Welcome to the final week of Term 2!

We have had an amazing term here at Coopers Plains State School, and all our students deserve a relaxing break.

Tomorrow, Friday the 24th of June, is the final day of school. Please be aware that school starts back on Monday the 11th of July. We wish you all a safe and happy break and hope to see you excited and refreshed for the start of next term.

School Opinion Survey

Each year, the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) undertakes a survey of parents/caregivers and students to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. The survey will be conducted after the school holidays from 11 July to 29 July.


Coopers Plains Visual Arts Competition

The Coopers Plains P&C’s Visual Arts competition will be running again this year. Students can submit artwork in the following categories: Drawing, Painting, Photography and 3D Creations. Students may submit up to three pieces of art per category. Each submission must include an entry form and a $2 payment. A detailed brochure and entry forms went home yesterday with student report cards. All artwork must be submitted by Tuesday the 23rd of August and will be displayed at the Exhibition Night on the 24th of August. Start working on your artwork over the holidays—we look forward to seeing your wonderful creations.

2016 Sports Day

What a terrific day we enjoyed on Tuesday, with lovely weather, great sportsmanship, a huge turn-out of parents and supporters and, most importantly, everyone having a fabulous time with a focus on pursuing our individual best and working as part of a team.

A lot of hard work was put in to make the day an enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone.

Thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who assisted in setting up and packing up for the day, as well as the volunteers who provided sustenance for the students, families and staff.

Congratulations to the Interhouse Athletics winners on the day, Sherrington and to the Interhouse Ballgame winners, Boyland.

Congratulations also to all the Age Champions, well done on your effort.
**Reporting to Parents**

Written report cards for all students have been distributed. Please read the information below regarding how to interpret your child’s report.

Parent Teacher meetings will be held during weeks 3 and 4 next term.

**Understanding Your Child’s Report Card**

As you are aware, students and teachers are working with the Australian Curriculum, as interpreted through Queensland’s C2C curriculum resources.

Report card results in English, Maths, Science, Geography and History this semester are based on the content descriptors and year level Achievement Standards from the Australian Curriculum. For further information on the Australian Curriculum standards visit the online curriculum at [http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/)

Over recent years, parents, students and teachers across Queensland have become familiar with a 5-point scale (e.g. A-E) process for reporting in all schools. This system refers to attainment standards called “benchmarks of achievement” or “criteria.” So what makes an “A”, “B”, “C” etc is predetermined by a scale of achievement. Any student who shows evidence of meeting a particular level, deserves that benchmark grade.

So what does an “**C**” really mean???

A “**C**” means that the student has met the criteria for a learner to be at the appropriate year level.

“**C**” means that the student is doing everything required at their Year Level at school. The best description is to say that a “**C**” means that the student’s academic development is exactly where it needs to be.

*That means attaining a “**C**” for Achievement means you are ON TARGET for your year level!*

With all of this in mind, we must accept that it may be harder to get an “**A**” or “**B**”. These grades are not awarded simply to the top students in the class. They are only given to students who show that they are independently capable of working beyond the criteria required for their year level.

**2016 Maths Competition**

Registrations to participate in the Australian Maths Competition at our school have now closed. Thirty children from Years 3 to 6 have registered to take part in the Competition on 28th July, 2016.

This year, registered children will also have access to **GetSet** – an online preparation course to help them get ready for the competition. **GetSet** can be accessed at home or school.

Children participating in the competition will receive a separate note to tell them how to access the website (including an access code) and activate their membership. Please ask your child to see Mrs Tye or Mrs Dinh if they need help activating their membership. They can access **GetSet** for 6 months. Current membership ends on 7th December, 2016.

**Free Dental Treatment**

Metro South Oral Health provides free dental treatment to all school students up to year 10. As well as to those 0-4yr olds, and Year 11 & 12 students who hold a Health Care Card or receive the Child Dental Benefits Scheme.

Call **1300 300 850** to book an appointment at a clinic near you.

**Calendar of Events**

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