**Special reminders:**
Next Billy Cart Derby meeting
Monday 31 March, 7pm in the Staffroom

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:**

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

This week is Seniors Week and we will be celebrating with our annual Grandparents’ and Grandfriends’ Day on Wednesday. The children are all very excited to have their families visiting the school and have prepared some lovely writing and artwork for their special visitors. Parents and carers are of course also invited to come along for the afternoon’s activities. The assembly will still be held on Wednesday morning at 9.00 am and will be run by the Year 3 students.

Many thanks to the families that have offered to help with the Billy Cart Derby. The organisation of the event is huge and the day will require the assistance of as many of our families as possible. We are now wanting to finalise roles for the day so if you have not already indicated that you will be able to help out, please contact Karyn Hillier or myself as soon as possible. We are especially needing a team of workers who can help to set up the track, assist with the races and dismantle the track at the end of the day. Please consider assisting, even for a short time. **We need you!**

Thanks to the expertise of Mr Willcocks, the iPads are now being used daily by the students. The wifi has been set up in three areas of the school—the Wallabies’ classroom, the library and the staffroom, allowing for access to the internet in each room of the school. Using them effectively is an interesting learning experience for both the teachers and the students and they are already proving to be a valuable asset in our teaching/learning programs. Some of our apps are being purchased using money kindly donated last year by the Rofe family. A big thank you to them!

Mr Le Good begins a period of three months leave this week, during which time he will have surgery on his ankle. We wish him all the very best for the operation and for a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him back with us, walking well, in Term 3. In his absence we welcome Mr Ibbett, who has been doing some casual work at the school, as our relieving General Assistant.

Looking forward to meeting you and your families on Wednesday.

**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 19 March, from 1.00 to 3.00pm. Mums and Dads are also welcome to come along and join in the fun!

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**

Parents are invited to sit and observe the **Gymtastics** class on Friday 28th March, and see what the children have been learning this term. Class times are as follows:

- **Possums class**: 40 minute lesson Begins at 9am
- **Wallabies class**: 40 minute lesson Begins at 9.40am
- **Koalas class**: 40 minute lesson Begins at 10.20am

The children are absolutely loving the lessons, so come along and see what it is all about.

Parents of children in Years 3-6 are also invited to go along to the **AASC Lawn Bowls** sessions at the Camden Sports Club to watch the children play. The sessions run on Tuesday afternoons, beginning at 2pm—the last lesson for the term will be Tuesday 1st April. The Club also welcomes new members; ask at the Club if you would like to join.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR STUDENTS USING BUSWAYS**

Transport for NSW has advised Busways that the current practice of issuing students with a travel authority letter is invalid and should cease immediately. From Monday 24 March 2014 Busways drivers will no longer accept travel authority letters as a permit for free travel. In line with NSW Government’s Terms and Conditions of Issue, students who cannot produce a valid 2014 bus pass when boarding a Busways service will be expected to pay the appropriate fare for that trip, otherwise travel may be refused.
Notice Board

- The Premier's Reading Challenge began 3rd March. Don’t forget to pick-up a record card from the school office—and get into reading!
- School Banking is going fantastically well! We have lots of new students who have joined, which is great to see. This is an easy way to help raise funds for your school—the school receives a commission from the Commonwealth Bank—remember you can join at any time!
- Single With Children, a non-profit social group operated by the Single Parent Family Association is holding a Family BBQ day on Sunday 30th March at Lake Parramatta, Lackey Street, North Parramatta. For more information go to www.singlewithchildren.com.au
- Every Action Counts—Wollondilly Earth Hour Celebrations 2014 Saturday 29th March at Wollondilly Community Nursery, Wonga Road, Picton, from 6pm to 9.30pm. The nursery and volunteers invite you to an Earth Hour gathering for friends and family of all ages. This will be a fun filled evening with face painting, music and poetry, nursery and garden tours, Eco talks and demonstrations—BYO picnic, RSVP by March 23 on 46772723

BILLY CART DERBY—WE NEED YOU!

Volunteers still needed—so don’t forget to send in your form.

The entry form and billy cart specifications are on the school website. Please contact the school if you have any queries about the event.

‘The Lego Movie’

An exciting fundraising event has been organised at Event Cinemas for the first Monday in the school holidays—see the attached note. Funds raised will be given to Cawdor Public School—so get your ticket orders in by Wednesday 2 April. Thank you to Linda Fliedner (Xy’s mum—Possums) for organising this unique fundraising activity.

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
Snapshots of Cawdor.....

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 8
Mon 17 Mar  Camden High School Open Night 7-9pm
Wed 19 Mar  9.00am Assembly (Year 3)
             Grandparents & Grandfriends Day
Thur 20 Mar  Year 6 Camden High School Discovery Day

Week 9  Week of rest

Week 10
Tue 1 Apr  Kids of Macarthur fundraiser
           ‘Pyjama Day’
Wed 2 April 9.00am Assembly (SRC)
Wed 2—Thur 3 April Koalas class ZooSnooz excursion
Fri 4 April  Possums class Camden Show visit

What’s due

- Book club due 20th March
- Koalas class ZooSnooz permission note, medical note, and $30 deposit due
- Friday 28 March
- Year 6 Expression of Interest form for placement in Year 7 due 21 March

Attachments: Classroom Buzz, ‘The Lego Movie’ at Events Cinemas, Winter uniform information, Commotion Kids flyer, Stewart House 2014 Donation Drive; Kids of Macarthur Foundation

Special thanks to Mrs Therese Smith, grandmother of Kayden (Yr4) for the tropical plants for the Koalas classroom Rainforest display corner.