days that the tuckshop is open. If you enjoy having a bit of fun while giving back to your school then the tuckshop sounds like the place for you to be!

Our online ordering system's cut off time is 8.30am sharp. To set up an account simply log on www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au. If you need to pay for an outstanding account, please don't do this through the online ordering system. If you need to cancel your child's lunch for any reason please contact the tuckshop. We cannot cancel orders past 8.45am.

Over the counter ordering shuts at 8.45am sharp. If you need to contact me please do so through either the school office, via email tuckshop@mtcottons.eq.edu.au, or just stop in and see me.

THE TUCKSHOP WILL BE SHUT FOR ORDERING THE LAST WEEK OF TERM!! Snack, slushies, drinks and ice creams will be available for purchase only on Wednesday 23rd March.

Enjoy your week,
Rachelle

