



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 this October, marking a major milestone in the school's long history of serving the local community. The celebration will bring together current students, families, alumni, and staff to honour the school's achievements since opening in 1876. The school has planned a special country fair to celebrate this monumental event, reflecting the school's strong community spirit and commitment to tradition.

Mount Cotton State School first opened its doors in 1876, welcoming a small class of just twelve students from local farming families. At that time, lessons were held in a single timber classroom built by members of the community. Since then, the school has grown steadily, expanding its facilities and programs to meet the needs of a changing population. Today, this history remains an important part of the school's identity and connection to the community.

Principal Meagan Steward said the 150th anniversary is a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the role the school has played in shaping generations of learners. Ms Steward explained, *"Mount Cotton has always been a place where students feel supported, valued, and proud of who they are."* She also shared that reaching such a milestone highlights the dedication of past and present staff, families, and community members. *"This anniversary reminds us of the incredible legacy we continue to build together,"* she stated.

The official 150th anniversary celebration will take place in October, bringing together current families, alumni, and community members. A celebratory country fair is scheduled as the centrepiece of the event, featuring food stalls, games, performances, and historical displays. Organisers are planning a full day of activities designed to honour the school's past while celebrating its future. The fair is expected to draw significant community interest and become one of the most memorable events in the school's history.

The upcoming anniversary celebration will recognise the people and stories that have shaped Mount Cotton State School for a century and a half. As preparations continue, staff and students are looking forward to sharing the school's rich history with the wider community. With strong support from families and local organisations, the 150th year stands as a proud reminder of the school's past and an exciting step toward its future.

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