



# MCSS DAILY NEWS



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## Mount Cotton State School Prepares to Celebrate 150 Years of Learning!

Mount Cotton State School will celebrate its 150th anniversary in October this year. The school community is preparing for a special event to recognise how the school has grown and changed since it first opened. Families, staff, students, and local residents are invited to take part in the celebration.

Mount Cotton State School opened in 1876 with only twelve students attending lessons in a small wooden classroom. At the time, the school was surrounded by farms, and most students walked long distances to get there. Over many decades, the school has expanded its buildings and programs to meet the needs of a larger and more diverse community. Today, it continues to be an important place for learning.

Principal Meagan Steward said the anniversary was a chance for everyone to appreciate the school's long history. *"Mount Cotton has always been a welcoming school where families feel connected,"* Ms Steward said. She explained that celebrating 150 years helps students understand how schools change over time. *"This milestone reminds us of the many people who have helped our school grow,"* she added.

The anniversary celebration will take place in October, with a country fair planned as the main event. The fair will include food stalls, games, music, and displays showing photos and objects from the school's past. Students will help run activities and share what they have learned about the school's history. The community is looking forward to a fun event that brings everyone together.

The 150th anniversary is an important moment for Mount Cotton State School because it highlights how long the school has supported learning in the area. With the help of staff, families, and volunteers, the celebration is expected to be a memorable day. It will give students a chance to reflect on the past and think about the school's future.

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## Year 5 A Exemplar.

This is an A because the writer shows strong control and careful choices.

### Text Structure & Paragraphing

- I have used all the parts of a news report (headline, introduction, background, quote, event details, ending).
- Each paragraph has one clear purpose, and the ideas build in a logical order.
- My paragraphs are well developed, not rushed or repetitive.
- I link my ideas smoothly so the report flows from start to finish.
- Spelling and Punctuation is correct.

### Language Features & Vocabulary

- I use interesting and precise words that match a real news report.
- My vocabulary is topic-specific (e.g. words about history, school, community).
- My sentences are varied and well controlled, not all the same.
- I include a quote from an important person and link it clearly to my topic.
- My writing sounds formal, clear, and confident, like a real news article.