

**From the Principal:****Jeanette Bess:**

It is with sadness that I share that teacher aide Mrs Jeanette Bess has decided to retire at the end of this term. Jeanette has been at our school for over forty years. In this time she has played an important role in many areas of the school, beginning in the library before a teacher librarian was appointed. Jeanette has spent time as a general teacher aide and is currently a Prep teacher aide in Prep C. Jeanette's long service to the school has enhanced the lives of many children, their parents and the staff. Her knowledge of the school and its history will be sorely missed and unlikely to be repeated. We wish her all the best in retirement.

On **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of September at 9 am** we will have a special assembly to farewell and thank Mrs Bess for her dedication to the students of Mount Cotton State School!

**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.

**Prep 2016**

Now is the time to start thinking about enrolling children into Prep for next year. If you or your friends have children born between July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 and 30th June 2011 they are eligible to be enrol in prep in 2016. To be part of our 2016 Prep Transition program, *all enrolment paperwork must be submitted*. Our 2016 Transition Program was emailed to the families who have submitted their enrolment paperwork.

**Early Entry and Delayed Entry into Prep**

Information about early entry and delayed entry into prep can be found on the link below.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-operations/early-delayed-entry-prep.html>

**Senior Graduation – Date Claimer**

[Our Senior Graduation will be on the evening of Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of December.](#)

**A MESSAGE FROM COMMUNITY CHILD HEALTH NURSES: CHILDREN'S VISION AND EYE HEALTH**

More than 80% of a child's learning is vision-based. Recent research has found that as many as one in ten Australian children have some form of long-term vision problem which can impact on their ability to learn. Children are often unable to recognise they have a

vision problem because it develops over time and they're unable to sense this change. Outward signs of vision problems may include excessive blinking, squinting or rubbing eyes. Children may also demonstrate behaviours such as losing their place when reading; using fingers to follow words in a book (not for a new reader); crooked writing or poor spacing between words; covering or closing one eye to read; holding a book very close; or tilting their head to view things. The most common vision problems are those affecting children's ability to see clearly and sharply. Short- and long-sightedness and astigmatism are perhaps the better known conditions, and are usually correctable. Some other problems not so well known include poor eye co-ordination, turned eye, poor hand/eye coordination, eye movement defects, and difficulties focusing. Early detection and treatment is vital, not only to maximise children's ability to learn but, in some cases, to prevent permanent vision loss.

The Optometrists Association Australia recommends children have their vision assessed at 6 months of age, 3 years of age, again at 5 years of age, and then every two years thereafter. These consultations are covered under Medicare and more than 95% of optometrists bulk-bill. You don't need a referral to see an optometrist – just telephone for an appointment.

Apart from regular optometrist assessments, here are some tips to support children to maintain their eye health:

Encourage them to read in a room with good and even lighting and take regular breaks;

Minimise UV exposure by having them stay out of the sun between 10 am and 3 pm and wear sunglasses and a broad brimmed hat when outdoors;

When watching TV ensure even room lighting and do not allow them to sit in a completely dark room;

Limit computer sessions to less than two hours, ensure the top of the monitor is at or slightly below eye level, and encourage them to regularly look away from the computer screen;

For video games, encourage children to sit as far back from the TV as the leads allow.

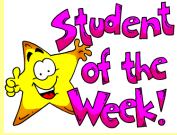
**Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!**

At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is **95%**. Below is the attendance percent for each class for Week 8.

PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
96	98	84	88	93	85	91	92
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
96	98	100	96	91	88	87	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
98	94	88	88	97	96	91	
SA	SB	SC					
87	91	91					

Your support as parents in achieving the best possible academic, social and emotional outcomes for your child is greatly valued. Kind regards, **Meagan Steward**  
[mstew40@eq.edu.au](mailto:mstew40@eq.edu.au)

**Important Term 4 Dates:**  
**Monday 5th October—Public Holiday**  
**Monday 19th October—Student Free Day**



**Term 3, Weeks 6 & 7**  
**Congratulations to these students**  
**on their achievement!**

**Photo Gallery:**  
**Grandparents Day—Year 1**  
**& Year 5 Camp**

<b>Sahara</b>	Prep A	<b>Creative</b>	<b>Cohen</b>	Prep A	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Rhys</b>	Prep B	<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Connor</b>	Prep B	<b>Resilience</b>
<b>Riley</b>	Prep C	<b>Clever</b>	<b>Alyssa</b>	Prep D	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Maddie</b>	1A	<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Charlotte</b>	1A	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Buckley</b>	1B	<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Jayden</b>	1B	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Isobella</b>	1C	<b>Caring</b>	<b>Bindi</b>	1C	<b>Creative</b>
<b>Levi</b>	1D	<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	1D	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Max</b>	2A	<b>Caring</b>	<b>Ella</b>	2C	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Maximus</b>	2B	<b>Clever</b>	<b>Damien</b>	2D	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Lachlan</b>	2C	<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Riley</b>	3A	<b>Creative</b>
<b>Bridie</b>	2D	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Noah</b>	3B	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Tayla</b>	3A	<b>Caring</b>	<b>Linkin</b>	3C	<b>Responsible</b> <b>Creative</b>
<b>Jack</b>	4A	<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Jorja</b>	4A	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Morgan</b>	4B	<b>Caring</b>	<b>Jett</b>	4B	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Ryan</b>	4C	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Skye</b>	4D	<b>Resilience</b>
<b>Ocean</b>	5A	<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Abbey</b>	SA	<b>Resilience</b>
<b>Jessica Marie</b>	5B	<b>Clever</b>	<b>Caitlin</b>	SB	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Kaylee</b>	SB	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Emilie</b>	SC	<b>Clever</b>
<b>Michael</b>	SC	<b>Caring</b>			

## Library News

### Student loans

All student loans are due for return by this Thursday.



### Earn & Learn Campaign – finishes Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept – target 50 000 points

Our current total is 37 000+ points and still counting! Please send any stickers and incomplete sheets to school this week so we can finalise our count. We will need to submit our stickers by the end of term and once our count has been verified we will be able to place our order with Modern Teaching Aids for items such as the ones listed below. A decision on which resources we will 'purchase' this year will be made in consultation with Staff and based on the needs of the school.

#### Maths

Bank notes and coin set	499 pts
Money wise activity set	832 pts
Easy read classroom clock (set 10)	6 499 pts

#### Literacy

Jolly Phonics cards	1 049 pts
Set 6 guided readers (lower primary)	546 pts
Big books (assorted titles) (each)	899 pts

#### Science

Student thermometers (set 12)	549 pts
Hand magnifiers (set 12)	799 pts

#### Health & Physical Education

Sports kids soccer ball	419 pts
T-ball set with stand, bat & ball	479 pts
Trainers soft vinyl rugby ball	178 pts

## Technology

Set of 10 iPad cases	6 599 pts
Tech tub iPad locking & charging station (7 iPads)	999 pts

**Thank you** to all the families who have supported this campaign and also to the **Student Librarians** and extra student helpers who have spent many lunchtimes transferring the stickers and counting completed sheets.

**A special thank you to Sharon Darlington** (one of our parent's who works at Woolworths) for making sure we receive the stickers that have been lodged at Victoria Point Woolworths and Holly and Kiara Darlington (for their sticking!)

#### **Helen Plaschke**

Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

[library@mtcottons.eq.edu.au](mailto:library@mtcottons.eq.edu.au)

## Sports News

*Congratulations*



### Congratulations to Alyssa

Alyssa competed as a member of the Metropolitan East Athletics Team in the High Jump last week at the State Championships. Alyssa has achieved an amazing result, she finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall in Queensland. Well done Alyssa a name to look out in high jump events in the future.

**Sue Harris**, PE Teacher.

## Reminders, dates to remember ...

### Week 9

- Tues 8 Sept School Newsletter  
**2016 Prep Transition program (9.15 to 10.30am)**
- Wed 9 Sept Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Tuckshop Open  
**Junior Assembly P to 2**
- Thurs 10 Sept Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Tuckshop Open  
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**No Senior Assembly 3 to 6**  
**School Musical 6.30pm**
- Fri 11 Sept Tuckshop Open  
**Cotton Club Playgroup 9am**  
**Interschool Sports Yrs 5 & 6**  
**School Musical 6.30pm**

### Week 10

- Mon 14 Sept Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**Prep Excursion Prep C & D**
- Tues 15 Sept P & C Newsletter  
**2016 Prep Transition program (9.15 to 10.30am)**
- Wed 16 Sept Tuckshop open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
**Whole School Assembly**

### **Year 5 Camp departs P & C Meeting 7pm**

- Thurs 17 Sept Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window open 8.15-9.15am  
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**No Senior Assembly**  
**Volleyball Cup Yr 6**
  - Fri 18 Sept Tuckshop Open  
**Cotton Club Playgroup 9am**  
**Prep Excursion Prep A & B**  
**Last day of Term 3**
- ### Term 4 Week 1
- Mon 5 Oct **Public Holiday**
  - Tues 6 Oct School Newsletter
  - Wed 7 Oct Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
**No Junior Assembly**
  - Thurs 8 Oct Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
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## P & C News

### Our Next Meeting:



The Next P & C Meeting is to be held on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7pm**, in the school library. Everyone is welcome!

### From the President:

Hi everyone. A big thanks to Kirk Jackson and his helpers for a fantastic Father's Day stall!

We are looking for people to help with a few fundraising events we have planned for the future. So if you can help with the following please contact me via email.

We are chasing people to help call local businesses asking for donations for our Xmas raffle. If you have your own business or know anyone that does and you would like to make a donation for our Christmas raffle, please let us know.

We are wanting to have a fete next year and we are looking for some wonderful people who would like to join us and make a fete committee. You do not need experience just be willing to pitch in and help out. I would like to have a meeting on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm** at McDonald's Victoria point.

**The P&C are doing food at the musical on Thursday and Friday night and we are needing a few people to help in the canteen.** If you are free and able to help please contact Nicole on 0423 731 175.

If you can help out in any of the above we would love to hear from you.

Thanks Nicole

### FUNDRAISING

The chocolate drive money is due back this week. Please can you help support this fundraiser!!! If everyone sells their box we will look at making \$10,000.00 profit. A lot of hard work goes into coming up with new ideas to fundraise and even more hard work running a fundraiser. It's a little disappointing when we try so hard to raise good money for the school, students and the community and then feel we don't have the community support behind us. We had to buy the chocolates outright, so for every box that comes back unsold means less money for the students. Please help us by supporting this fundraiser so that we can then help your child/children and their school. Thank you to everyone who has sold their box (or more) and has sent the money back to the school. It's really appreciated.

Thanks Nicole

## Tuckshop News

2 weeks to go!



A **BIG** thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped this week.

It is fabulous that you, the MCSS parents/caregivers, have taken on board my requests for orders to be in earlier. Thanks to all those who are helping in this way.

I love the notes of thanks and the smiley faces on the lunch bags. They make my volunteers and myself feel very special, and appreciated.

Lastly, please note that the **Tuckshop will be closed for all orders on the last day of term** (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September) although chips, drinks and ice creams will still be available.

Have a great week,  
Rachelle

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS



**Price List & Order Form** - Found on the school website

([www.mtcottons.eq.edu.au](http://www.mtcottons.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:**



25/08/15 Cody 2A

Class: 4B

01/09/15 Lauren 2C

Class: 2B

**Student Banking is done on Tuesdays**

### 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

**From the Deputy Principal:**  
**Student Council Fundraising for the RSPCA**

A reminder that our student council will be targeting the RSPCA for its fundraising efforts this term. This is the last week to donate items to the pet goods drive. Students are asked to bring in an item or items to donate to the RSPCA. This could be in the form of pet food, pet toys, blankets etc. These can be brought to school this week and stored in the classroom until the collection concludes this Friday.

**Great Fun at Great Mates**

Great Mates has been going strong again this term. We have trialled some new activities this term in response to feedback received from students through the Student Council survey. Two weeks ago we had the dress up relays, which was the source of much amusement (see why below!) and last week was an obstacle course. Keep encouraging your child to come along and have some fun!

**Great Mates Dress Up Relay**

**Assembly:**

The only assembly this week will be our P to 2 assembly. Our 3 to 6 assembly has been cancelled to allow the hall to be set up for the musical.

In Week 10 we will have a special whole school assembly for Mrs Bess. This will be held on Wednesday 16th September). There will not be an assembly on Thursday. Our next 3 to 6 assembly will be Week 2 in Term 4.

Kind regards,

**Glenice Cleary**

**Maths Team Challenge 2015**

Last Tuesday, 10 of our students attended the Logan School's Maths Team Challenge competition. There were 30 teams competing, with schools from as far away as Greenslopes participating.

Students participate in groups of 5 solving mathematical problems within a set time. The first activity is a 45 minute 'Team Challenge,' where all five students work on two pages of problems, attempting to answer as many as possible. The second activity is a 60 minute 'Team Relay,' where the students are paired to work on a set problem. The pairings change after every 4 questions. Both of our teams acquitted themselves well, answering some particularly challenging questions. The teams from St Bernard SS, Currumbin SS and Durack SS took out first, second and third places respectively. The Mt Cotton results are as follows:

Team A: 11<sup>th</sup> place

Team B: 26<sup>th</sup> place

Congratulations to the following students for proudly representing your school in this competition:

**Tate , Jay , Sarah , Elleisha and Lachlan from Year 5; and,**

**Lara , Sam , Jessica , Jacob and Madison from Year 6.**

These students will be receiving their participation certificates on parade on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015 with parents and caregivers most welcome to attend.

***Sally Bedford, Head of Curriculum***

**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:**

- Volleyball Comp. Yr 6 \$10 due Thurs 10th Sept
- Year 4 Camp second instalment \$90 due Thurs 10th Sept
- Prep Excursion \$22 due Thurs 10th Sept

**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.**

**Student Absence Line:**

**3822 0460**

**Please leave:**

**name, class & brief reason.**

**Long Absences:**

**admin@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au**

**Cottonhoppers 30<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary**

This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the Cottonhoppers Jump Rope for Heart Team from Mount Cotton State School. We are calling for all past and present team members, families, community members and friends who have been involved with the team over the last 30 years to come together and celebrate this amazing milestone. The team are hosting an Anniversary/ Reunion event on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm in the school hall. If you would like further information on the event or to RSVP please email the Coach of the Cottonhoppers: Taryn Hodgson – [thodg5@eq.edu.au](mailto:thodg5@eq.edu.au) Please RSVP by 30<sup>th</sup> October.