FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

The term is humming along and despite the very wet weather and high humidity the children are working very well. I have had the pleasure of frequently visiting each class over the past two weeks and am very pleased with the work the children are doing. They should be very proud of their achievements so far.

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the Razorback Zone carnival last week. Not only did they do their best, but they also showed wonderful spirit and resilience in taking part in such awful weather. Special thanks to Mr Willcocks for organising our zone team and for acting as Cawdor’s official at the carnival and thank you also to the parents who transported the children to the pool and supported our team over the two days.

With the Camden Show coming up soon we are busy selecting some of the students’ artwork for the various categories. Mrs Le Good is also working with the Enviro Power students to build our scarecrow—this year the theme is ‘community workers’ and the children have been making some interesting suggestions. The Possums will be visiting the show on Friday 15 March and are excited about their first school excursion. A note about the excursion is attached to the newsletter.

Weather permitting, we will hold our Clean Up day this Friday. Please inform your class teacher if you do not wish your child to take part. The students in the Koalas will need a permission note to clean up the roadside at the front of the school.

Looking forward to seeing you at the P&C meeting tonight.

Kind Regards

Ms Sharon Ihlein
Principal
Grandparents’ and Grandfriends’ Day

Calling all grandparents and grandfriends!

You are once again invited to visit Cawdor school on Wednesday 20 March, from 1.00 to 3.00pm.

The schedule for the afternoon is:

1.00 Picnic lunch with the children; visit the grandparents gallery of stories and portraits in the shelter shed. Complimentary tea and coffee will be available in the staffroom.

1.45 Performances by the children

2.15 The traditional heel and toe polka

2.30—3.00 Class visits

Our grandparents and grandfriends day is always very popular. The children love to have their special family members visit the school so we hope to see you there.

Sports News

Congratulations to all of our team who represented the school at the Razorback zone swimming carnival last week. We are very proud of the efforts of each team member.

Thank you to the parents who transported the children to and from the pool.

Special congratulations go to the 2013 swimming champions:

Senior Boy    Lincoln Crimmins
Senior Girl    Joanne Nash
Junior Boy     Grant Taylor
Junior Girl    Scarlett Crimmins

Students in Years 5 and 6 are currently being selected to attend sports trials for Razorback teams. This week Lincoln Crimmins will try out for the AFL team and Jackson Brown and Ethan Fitzpatrick will attend the Rugby League trials. The soccer trials have been postponed due to the wet weather. We wish all the boys the best of luck and know that they will represent the school proudly.
Notice Board

- This Friday our school will be involved in **Clean Up Australia**. A note about the event is included in the newsletter. Parents are welcome to join us for the clean up.
- This week the school will begin using **Mathletics**, an online mathematics learning program for all students. A note about the program will be sent home to parents next week.
- **ICAS tests** (run by the UNSW) will be held again this year for students in Years 3-6. Parents who would like their children to take part should complete the forms attached to the newsletter.
- A tentative date (Sunday August 18) has been set for the **Billy Cart Derby**. A note with more information and requesting committee members will be sent home shortly.

**Library Monitors**

- Congratulations to: 
  - Courtney Bell (Yr 6)
  - Nathan Derrick (Yr 5)
  - Grant Taylor and Ben Rofe (Yr 4)
- who have been selected as Library Monitors.

**CAWDOR SCHOOL SONG**

Cawdor School forever, where we always strive.
Whatever be the problem we take it in our stride.
For we aim high and we take great pride
In our colours of blue and gold.

Cawdor School forever where we care for ev’ry one,
Helping out our friends and sharing ’round the fun.
For we aim high and we take great pride
In our colours of blue and gold.

Cawdor School forever, at the foot of Razorback.
When Macarthur raised merinos our road was but a track.
But we’ve grown and changed into what we are today.
Proud in our colours of blue and gold.


**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
- Role as educators.

**PARTICIPATION:**

Being a proactive and productive individual and group member, having pride in and contributing to the social and economic wealth of the community and nation.

All students, staff and parents at Cawdor are encouraged to participate in all aspects of school life and to take pride in our school and the students’ achievements.

**Good number sense**—Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don’t add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.

ATTACHMENTS:
Camden Show excursion; Clean Up Day; ICAS tests
Classroom Buzz

Busy Buddies

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Week 7
Monday 11 March 7pm Camden HS Open Night
Wednesday 13 March 9.00 am Assembly run by SRC
Introductory reports go home
7 pm School Council meeting
Friday 15 March Camden Show (Kindergarten)

Week 8
Wednesday 20 March Grandparents Day
Thursday 21 March Camden HS Discovery Day

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.

What’s due
- Emergency contact information 2013
- Publication consent form
- Acceptable Technology Use form
- Textbooks payment overdue