Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

Welcome to the start of the 2015 school year. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday, ready for another wonderful year at Cawdor.

The staff and I are all very pleased to be back and are looking forward to another exciting and productive year. The students have settled in very well and the seniors are already setting a wonderful example for the rest of the school, showing enthusiasm in taking on their leadership roles. Our classes will once again be known as the Possums (K/1), the Wallabies (2/3) and the Koalas (4/5/6).

From 18 February until the end of term 1 Mr Willcocks will be deployed to Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre and for the first four weeks of term 2 he will be on leave travelling in Europe. These are exciting opportunities for Mr Willcocks and although he will be greatly missed, we wish him all the very best for his professional and personal ventures. During his absence Mrs Lisa Mawson who has already developed a wonderful rapport with the children, will be the Wallabies’ class teacher, and we welcome her to the Cawdor team.

A special welcome also to all of our new families. We are looking forward to getting to know our new parents and extend an invitation to everyone to attend the first P&C meeting tonight. This will be a good opportunity for parents to have a chat and meet some new members of our community. I’m sure all new parents will be made to feel very welcome.

Over the next few weeks you will be receiving a range of notes and information sheets that are important at the start of the year. We ask that you complete any permission notes as soon as possible and return them to the school note box.

Next Monday the Years 2-6 children will be taking part in our school swimming carnival. This is always a very enjoyable day and parents are encouraged to attend to support the children and also to help out as officials. We hope that you will be able to join us at Picton pool for our first school sports event. The Kindergarten and Year 1 children will remain at school on Monday with Miss Gale.

This Wednesday morning the SRC will be running our first assembly for the year. The new student leaders will be presented with their badges at this assembly and all parents and friends are welcome to attend.

I look forward to another wonderful year at Cawdor.

Kind Regards

Ms Sharon Ihlein
Principal
Welcome to Our New Families

A special welcome to the new families who have joined the Cawdor school community: The families of:
Lillian Daley (Kinder), Charlotte McDonald (Kinder), Caitlin Parker (Kinder), Oscar and Gus Lansdown (Kinder), and Nicolas Thomas (Kinder)

All new parents are invited to afternoon tea on Friday 13 February from 2.30, under the shelter next to the library.

Class Arrangements and Information Night

This year we have again established three classes and will also have some flexible class arrangements in order to cater for the needs of the children. The three classes are:
K/1: Possums
2/3: Wallabies
4/5/6: Koalas

From Monday to Thursday there will be some movement of students across classes for literacy and numeracy groups and Mrs Napoleone will be working with a range of students and groups each Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday morning. The teachers will explain more about these arrangements at the Parent Information evening on Tuesday 17 February. The purpose of this night is to give parents an overview of the organisation, programs and plans for their child’s class for 2015. The class teachers will be speaking to the parents for about half an hour at these times:

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Tea and coffee will be available in the staffroom.

If you wish to discuss individual matters relating to your child, please make an appointment for an interview with your child’s teacher.
2015 Staff

Teaching staff:

Principal, Class teacher 4/5/6—Ms Sharon Ihlein

Class teachers: K/1—Miss Checobi Gale

Years 2/3—Mr Willcocks (sport and computer coordinator)

Learning and Support Teacher — Mrs Virginia Napoleone (Relieving)

Reading Recovery, Environmental Education coordinator—Mrs Diana Le Good

Release from Face to Face, Library — Mrs Virginia Napoleone

Principal Release—Mr Callum Vaughan-Floyd

School Administrative and Support Staff:

School Administrative Manager—Mrs Karyn Hillier

School Admin Officer (Library/Office) and Learning Support Officer—Mrs Wendy Smilanic

General Assistants—Mr Angus Le Good

Cleaner: Mrs Rosemary Scott

School Counsellor: Mrs Sharon Lane (Relieving)

Scripture Teachers: Mrs Bronwyn Scherer; Mrs Heather Channel

Notice Board

Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop coordinator is Mrs Karina Moffitt, a volunteer parent who does a wonderful job looking after the uniform needs of our students. The Uniform shop operates from inside the canteen and is open each Tuesday morning from 8.45-9.15am. Uniform order forms can be obtained from the school office at any time. Parents who are unable to come in to the uniform shop to purchase items can complete an order form and return it to the office where it will then be passed on to the uniform shop. After payment has been received uniform orders can be sent home with your child. Hats can be purchased from the school office at any time.

School Banking

School Banking has resumed for 2015. Our school banking day is THURSDAY each week. Well done to the 9 students who remembered their bank books in the very first week! Information on how to join school banking is available from the school office, students can join at any time.

ANZAC Research

As this year is the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli, the children will be undertaking units of work on the ANZACs. Part of this work will involve the students researching the lives of members of their own families. Attached to the newsletter today is a sheet for each family to complete to provide the school with names and information about a member of the family the students could research. Please return the sheet as soon as possible and the teachers will contact you for further information.
ATTACHMENTS:
Term 1 Calendar, Swimming Carnival years 2-6, Gymtastics
permission note, ANZAC research, Events Cinemas ticket order

Library News
Library lessons and book borrowing will begin this week.
The children will need to have a library bag for borrowing. All
classes will have a borrowing session on Thursday.

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.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 2
Monday 2 Feb  7.00pm P&C Meeting
Wed 4 Feb  9.00 am Assembly (SRC)
Fri 6 Feb  Gymtastics 8 Week Program begins

Week 3
Mon 9 Feb  Swimming Carnival Years 2—6
Fri 13 Feb  2.30pm Welcome to New Parents afternoon tea

Week 4
Tue 17 Feb  Parent Information Night from 6.30pm
Thu 19 Feb  9.00 am Assembly (Yr 6)

Week 5
Wed 25 Feb  Clean up Australia Day
Thu 26—Fri 27 Feb  Zone Swimming Carnival

What’s due
• Swimming permission and money
  Yrs 2-6
• Gymtastics permission note