FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

Term 1 is progressing well and all the students have settled in smoothly. It is lovely to see so many new families at Cawdor and we look forward to getting to know them throughout the year.

All the staff have been very busy planning programs for the students and organising resources for the classes. This Wednesday evening parents will have the opportunity to find out more information about the plans for each class. Details about the evening are included in the newsletter.

Last Tuesday we held our first major sporting event for the year—the swimming carnival. We joined with Mt Hunter for the event which was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Special thanks go to Mr Willcocks who convened the carnival and to all the parents who assisted on the day. The 2013 champions will be presented with their medallions at the next assembly.

Cawdor has such a wonderful community and I am constantly amazed at the generosity of many of our families. I would like to thank all the families that have made their voluntary contribution to the school to assist with the provision of up to date resources and programs for the children. I would also like to say a special thank you on behalf of the staff and students to the Rofe family for their kind donation of $500 which will go towards the Mathletics program and also to the Freelander family who donated $1000 to the school at the end of last year. The students will all benefit greatly from your generosity.

Finally, a special thank you to Mrs Le Good who prepared pancake mix for all the children last week to celebrate Pancake Day. The pancakes were delicious!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Parent Information Evening.

Kind Regards

Ms Sharon Ihlein
Principal
Welcome to Our New Families

A special welcome to the new families who have joined the Cawdor school community:
the families of
Phoebe Gould
Jessica Lee
Olivia Martin
Mia Mastroieni
Lana Moss
Chelsea Short
Niqueda Sweeney
Blake Eagles
Attilio Prestio
Jonathan Thackeray (Kinder)

Matthew Mastroieni (Yr 1)
Natalia Eagles (Yr 3)
Bella Mastroieni (Yr 3)
Cameron Ryan (Yr 5)

Gold Medallion Recipient

Congratulations to Jake Fennemore in Year 6 who is the first recipient of a gold medallion in 2013. Jake received his award for earning 100 merit certificates in his time at Cawdor PS.

Welcome Afternoon Tea

It was lovely to have so many of our new parents at our afternoon tea last Thursday. 17 of our families were able to attend and we look forward to more opportunities throughout the year to get to know each other. The children had a wonderful time playing together in the playground after school.

Many thanks to the P&C members who organised the afternoon tea.

Library News

Library lessons and book borrowing began last week. The children will need to have a library bag for borrowing. All classes will have a borrowing session on Thursday morning.

Parent Information Evening

A Parent Information evening will be held on Wednesday 20 February. The purpose of this night is to give parents an overview of the organisation, programs and plans for their child’s class for 2013. The class teachers will be speaking to the parents for about half an hour at these times:

K (Possums) Mr Lee 6.30 pm
1/2/3 (Wallabies) Mr Willcocks 7.00 pm
4/5/6 (Koalas) Ms Ihlein 7.30 pm

If you wish to discuss individual matters relating to your child, please make an appointment for an interview with your child’s teacher. Tea and coffee will be available in the staffroom.
School Awards System

As part of our Student Welfare program, we have an awards system to give the students increased goals to work toward. Details of the system are as follows:

- Students earn a Principal's certificate and pencil for every 10 merit awards.
- Students earn a Bronze certificate when they accrue 20 merit awards.
- Students earn a Silver certificate and school pen when they accrue 50 merit awards.
- Students earn a gold medallion when they earn 100 merit awards.
- Each Semester, students who reach the Bronze, Silver or Gold level during that semester will be invited to a special lunch with the Principal.
- At the end of the year students who have earned a gold medallion will be invited to a special excursion with the Principal.
- Merit awards include class and special certificates presented at assembly, sports awards, special certificates for representing the school, attendance certificates.
- Parents are asked to keep the awards in a folder so that they can be easily counted.
- New students to the school will be able to receive credit for awards earned at their previous school. This will be negotiated with the Principal.

Notice Board

- Introductory reports for each student will be sent home in Week 7. These reports inform parents of how the children have settled in at the start of the year. Mr Lee is currently completing the Kinder Best Start assessment. The Best Start report will be attached to the Introductory Report.
- Many parents have expressed an interest in being a volunteer at the school. If you would like to assist in any of the children's learning programs, please complete and return the note in today's newsletter.
- Girl Guides meet in Camden each Wednesday from 6–7.30 pm. Contact Leslie Meiklejohn on 0417407799 if you are interested.

CAWDOR PS STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:
Child centred, caring
And safe environment
Where staff and parents are
Dedicated to the provision of equal and unique
Opportunities for the individual child in our joint
Role as educators.

RESPECT: Having regard for yourself and others, lawful and just authority and diversity within Australian society and accepting the rights of others to hold different or opposing views.

All students at Cawdor are encouraged to develop respect for themselves and to show respect to others.
In Terms 1 and 4 our school’s policy is “No hat, play in the shade.” Please ensure that your child wears their school hat each day. As protection from the sun, students without hats will be asked to play under the COLA at recess and lunch time. Please encourage your child to wear the school hat.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 4
Wednesday 20 Feb  Parent Information night (from 6.30 pm)

Week 5
Wednesday 27 Feb  9.00 am Assembly — Year 6
Thursday 28 Feb  Zone Swimming
Friday 29 Feb  Zone Swimming

Week 6
Monday 4 March  7.00 pm P&C meeting
Friday 8 March  Clean Up Australia Day

ATTACHMENTS:
Parenting Ideas
Parent Volunteer sheet

Fun in the novelty events at the swimming carnival