FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

This week two of the classes will be heading off on their first excursions for the year. On Friday the Possums will be visiting Camden Show with Miss Gale and Mrs Smilanic and they are very excited about their day out. Mr Willcocks and I will be taking the Koalas to Taronga Zoo for an overnight excursion on Wednesday. The students are greatly looking forward to this unique experience and it should be an excellent conclusion to our unit of work on the rainforest. Mrs Garbutt will teach the Wallabies on Thursday.

Mrs Napoleone has been very busy selecting and framing artwork and photos and Mrs Le Good and Enviro Power have been busy constructing an explorer scarecrow to enter into the competitions at the Camden Show. If you visit the show, take some time to look at the children’s artwork displays. We are very proud of the work done by Cawdor students.

To advertise the Billy Cart Derby Cawdor has a stall at the Camden Show. Some of the children’s work will also be on display at our stall. We are looking for parents who are able to help man the stall on either Friday or Saturday—if you are able to assist, please contact Mrs Hillier in the office by Thursday.

Congratulations to Skye Campbell, Natalia Eagles, Meeya Galloway, Chloe Murchie, Cassie Nash and Annabelle Van de Vate who have been selected as Library Monitors. They have already shown excellent responsibility in assisting Mrs le Good in the library.

Congratulations also to Scarlett Crimmins and Alex Sitkowski who are the 2014 Reading Ambassadors for Cawdor. Their photos and information about them will soon be on the Wollondilly Library website.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Billy Cart Derby and P&C meetings.

Kind Regards
Ms Sharon Ihlein
Principal
Grandparents and Grandfriends Day

The Grandparents and Grandfriends Day was a wonderful success. The weather was perfect and the children greatly enjoyed having their special visitors at the school to join them for a picnic lunch, and dancing the Heel and Toe Polka! It was lovely to see so many families on the day, and to welcome new grandparents and grandfriends to the school. It was also wonderful to see so many great-grandparents were able to join us.

iPad Update

Mr Willcocks has now installed many Apps on the iPads and all of the classes have been using them in their teaching and learning programs. The students are very enthusiastic about using the new technology—the iPads are proving to be great motivational tools.

Students are encouraged to bring earphones or a headset to school to use with the iPads. This will allow the children to hear the App instructions more clearly in the classroom settings.

The Koalas are using the iPads for research, now that the wireless network is up and running. They are also using some of the educational apps, though we are still looking for more apps.
The Wallabies are using some spelling, reading and maths apps during group work and are really enjoying learning.
During Buddies the Possums have been given a chance to explore some of the features of the iPads before they begin using them in the class.

Kids of Macarthur Fundraiser

Don’t forget our special day on Tuesday—wear your pj’s to school and bring a gold coin donation to help raise funds for the Kids of Macarthur Foundation.

Children in Year 3-6 remember to also bring along your sports uniform and shoes for lawn bowls in the afternoon.

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!
- NRL Tigers Holiday Clinic, Wednesday 16 April 2014 from 10am to 1pm at Kirkham Park, Elderslie. It is for all boys and girls between 5 and 12 years of age, cost $45. Register online at www.sydneywestdevelopment.leaguenet.com.au
- FREE Giants AFL Superclinic—AFL NSW/ACT & GWS Giants would like to invite all youth aged 5-25 boys and girls to attend the Camden Blues Super Clinic/Club Night on Tuesday April 8, 2014, 5.45—7pm. Register on wesley.sefuiva@aflnswact.com.au. See the P & C Noticeboard for more information.

Congratulations to Shelee Freeman-Banister (Possums class) and her family on the safe arrival of a new baby boy.

‘The Lego Movie’
An exciting fundraising event has been organised at Event Cinemas for the first Monday in the school holidays. 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.

(Notes went out with the last newsletter, copies available on the school website).

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.
Snapshots of Cawdor.....

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Week 11
Mon 7 Apr  P & C Meeting 7pm in Staffroom
Fri 11 Apr  Easter Day — Last day Term 1

What’s due
• Possums class permission note to Camden Show

STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY 29th MAY

ADVANCED NOTICE
School photo day
Tuesday 27 May 2014