Report Cards

On Tuesday, July 22 from 3.30pm – 5.30pm Semester 1 Report cards will be available for collection at Cooktown State School.

For Primary School (Prep-7), please contact the office to make a 10 minute appointment with your child’s Classroom Teacher. For Secondary Students please contact the office to make a 10 minute appointment with your Child’s Roll Class Teacher.

During the afternoon, information will be available on School of Distance Education, Student Support Services, QCE/OP eligibility, SETPLAN/Work Experience, Junior Secondary and Special Education Services.

Primary School interviews will be in the library, while Years 8-10 will take place in (G6) and Years 11-12 in (G5)

Report Cards will only be distributed during appointment times. If parents are unable to make these times please make an alternative booking.

Improving Reading- Goals

Students from Prep to Year 7 are moving in leaps and bounds in reading and achieving personal reading goals. These goals are set by the student and the teacher and are practised in class, and many students are working on them at home as well. When they have achieved 5 of their goals, they come to the school book shop in I Block to buy a book. The full goal program is in the school foyer for everyone to read.

Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews on Tuesday is a great time to talk about your child’s goals. Congratulations to all of our students and keep up the motivation! Dominique Ottone

Year 10 JCU ‘Get into Uni’

The Residential Camp was held at the Townsville Campus over the school holidays. This camp brings together carefully selected students from across the region to provide a first-hand experience of university life. The four students selected to represent Cooktown State School were: Emaleth Pennell, Mahlyke Pierce-Walker, Daniel Midgley and Jessica Gilmore. These students had a wonderful time stating that the Campus was impressive, but they also felt very comfortable. The all agreed that science, vet science and law studies were their favourite interactive courses.
Bags, Beanies and Boots were packed to head off on our adventure south. On arrival at the Sydney airport we began putting on the layers of clothing to combat the cold as we waited for our bus. The next views were from our balcony of the YHA at The Rocks, which consisted of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Sydney Opera House and the water below.

The experiences to follow were definitely life changing, thanks to Mrs Hall’s jam packed schedule. Day and Night we walked with the occasional train, bus and ferry, but good walking shoes were needed. Cody dropped her heels in the park opposite the Opera House, Elaine put hair bands on her shoes to keep them in place just south of St Marys Cathedral.

We walked past Circular Quay, up and down the Opera House steps, through the streets over bridges through the subways into lifts onto escalators, well you get the picture... all 21 of us! The NSW Gallery and Museum of Contemporary Art both had beautiful cuisine (um food!) and many art pieces for everyone. We saw paintings that were 3 times the height of Brandon one of our tallest students and we saw exhibits in pitch black rooms with bean bags to sit on, we toured through a Japanese exhibition which consisted of over 600 hundred year old kimonos who hardly ever saw daylight and almost fell over viewing some art pieces which had 3d flooring and made us feel like we were on a moving train. We soared over the city from the top of the Sydney Tower Eye and caught a glimpse of the 5 million people from a height of 260 metres (more than double the eye height of the Sydney harbour bridge. We almost escaped Mrs Hall when she missed the ferry over to manly and had to wait until she arrived on the next one for further instructions.

We got toured through the Opera House finding out the sails were made of concrete and really expensive bathroom tiles, and we almost left Tahlia behind watching a practise session of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, rare treat.

We had an amazing tour and 2 hour workshop at the Brett Whiteley studio which was inspirational to all.

Nepalese restaurant yum yum! And last but not least we got all dressed up for a night out at the lyric theatre for a live performance of “Strictly Ballroom”, costumes, singing and comedy what a fabulous ending to a fun filled five days.

A big thankyou to Mrs Jenifer Hall for the amazing experience and to Mrs Sorenson for all her help and to all the students you were all great, to the hilarious Jayden never a dull moment and everyone else who made it a very enjoyable trip, including Michelle and Bradley. Thanks Helena.
Senior School

Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

The QCE is Queensland's senior school-based qualification, awarded to eligible students on completion of the senior phase of learning, usually at the end of Year 12. The qualification is internationally recognised and offers flexibility in what is learnt, as well as where and when learning occurs. This allows students to tailor their senior pathway to suit their interests and support their future goals. The QCE is achievable for students and recognises a broad range of learning, including senior school subjects, vocational education and training (VET), workplace and community learning recognised by the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA), and university subjects undertaken while at school. To be awarded a QCE, a student needs to demonstrate a significant amount of learning, to a set standard and in a set pattern, while meeting literacy and numeracy requirements. These requirements are measured in terms of credits. Credits are banked when the set standard has been met. Students must have at least 20 credits in the required pattern to be awarded a QCE. It is very important that all students in Yr 11 and 12 are striving towards getting a QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education).

The QCS Test
On the 2nd and 3rd of September Yr 12 students will be sitting the Queensland Core Skills Test. While sitting the QCS Test is essential for students seeking an OP, other students can benefit from sitting it too for the following reasons:

A grade of C or above will ensure they meet literacy and numeracy requirements for the Queensland Certificate of Education.

A grade of D or above may boost their Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre selection rank.

The QCS Test result can only be used to moderate the rank upwards.

For this reason it is encouraged here at Cooktown SS that ALL Yr 12 students sit the QCS test.

Particular knowledge of specific subjects is not tested. Instead, the QCS Test assesses achievement in the 49 Common Curriculum Elements (CCEs).

The CCEs are generic skills that students work with across their senior subjects, such as using correct spelling, punctuation and grammar, calculating, analysing and hypothesising to name a few. This means that students are preparing for the QCS Test all the time and in every subject.

The QCS Test consists of four papers:
- a Writing Task of 600 words
- a Short Response paper
- two Multiple Choice papers.

In each testpaper, students are asked to respond to a variety of stimulus materials, such as prose passages, poetry, graphs, tables, maps, mathematical and scientific data, cartoons and artistic works.

What are OP's and FP’s?
A student’s OP shows their position in a statewide rank order based on their overall achievement in Authority subjects. OP1 is the highest and OP25 is the lowest. In Queensland, the OP is the primary tertiary entrance rank for school leavers applying to university. FPs are additional rank orders that supplement an OP.

Even if your child is not currently planning to study at university, sitting the QCS Test and remaining OP-eligible is recommended as it will give them more options in the future.

How do students get an OP?
To be eligible to receive an OP, students must:
- complete 20 semester units of credit in Authority subjects
- study at least three subjects for four semesters each
- sit the QCS Test
- attend school until the final day of Year 12.
2014 Track and Field

The Cooktown State School Cross Country Carnival was held over three days from Tuesday 24th – Thursday 26th June. It was great couple of day with a fantastic show of support from parents and high participation numbers from students. On Tuesday afternoon 20 high school students took part in the 3000m, a new event for this year. After great success and selection for state cross country, Nick Harvey and Steve Johnson led the way for the rest of the field and set a blistering pace for the others to try and hold.

Wednesday saw 13 years and over students participate in 1500m and 800m track events, as well as discus, javelin and triple jump. These events had higher participation numbers than previous years and students started accumulating points towards age champions.

Thursday the Year 4 to 7 students joined in and took part in track events including 100m, 200m and 400m. Field events on the day were High Jump, Shot put and Long Jump. The day finished off with Cook v Kennedy relays, as well as Torrey Cantarella edging out Mr Roe in a 100m teacher v student show down.

The Cook v Kennedy rivalry was at an all-time high with Kennedy already winning the swimming and cross country carnivals this year. Despite Cook’s best efforts, Kennedy again edged them out over the three days and won the carnival and overall trophy for the year by a whopping 700 points! Kennedy captains Bo Skipworth and Khya Witheridge were ecstatic with the results.

9, 10, 11 & 12 years 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters now qualify for Districts next term at Cooktown SS. 13 years and over competitors who finished in the top 2 for field events and long distance running events, as well as 1st place in the shorter events will now head off to Malanda at the end of July for a chance to qualify for Peninsula trials. Congratulations to the following

Boys

Girls
9yrs – Ruby Privett, 10yrs – Isabella Sabatino, 11yrs – Joanne Kaigey-Taylor, 12yrs – Brianna Lemon & Amber Farnan, 13yrs – Barbara Taylor, 4yrs – Carly Johnson, 15yrs - Emma Lee, 16yrs – Bo Skipworth
To raise funds for the Years 5/6/7 Camp, we are holding a **Movie Night** right here at school! We will be having a sausage sizzle and screening the latest smash hit *The Lego Movie!*

Mr Mitchell will be selling his famous **Fruit Smoothies** and we will have an assortment of yummy cakes and sweets to purchase and enjoy.

The cost is only **$5** and includes the sausage sizzle and entry into the film.

The theme is a **Pyjama Party**! So come along in your favourite PJ's and enjoy a fun night out with your friends!

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**Digital Media News**

Cooktown P-12 State School has a new Web Site. It is full of lots of useful information and newsletters can be downloaded from there as well. Just type **cooktownss.eq.edu.au** in your browser to get connected. The Cooktown P-12 State School P&C has joined Facebook. Be sure to look the up and like the page if you are on Facebook. P&C is an essential part of any school. The page can keep you in touch and is full of current events.

There have been two recent cases of **Measles** imported into Cairns from Papua New Guinea – one at a local school and one in the community. We ask that you be aware of the possibility of further secondary cases as the new school term begins.

Students returning from holidays overseas may develop symptoms in the next two weeks. Secondary cases from the most recent local case could occur up until 19th July.

People with measles are infectious prior to the appearance of the rash (from 5 days before until 4 days after it appears), so there may be transmission before children develop typical symptoms. Any suspected cases should be sent home while waiting for appropriate test results.

**Typical features of measles are:**

- One or more of cough, runny nose, conjunctivitis
- Generalised rash beginning on the face and trunk
- Fever present at the time of the onset of the rash
- (A history of vaccination with two measles-containing vaccines makes infection unlikely).

If you have any questions, please contact Tropical Public Health Services (Cairns) on (07) 4226-5555.

Contact your doctor or Community Health for a free Measles Vaccination.

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**Cooytown Primary Presents**

**Pyjama Party Movie Night!**

**Where:** Year 6L Classroom

**When:** Friday July 18th from 5pm

**Cost:** $5 per child

**Who:** Primary students only

**Phone:** 07 4082 0222

**Email:** dling11@eq.edu.au

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