FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

Welcome back to Term 4, the last term of the year. The classes are back into routine after the holidays and the staff and students are looking forward to the activities that are planned for this term. The calendar has been attached to the newsletter and parents are asked to make a note of the dates of important events such as the Year 6 Farewell and Presentation Night.

Congratulations once again to all of the children who took part in the concert “A Night at the Movies” at the end of last term and thank you to all of the staff and parents who worked with the children to prepare them for the concert. We have had a lot of positive feedback about the night and the smiling faces of the students showed how proud they were of their performances. We would greatly appreciate copies of any photos taken on the night, for our school records. Many thanks also to everyone who made a donation to the Starlight Foundation at the concert. The Student Council raised $140 which will go towards making a dream come true for a seriously ill child.

This term we will be undertaking the development of a new school plan for 2015-2017. Information and the opinions of our staff, students and parents will assist us with the school plan which will shape the future of Cawdor Public School. Attached to the newsletter today is a short survey of four questions that I believe will guide us in the development of a shared vision for our school. Please return the survey as soon as possible so that your suggestions can be considered at our school planning sessions. To allow the staff time to collaborate in the development of the plan, two planning sessions, from 3.30 to 7.00pm will be undertaken, tonight and on Monday 27 October. These sessions will replace the School Development Day on Friday 19 December. Consequently the school will be closed from Thursday 18 December. The students’ last day will be Wednesday 17 December.

This year on Grandparents’ Day some of the children planted sweet peas with their grandparents in the sensory garden. It has been lovely to see them flowering—a special reminder of special members of the children’s families. Good luck to Mrs le Good and the students at the Wollondilly Garden Competition presentation evening this Wednesday.

Kind Regards

Ms Sharon Ihlein
Principal
Countdown to Kindergarten

As part of Cawdor school's Kindergarten transition program, children enrolling at Cawdor Public School in 2015 are invited to participate in these sessions and events:

Orientation Day:
Thursday 6 November 11am - 1pm  Children join classroom activities
Parent Information Session in Library

Musica Viva—Celtic Connections:
Monday 17 November 10am—11am  Children and parents are welcome to attend the performance

Class Visits:
Thursday 20 November 9am—11am  Children join classroom activities, parents stay for morning tea and chat
Tuesday 25 November 1pm—3pm  Drop children at 1pm for lunch, followed by classroom activities 1.45-3pm
Tuesday 2 December 1pm—3pm  Drop children at 1pm for lunch, followed by classroom activities 1.45-3pm

Fun Sports day

The Fun Sports day will be held on Friday 24 October. All students are asked to wear colours of their sports house (Rosellas: green and white; Robins: red and white; Magpies: black and white). The children could also bring streamers, mascots and banners to support their house. Hats are essential.

9.30—11.00  Boat Building in house groups
12.30  March past
Opening ceremony
House chant competition
Age races
1.00  Lunch
1.45  Relays
Tabloid activities
Boat races
Presentation to winning house

Parents and pre-schoolers are welcome to come along from 12.30 to cheer on the children during the events and to have lunch with the children.

NEW HOME READERS AND GUIDED READING BOOKS

We have just purchased a large selection of new home readers and guided reading books using the funds raised from the ‘Term 1 and 2 Holiday Movie Days’ organised by Linda Fliedner, and supported by many of our families. The books are being covered, and will be in the classrooms in the next week or so ready for children to start using.

Starlight Foundation

$140 was donated by families and friends at our ‘Night at the Movies’ concert to go to the Starlight Foundation. Thank you to everyone for supporting this worthy cause.

FINAL GALA DAY—OZ TAG

Friday 17 October
Notice Board

♦ Australia Day Awards 2015—Wollondilly’s next Australia Day Award Winner could be your next door neighbour, workmate or your child’s best friend. Nominations close 17 November 2014.
♦ Camden Cottage Child Care Centre are offering before and after school care in 2015. Please contact the centre on 4655 2236 for more information.

CHECK OUR PARENT NOTICEBOARD—LOCATED IN THE PARENT CARPARK—FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.
Hats can be purchased from the Uniform Shop on Tuesday mornings, or from the school office on any day. Cap hats are $14, Brim hats are $10.

Core Values of NSW Public Schools:
INTEGRITY
EXCELLENCE
RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
COOPERATION
PARTICIPATION
CARE
FAIRNESS
DEMOCRACY

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

Ladies of Cawdor Public School, don’t forget our social night in the luxury of GOLD CLASS at Event Cinemas Campbelltown,
Macarthur Square, to see “GONE GIRL” (yet to be rated)
(based on the New York Times #1 selling novel and starring BEN AFFLECK)
on Tuesday 21st October
from 5:45pm in the Gold Class Lounge
for a 6:20pm start.
ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

2015 Enrolments
Enrolments and classes for 2015 are now being finalised. Parents are asked to forward enrolment forms to the school office ASAP if you have not already done so.
Snapshots of Cawdor.....

Getting ready for our big performance

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 2
Tue 14 Oct       AASC Yr 3-6 Cricket 2:30pm 7 week program commences
Wed 15 Oct       9am Assembly: Sports Captains
Thu 16 Oct       AASC K-2 Martial Arts 2:30pm 7 week program commences
Fri 17 Oct       Gala Day Oz-Tag Yrs 2-6

Week 3
Friday 24 Oct    Sports Fun Day

Week 4
Tue 28 Oct      Year 6 Fundraiser
Wed 29 Oct      9am Assembly: Kindergarten

Week 5
Mon 3 Nov       P & C Meeting 7pm
Thu 6 Nov       Kinder Orientation

What’s due
- Gala Day payment overdue
- School Planning Parent Survey

ADVANCED NOTICE

Years 3-4 overnight excursion to Wooglemai 13-14 November

Years 5-6 overnight excursion to Sydney 27-28 November