FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

We have had a wonderful start to the year in so many ways. The classes are very settled and are working industriously. It is lovely to see their beautiful work in the classrooms, from Van Gogh’s sunflowers in the Possums’ room to the smiling faces on the Wallabies’ door to the gorgeous baby orang-utans in the Koalas’ rainforest. Parents are invited to come along this Thursday evening to find out more about the class arrangements and programs for the year—I hope you will be able to join us on the night.

This week we will be starting our literacy groups which will take place in the morning from Monday to Thursday. During this time there will be movement of some children across the classes—some children from the Wallabies will join the Possums for some sessions and some children from the Wallabies will join the Koalas for some of their reading lessons. On Tuesdays and Thursdays Mrs Garbutt will also work with groups of children from the Wallabies. These arrangements will assist the teachers to address the needs of each child more effectively. On Thursday night the class teachers will explain more about the teaching of literacy.

The level of parental support at the start of this year has been incredible and greatly appreciated. Eleven parents and carers attended our first P&C meeting and we also had eleven of our community at our Billy Cart Derby meeting. Last Monday our swimming carnival ran so smoothly thanks to the support of the parents who transported children and acted as officials on the day. It was also very pleasing to have so many of our new parents come along to the afternoon tea on Wednesday. Many thanks to Carrie George and Lainie Moss who did such a fabulous job of organising the afternoon tea and made the new parents feel so welcome.

The Billy Cart Derby is on May 18—start building your billy cart!

Kind Regards
Ms Sharon Ihlein
Principal
Sports Report

The Swimming Carnival last week was very successful and the teachers were very impressed by the children's participation and sportsmanship. The champions will be announced at this week's assembly and the zone team will also be selected this week.

Many thanks to the parents who assisted with transport and timekeeping on the day and a big thank you to Mr Willcocks for so capably organising the carnival.

Swimming Carnival, by Jonty Galloway

I woke up in the morning and I got ready. My Mum drove me to the school, and Bella's mum drove Ben and I to the Picton pool. I was very nervous because my race was the first one to begin. So as Mr Willcocks blew the buzzer I dived into the pool. When I dived in the pool my pants nearly fell off but I kept swimming, I was coming first. I came first out of Cawdor. Ben and I came back to school with Mum. In the car she had brought the kittens with her. I wonder if I'll make it to Zone, I hope I will!

Billy Cart Derby

Sunday May 18

Please put the date in your diary!

The Billy Cart Derby is Cawdor's major event for 2014. The purpose of the derby is to provide an opportunity for the Cawdor community to come together for a fun, family day, to raise money for the purchase of resources for the school and to support the Rural Fire Service.

We need you!

In order for the event to be successful we need the support of all the families in our school. In today's newsletter there is a volunteers' sheet—please consider how you can be involved and return the sheet so that the organising committee can contact you.

The registration form and billy cart specifications are on the school website. Please contact the school if you have any queries about the event.
Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as leaders for 2014:

**Student Council**
- School Captain: Sasha Sitkowski
- School Vice Captain: James Cox
- Councillors: Kyle Seeney; Alex Sitkowski

**Sports Captains**
- Robins: Sean Halfpenny
- Rosellas: Alex Sitkowski
- Magpies: Jonty Galloway

**Enviro Power**
- Year 1: Jessica Lee
- Year 2: William Hayes
- Year 3: Christopher Corbet
- Year 4: Natalia Eagles
- Year 5: Ben Rofe
- Year 6: James Cox

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**Notice Board**

**REMINDER—Class Arrangements and Information Night**

This year we again have some flexible class arrangements in order to cater for the needs of the children. Three classes have been established -

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The Year 1 students have been placed in two classes but will come together for library, PE, Sport and HSIE. From Monday to Thursday there will be some movement of students across classes for literacy and numeracy groups and Mrs Garbutt will be teaching Years 1 and 2 students each Tuesday afternoon. The teachers will explain more about these arrangements at the Parent Information evening on Thursday 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 2014. The class teachers will be speaking to the parents for about half an hour at these times:

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.
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.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 4
- Tues 18 February: Lawn bowls Yrs 3-6 (AASC)
- Wed 19 Feb: 9.00 am Assembly (Run by Yr 6)
- Thur 20 Feb: Cricket Yrs K-2 (AASC)
- Fri 21 Feb: Class Information Night, starting 6.30pm

Week 5
- Wed 26 Feb: GRIP Leadership
- Thur 27 Feb: Clean up Australia Day
- Thur 27 Feb—Fri 28 Feb: Zone Swimming Carnival

What’s due
- Gymnastics note due now, payment due by 14 March
- Textbooks
- AASC Lawn Bowls (Yrs 3-6) asap