Special reminders:
The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 2 March at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome—supper provided.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

It has been a wonderful start to the year. The classes are settling in well and are working industriously on their learning programs. I have been especially impressed by the excellent leadership skills shown by the Year 6 students who have been great role models for the younger students. Parents are invited to come along tomorrow 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.

Attached to today’s newsletter is an information sheet from the DEC outlining the importance of attendance at school and parents’ responsibilities regarding their child’s regular attendance. It is very important for children to arrive on time for school for reasons outlined on the sheet. At Cawdor lessons start as soon as the children enter the classroom and this is our valuable literacy learning time. If you are having difficulty arriving on time, read the tips inside the newsletter or speak to the teachers. If you are late, please send your child into their classroom and then go to the office to advise Mrs Hillier of your late arrival. To encourage children to be responsible and independent it is also a good idea for them to place their bags and lunches in the classroom in the morning themselves. With parents assistance in these ways, the classes will be able to begin their learning with the least amount of disruption and the children will learn valuable life skills such as the importance of routine and responsibility.

A focus of our new school plan is to provide the students with engaging learning opportunities and today we started a special program called “Discovery Hour”. All the students have chosen an activity to take part in for the next three weeks. The activities include Art, Science, Cooking, Gardening and Movie Making. I’m sure the children will have lots of fun engaging in their creative learning activities throughout the term.

Thank you to all of the parents who have already been showing their support to the school in so many ways, from running the canteen to helping in classes and assisting at the swimming carnival. Special thanks go to Xy Nunnari’s grandmother, Mrs Fliedner, who donated many valuable Mathematics teaching resources to the school. The teachers and students are very grateful for her kind generosity.

This week we farewell Mr Willcocks and wish him all the best for the next couple of months and welcome Mrs Mawson as the class teacher of the Wallabies.

Kind Regards
Ms Sharon Ihlein
Principal

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**Sports News**

Congratulations to everyone for their wonderful effort at the Swimming Carnival last Monday. It was great to see everyone swimming up and down the pool and trying their best. Some students managed to swim 50 metres for the first time.

After some races everyone went inside to participate in the novelties. This allowed swimmers and non-swimmers a chance to have fun in the pool.

Thanks to all the parents who helped drive, time keep and supported on the day.

**The Swimming Champions were:**

Junior Boy—Troy Sitkowski
Junior Girl—Jessica Lee
Senior Boy—Grant Taylor
Senior Girl—Cassie Nash

Congratulations to these students. Notes for the Zone Carnival will be given to those students who qualified.

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**Getting to School on Time**

- Establish a morning routine; set the ground rules and stick to them. Set a good example by being organised yourself.
- Put clocks in several rooms to help the children be more aware of the time. If necessary, set the clocks a few minutes ahead to encourage them to be ready on time.
- Reward your child for following the rules and being ready on time.
- Make lunches the night before
- Leave time for saying goodbye at school
- Select a spot to keep lunchboxes and backpacks. Designate a spot for your children to place their school belongings as well as a place to put newsletters and notes.
- Turn off the TV if it is a distraction.

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**Reminder—Class Arrangements and Information Night**

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.
Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as leaders for 2015:

**Student Council**
- School Captain: Grant Taylor
- School Vice Captain: Ben Rofe
- Councillors: Scarlett Crimmins, Taylor Tully

**Sports Captains**
- Robins: Ben Rofe
- Rosellas: Will Collins

**Enviro Power**
- Year 1: Xy Nunnari
- Year 2: Niqueda Sweeney
- Year 3: Matthew Mastroieni
- Year 4: Troy Sitkowski
- Year 5: Skye Campbell
- Year 6: Grant Taylor, Ben Rofe

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**Notice Board**

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School, Beverley Road Campbelltown, will be holding a Year 6 Information Evening on 18 February 2015 at 6pm for all prospective students or those interested in attending in the future. Any further information, please call 4625 1403.

**S.T.A.D.S. Actors, Singers & Dancers**—Now booking for 2015, for ages 18 months to adult. Drama/Acting, Singing, Dance/Choreography, and ‘The Agency’. Class numbers are strictly limited. Saturday classes available. Come in and join the fun today! For more information call Sarah on 0415 995 225 or 4683 0193.

**PCYC Campbelltown—activities for Kids and Adults** including Group Fitness Classes. Junior Boxing for Fitness, Zumba Kids, Gymnastics (5-12 years), Taekwondo, Archery, Hip Hop, Soccer, Kids and Family Yoga. Visit the website for more information www.pcycnsw.org.au/campbelltown.

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**REMINDER**

Our next School Assembly will be held on Thursday 19 February commencing at 9am.

**REQUIRED**

Spare school clothing is often needed for a variety of reasons. If you have any items no longer being worn that you are able to donate it would be greatly appreciated.

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**Change of Date**

Camden Show starts Friday 20 March (not the following week as shown on our Term calendar. Possums class will be visiting the Show with Miss Gale—more information will be sent home next newsletter.

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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.

ATTACHMENTS: Classroom Buzz, Dept of Education & Communities Compulsory School Attendance information for Parents, Clean Up Australia Day permission note, P&C fundraising note, School Awards system,

Snapshots of Cawdor……..

Dates to Remember

Week 4
Tue 17 Feb 6.30pm Parent Information Night
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

Week 6
Mon 2 Mar P&C Meeting 7pm
Wed 4 Mar 9.00am Assembly: SRC

Week 7
Wed 11 Mar Introductory Reports go home

Week 8
Mon 16—Wed 18 Mar Years 5 and 6 Marine Discovery program

What’s due
- Gymtastics payment due 13 March
- Textbooks payment OVERDUE
- Marine Discovery program notes and payment