FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

Our Book Week celebrations were certainly a highlight of the term. It was wonderful to see the children dressed as their favourite book characters and to have The Hon Russell Matheson MP for Macarthur join us for our assembly. The children were very pleased to receive books from Mr Matheson. The Wollondilly librarians gave two very informative and entertaining presentations about the shortlisted books and the “Crossing Bridges” performance kept the students very engaged and full of laughter. Special thanks go to Mrs Le Good and Mrs Smilanic for organising the Book Fair and to all the staff who joined in the spirit of the day in dressing up as Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. Mr Willcocks especially showed that he is a very good sport!

The preparations and rehearsals for the concert are well underway and the students are looking forward to performing on Thursday 18 September at The Oaks Public School hall, starting at 7.00 pm. The concert will be an entertaining and fun way to celebrate all of the children’s achievements in Creative Arts this term. Skills learnt in drumming, AASC dance, class drama, music and public speaking programs will be showcased. Following the concert there will be a light supper and the families of children in Years 3-6 are asked to bring a small plate of food for the supper. Tea and coffee as well as drinks and a snack for the children will be supplied by the school. Attached to the newsletter is a permission note for the concert dress rehearsal which will be held on Wednesday 17 September.

Numbers at P&C meetings have been decreasing recently, perhaps due to the cold winter weather. It would be wonderful to see more parents and carers at the meetings so please consider coming along. It is a good way to have a chat with other members of the school community and to offer your support for the students. Hoping to see you tonight, in the staffroom at 7.00 pm. The kettle will be boiling!

Good luck to all of our students who are representing the school at the Razorback zone athletics carnival this week and thank you to the parents who are transporting the children to Campbelltown for the event.

Kind Regards

Ms Sharon Ihlein
Principal
Book Week Celebrations

Our 'Book Bonanza' Week was a great success. A big thank you to the children and teachers for their participation in the book parade, to the parents for your creativity and to Mr Willcocks for being such a good sport! Thank you to the parents, grandparents and friends who supported our Book Fair and for your generous book donations to our school library.

The Wollondilly Librarians provided engaging activities on the short listed books and our performer 'Crossing Bridges' in the afternoon was most entertaining.

Helping our children make connections to reading is one of the ways we can help them enjoy reading and develop their reading skills.

Mrs Le Good
Teacher-Librarian

Welcome to Lorielle Matuszczak and her family. Lorielle is in the Wallabies class, Year 3, and had her first day at Cawdor today!

Lemon Tree Thrives
The lemon tree which was donated by Mrs Jan Pike, retired School Administrative Manager, is thriving in the vegetable gardens. It is currently laden with fruit, much to the delight of the children.

Garden News
We will be entering the Schools' Garden Competition (run by the Wollondilly Shire Council) again this year—judging is in the last week of this term.

We will be having a garden working-bee on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons this week, 2-3pm. If there are any parents who would like to come along and help get our garden into tip-top shape your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to Mrs Corbet for donation of plants, and to Mrs Vella for donation of garden materials.

GALA DAYS—OZ TAG
Friday 12 September
Friday 19 September
Friday 17 October
Notice Board

- **Single With Children** provides fun and exciting activities especially for single parents and their children. To find out more and get a FREE copy of the social calendar, call 1300 300 496.
- **Animal Shelter & Nursery Open Day!** Free micro-chipping and giveaways. Reptile show, Animal petting farm, composting workshops and more. Saturday 6 September 9am—12 midday Wonga Road, Picton (behind Picton High School).
- **Macarthur Preschool 30th Anniversary Celebration!** Join in the Family Fun Day Saturday 13 September 2014 from 10.00am to 2.00pm—All welcome. Entertainment, face painting, plaster painting, jumping castle, food, white elephant stall, and more.
- **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.

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

**Fathers Day Stall**

When: **Friday 5th September**
Where: School canteen.
Cost: **All gifts $5 each**.
Some students may purchase more than one gift if they wish.

Thankyou
Cawdor P&C Committee.

**NEWS FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP**

We are having a Super Sale of the **royal blue items**—all at fantastic prices **every Tuesday morning** this term until sold out. Don’t miss out on these fantastic bargains.

**2015 Enrolments**

Enrolments are now being accepted for 2015. Parents are asked to contact the school for enrolment forms.

Pre-school children who will be enrolling in Kindergarten next year will be invited to some of the school’s special events during Terms 3 and 4. These visits form part of our transition to school program and they greatly benefit the children in terms of them becoming familiar with the Cawdor environment, teachers and other students.

Current families are asked to inform friends, families and neighbours that enrolments are now open for next year.

**Core Values of NSW Public Schools:**

- **INTEGRITY**
- **EXCELLENCE**
- **RESPECT**
- **RESPONSIBILITY**
- **COOPERATION**
- **PARTICIPATION**
- **CARE**
- **FAIRNESS**

**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**

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Snapshots of Cawdor... 

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Week 8**
- Mon 1—Tue 2 Sept: Zone Athletics
- Wed 3 Sept: 9am Assembly — SRC
- Thu 4 Sept: Camden High School Year Advisor visit
- Fri 5 Sept: Father's Day Stall

**Week 9**
- Mon 8 Sept: Picton Strings school performance
- Fri 12 Sept: Oz Tag Gala Day

**Week 10**
- Mon 15 Sept: Spelling Bee finals
- Tue 16 Sept: 9am Assembly — organised by Year 4
  - 12.30pm Combined Scripture
- Wed 17 Sept: Concert rehearsals 9.15am—12.30pm The Oaks PS
- Thu 18 Sept: School Concert 7pm The Oaks Public School
- Fri 19 Sept: LAST DAY TERM 3

**What’s due**
- African Drumming payment **overdue**
- Swimming Scheme payment now due
- ‘Crossing Bridges’ performance

**STUDENTS K-6 RETURN TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2014**