

### **LEADERSHIP CHANGE AT MT COTTON STATE SCHOOL**

This week, I was informed by my Regional Director, Sharyn Donald that I was successful in being appointed as a Principal Supervisor for the South East Region. I have accepted the position and will be starting in this role in the next fortnight. This position is intended for the duration of 2015 and gives me the chance to work alongside Assistant Regional Directors in improving the performance of schools across the South East Region.

My highest priority is to ensure the continuity of the programs and culture that we have worked hard on developing at our school over the past 2 years. In the next week, I will be working with the Mt Cotton P&C President, Richard Froshaw and the Assistant Regional Director, Brian Streatfield, to appoint an acting principal in my absence. Our intention is to do this as quickly as possible so that we can continue to realise our plans for the school's short and long term success with minimal disruption. I have approached our Deputy Principal, Glenice Cleary, to act as principal, which she has respectively declined, opting instead to remain in her role where she feels she can have the greatest impact and also support the new principal in their transition into the Mt Cotton community.

I see this opportunity as a positive one, as I will be learning and developing further skills as a leader which I intend to then bring back to Mt Cotton in the future. Personally, the decision to leave our great school for this year was a difficult one. However, I feel the teaching & administrative staff along with the schools programs that we have in place, are in such a great position that I can leave with confidence knowing that the children of Mt Cotton will continue to experience the very best education possible. I will share further details at the P&C meeting this evening which, as always, I encourage you all to attend.

### **PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

I have been extremely happy with the start to the school year and now the teaching staff are ready to share with you the distinct plans they have for your child in their classrooms. I have requested staff to focus

on communication, connectivity of learning between home and school and key strategies that will take place in the classroom that will be supportive of your child's learning and growth. This is a great opportunity to give teachers feedback as well as cement your relationship with them and I am sure you will leave feeling confident that your child is in good hands this year.

### **Parent Information Evening – tonight Wednesday 11th February**

The Parent Information Evening will be held on tonight **Wednesday 11 February 2015** at the following times:

**P to 3 classes : 6 :00-6:30pm**

**Yr 4 to 6 classes: 6:30-7:00pm**

The sessions will be held in your child's classroom and is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and get an overview of the year ahead.

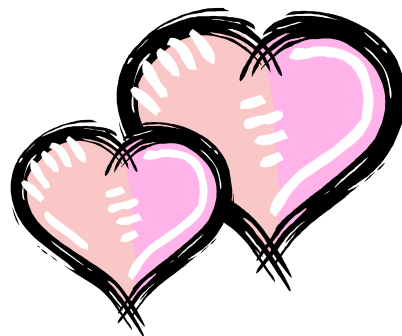
If you need to move between rooms due to having children in multiple year levels, please feel free to do so.

If parents bring their child with them on the evening, they must either attend the OHSC or remain with their parent. Students are not to be left unsupervised playing around the school during the sessions.



**Term 1: 27th Jan to 2nd April**  
**Term 2: 20th April to 26th June**  
**Term 3: 13th July to 18th Sept**  
**Term 4: 6th Oct to 11th Dec**

## Happy Valentines Day



**Photo Gallery: (Clockwise from top) The School Leader Induction Ceremony, The Senior Shirts and The School Leader's Cake. Congratulations to our leaders for 2015.**



### 2015 School Leaders

**School Captains:**

**Abigail and Sam**

**Vice Captains:**

**Alexia and Lain**

**Marloo House Captains:**

**Jacob and Alyssa**

**Kulla House Captains:**

**Summa and Ben**

**Barawa House Captains:**

**Madison and Lara**



### **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:**

- **Senior Camp Non-refundable deposit \$125 due Thurs 12th Feb**
- **Senior Shirts \$41 due Thurs 19th Feb**

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.

### **Staff Car Park**

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.

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

Many thanks for your cooperation.

## From the Library

**Bookclub** - Orders with money should be returned to the **library** by **WEDNESDAY Feb 11** . Orders placed directly through Scholastic via the **LOOP (Linked Online Ordering and Payment system)** also need to be made by COB tomorrow (Wednesday Feb 11)

**Student Librarians** – the students who are successful in their application for Student Librarian in Semester 1 will be advised on Friday and badges will be presented at next week's Senior Assembly (Thursday)

### ICT Matters

A reminder that the Network Usage agreements sent home recently need to be returned to school ASAP.

**Student email** – all students have an EQ email address and we have recently changed from MIS Webmail to Office 365 Webmail. For students in Year 4 – 6 who wish to access their school emails at home the simplest and quickest way is to enter the following URL in an Internet browser – [owa.eq.edu.au](http://owa.eq.edu.au). Students in Year 3 will be introduced to using email later in the year – at this stage it is not necessary for Prep – Year 2 students to be using their EQ email.

**Helen Plaschke**

**Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator**

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

## Sports News

In last week's newsletter there was an error in the distances students run for the cross country.

The following distances are correct

**Year 4 (those students not born 2005) = 1km**

**Born 2005 = 2km**

**Born 2004 = 3km**

**Born 2003 = 3km**

Apologies for the error. Don't forget cross counter before school fitness sessions begin **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb at 8am**.

Meet at the green seats on the bottom oval with hat, water bottle, good running shoes and permission form. Yours in sport , Sue Harris, PE Teacher

*Congratulations*

**Congratulations! Madison (Senior C) and Max R (Senior A)** and 11 others from Mt Cotton State school last weekend competed for the Redlands Huskies at the Qld Oztag Junior State Cup at Sunshine Coast. Madison and Max have been selected in the u12 girls and u11 boys Qld representative sides to compete at the Oztag State of Origin against NSW in May on the Sunshine Coast. Congratulations!



## Family Court Documents :

Please supply the school with a copy of family court documents that are relevant to custodial arrangements for your student/s in an effort to ensure the school has the most up-to-date information. Thanks.

## Reminders, dates to remember ...

### Week 3

- Tues 10 Feb School Newsletter
- Wed 11 Feb Cash Window Closed  
Tuckshop Open  
**Junior Assembly P to 3**  
**Parent Info Sessions**  
**6-6.30pm – P to 3**  
**6.30-7pm – 4 to 6**  
**P & C Meeting 7pm**
- Thurs 12 Feb Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Tuckshop Open  
**Senior Assembly 4 to 6**  
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
- Fri 13 Feb Tuckshop Open  
Uniform Shop Open 8.15-9.15am

### Week 4

- Mon 16 Feb Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
- Tues 17 Feb P & C Newsletter
- Wed 18 Feb Tuckshop open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
**Junior Assembly P to 3**

- Thurs 19 Feb Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**Senior Assembly 4 to 6**
- Fri 20 Feb Tuckshop Open  
Uniform Shop Open 8.15-9.15am

### Week 5

- Mon 23 Feb Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm
- Tues 24 Feb School Newsletter
- Wed 25 Feb Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
**Junior Assembly P to 3**
- Thurs 26 Feb Tuckshop Open  
Cash Window Open 8.15-9.15am  
Uniform Shop 2.15-3.15pm  
**Senior Assembly 4 to 6**
- Fri 27 Feb Tuckshop Open  
Uniform Shop Open 8.15-9.15am  
**Cluster Swim Carnival**

## Tuckshop News

[www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au)

Jo Wildermoth 0468 944 420

Tuckshop is open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays for Morning Tea and Lunch. **Roster:**

Wed 11th Feb	Suzi Cain
Thurs 12th Feb	Kerry Gallagher, Debbie Evans
Fri 13th Feb	Kerry Gllagher, Debbie Evans

We offer a convenient online ordering system – to register go to [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au)

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

I hope you all enjoyed your holidays and had a well deserved break, I know I did. This year I really want to focus on healthy choices at tuckshop. This is not an easy task because let's face it for most kids it's an exciting treat for making good choices all week and they have their favourite thing that they must have each week ,so with that in mind I still have the old favourites, they are just available at certain times which means, bigger items such as large meat pies, hot dogs, chicken burgers, beef burgers, spaghetti and lasagna will be available every day but only at big lunch, all these items have been made with in the healthy eating guidelines. We have more healthy snacks available and for a reasonable price, fruit & yoghurt \$1.50, banana & custard \$1.50, snack pack ( dip,cherry tom, rice crackers, chopped vegetables). Starting this week sushi will be available Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

Keep an eye out for the new menu in your children's school bags in the next few weeks. Once again we are in need of volunteers a lot of our volunteers last year left because their children moved on to high school. Remember you only need to volunteer for a couple of hours each week or fortnight and your children love seeing you here. Wishing you all a fabulous start to the new year

**Jo Wildermoth, Tuckshop Convenor**

## School Banking News

**Student Bankers of the Week**

3/2/14 Emerson 4C Class: 2A



### Student Banking is done on Tuesdays

Last year we went "Deep Sea Saving", this year we are going "Outer Space Saving". That's right, our reward items this year have an outer space theme. Keep a look out in the library over the next few weeks for our display of 2015 reward items. The 2015 info pack will be distributed shortly along with some info about an "account opening day" and a sensational competition. (*who wants to go to DISNEYLAND ! !*) Looking forward to seeing your banking wallets tomorrow. **Anita Banking Guru!**

## Music Notes :



Choirs start rehearsing this week. If for some reason you have missed out on a form please see Mrs Bath, it's not too late to join us!

**Mini Melodies (yr 1 & 2) Tuesday Morning at 8.00am**  
**Mt Cotton Voices (Yr3-6) Thursday Morning at 8.00am**

**Mt Cotton Cantabile (auditioned choir) Friday Morning at 8.00am**

Instrumental Music and Strings have both underway. It will take another week or 2 or all instruments to be ready to go home. 2 forms have to be returned: The Student Resource Scheme form and the Student Loan Agreement Form.

Please email if you have any questions

[sbath16@eq.edu.au](mailto:sbath16@eq.edu.au)

**Suzie Bath, Music Teacher**

## 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. **EMAIL: [mel-foster@live.com.au](mailto:mel-foster@live.com.au) PHONE: 0418 438 747**



**Uniform shop hours: Monday 2.15-3.15pm**  
**Thurs 2.15-3.15pm, Friday 8.15-9am**

## School Procedure Reminders

### Messages to Students

Change to pick-up messages are to be received at the school office no later than **12:30pm**.

### Late Arrivals—9am

Please be advised that students, who arrive late to school **after 9am**, do not need to be accompanied by their parents to collect a late slip before going to class.

### Early Departures

Parents are required to sign out students in the office **before** they collect them. Students in P to yr 3 can then be collected from the classroom and students in yrs 4 to 6 will be asked to come to the office to meet their parents.

### Persons Other than Parents Collecting a Student Early

Please be aware that a person other than a parent, who is collecting a student/s early, will be asked for photo identification upon signing them out. Parents need to advise the office of that person's name prior to the collection of the student.

### Traffic Infringements in the Parent Car Park

Breaches of parent car park rules are to be reported to either the Redland City Council or the police. Due to the fact that the school has no jurisdiction (ownership) over the parent car park, there are limitations over actions the school can take.

### Staff Car Park – Before & After School Care

Parents are asked not to use the staff car park to collect students from the Before & After School Care facility.

**Please use the parent car park to do this.** The staff car park gates are **locked** each night by the school cleaners as they leave. All cars that are left in the staff car park will be locked in.

