FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

Last week the Camden Show proved to be an exciting event for Cawdor. The Kindergarten children had a lovely day at the show on their first excursion and Joanne Nash sang on stage in the afternoon. Our Enviro Power group scarecrow, Bob the Butcher, won first place in the scarecrow competition, Wyatt Taylor was awarded 2nd place for his painting of a monster and Ethan Fitzpatrick received a highly commended for his bird painting. Congratulations to Enviro Power, Wyatt and Ethan and a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Le Good for helping with the construction of the scarecrow. Special thanks also to Mrs Napoleon and Mrs Hillier for preparing the children’s art entries.

This week we are looking forward to our Grandparents and Grandfriends Day as a celebration of Seniors Week. This is always a favourite day on our school calendar and the children love having their special family members visit the school. The students in the Koalas are currently studying their family history so they would especially love to hear stories of the past and see any special treasures or heirlooms from their families.

Recently several students have been bringing iPods and phones to school and have been found using them in the classroom and playground. While it is necessary for some students to have devices such as these at school for use after school hours, they have been reminded that on no account are the devices to be used during the school day, and that they are not to be used to take photos of other students at school. Starting this week, students will be asked to hand their phones and ipods in at the office each morning and the devices will be kept in the school safe in envelopes marked with the student’s name. The devices may be collected at 3.00 pm when school finishes. Parents are asked to assist by ensuring that only essential devices are brought to school.

Kind Regards
Ms Sharon Ihlein
Principal
Grandparents’ and Grandfriends’ Day

Calling all grandparents and grandfriends!

You are once again invited to visit Cawdor school this 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 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

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Sports News

Congratulations to Lincoln Crimmins who has been selected to play in the Razorback Zone AFL team.

The school’s Cross Country Carnival will be held on Thursday April 4 at the Camden Equestrian Centre. Cawdor will be once again holding the event with Mt Hunter. This proved to be very successful last year. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be taking part on the day. A note with more detailed information is included in today’s newsletter.

Reading Ambassadors

Congratulations to Courtney Bell and Gerard Sopena in Year 6 who have been selected as our 2013 Reading Ambassadors.

Easter Day

Thursday 28 March

12.00—1.00 Easter fun activities

1.00—1.45 Picnic lunch

1.45—2.00 Egg and spoon races; egg hunt

Parents and pre-schoolers are invited to join us for our fun Easter day.

Bring along your toy rabbits or bilbies to the Easter picnic.

Tea and coffee for parents will be available in the staffroom.

Photo by James Cox Year 5
Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Jessica Lee in Kindergarten who is the March Aussie of the Month. Jessica received her award for being kind and thoughtful toward others and for her excellent participation and cooperation in class activities.

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.

Core Values of NSW Public Schools

CARE: Concern for the wellbeing of yourself and others, demonstrating empathy and acting with compassion.

All students, staff and parents at Cawdor are encouraged to show care for themselves and others. Merit awards are often presented at assemblies to students who are thoughtful and considerate of the feelings of others.

Notice Board

- Students are now able to sign up for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Please speak to Mrs Le Good or Mrs Hillier for more information and a registration form.
- The SRC will be holding a fundraising activity on Wednesday 3 April to raise money for the Kids of Macarthur. This year many schools in the local area are joining together to try to raise about $10000 for the Paediatric Unit at Campbelltown Hospital. Our SRC will be holding a breakfast and asking everyone to come dressed as either a medical person (doctor, nurse etc) or a patient. All proceeds from the breakfast will go toward the Kids of Macarthur. There will also be a bucket under the COLA for other gold coin donations. A breakfast order form is attached to the newsletter.
- Wollondilly Library will be providing some entertaining and educational school holiday activities. Please see the poster on the notice board for further information.

Billy Cart Derby

The Billy Cart Derby will be held on Sunday August 18. Parents who would like to be on the organising committee are invited to a special meeting in the staffroom on Monday 25 March, starting at 7.00 pm.

All parents are welcome ….so come along and bring all your ideas for a fun and successful 2013 derby.
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**