FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

Autumn has officially arrived although the humid weather is still with us. Although summer has officially ended, parents and children are reminded that our school’s “No hat, play in the shade” policy is still enforced until the end of the term. Thank you to the parents who are ensuring that the children are wearing their school hat every day—it not only gives added protection from the sun but fosters a sense of school pride.

We have recently had some interesting visitors to our school—some hot air balloons last week made a colourful sight in the paddock behind the school and the cleaner was very excited to find a beautiful green frog in one of the toilet blocks. We have also had many beautiful birds such as King Parrots in the playground. As one of our school’s strategic directions is innovative, engaging learning, the children have been following up the special visits with some research on the topics. We are looking forward to seeing the work that the Wallabies are doing on green tree frogs. We will also be keeping a record in the school of our special visitors.

The children, especially in the Koalas class, are greatly enjoying their ANZAC research and are fascinated by the information we are finding about their relatives. We are currently searching databases at the War Memorial and the National Archives and have been able to locate many original documents of the children’s family members. Any parents who have not yet sent in information about their family are asked to do so as soon as possible as all of the classes will be involved in the research tasks in the next few weeks. For the ANZAC Day special assembly on Friday 24 April I am looking for a bugler to play the Last Post—if you know of one who may be able to attend on the day, please contact me.

The Introductory Reports and Best Start Reports (Kindergarten) will be sent home next week. These reports are intended to inform parents of how your children have adapted to class and school routines at the start of the year. A more detailed report on the Key Learning Areas will be sent home next term. We ask that you comment on your child’s report and speak to your child’s teacher if you would like to meet with them to discuss your child’s progress.

Special thanks go to the Vella family for donating some vegetable seedlings for the children’s gardens, Jessica Lee (Wallabies) for the seedlings for the Sensory Garden, and to the Corbets who are donating a series of history magazines to the school.

Attached to the newsletter today is a copy of our school’s discipline policy, including the Rights and Responsibilities of the students at Cawdor. I ask that you read the policy and talk about it with your child—with your support, our aim is to continue providing a happy, caring and safe learning environment for our children.

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 25 March, from 1.00 to 3.00pm.
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.
This year we are asking Grandparents to bring something special to show the children (perhaps a toy from their childhood, a photo, a special book etc).

Kids of Macarthur Student Council Fundraising

COLOUR DAY

For the past few years the schools in the Macarthur area have taken part in a fundraiser event to raise money for "Kids of Macarthur".

With the funds raised in 2014, Kids of Macarthur were able to purchase 2 Kanned Warmers for Campbelltown hospital. These are transportable with the infant so can be used in transferring bubs and are much easier to use and more efficient than anything previously available. Our funds are making a difference for the children in our area.

On Thursday 26 March the Student Council will be holding a Colour Day as our Kids of Macarthur event and would like everyone to come dressed in their class's designated colour:
Year 6— pink
Year 5— blue
Year 4— green
Year 3— purple
Year 2— yellow
Year 1— red
Kindergarten— orange
The children may colour their hair as well but are not allowed to bring hairspray or cans of colour to school.
Everyone who takes part is asked to donate a gold coin for Kids of Macarthur.

Thank you for your support!
Our 2015 Library Monitors have been selected, and received their badges at our last Assembly.

Congratulations to Alexis Madrill, Kayden Smith, Wyatt Taylor, Oscar Dyson, Natalia Eagles, Annabelle Van de Vate, Skye Campbell and Cassie Nash.

Due to wet weather last week our planned Clean up Australia Day was postponed. This will now go ahead this Wednesday after the 9am Assembly. Parents of students in Koalas class are asked to advise the school if you DO NOT WISH your child to clean up along the road at the front of the school.

All our students have been thoroughly enjoying our Discovery Hour every Monday afternoon.

Luke and Matthew show the crystals that have formed following their experiments in ‘The Mad Scientist’ group with Ms Ihlein.

On Tuesday 17th February all the students at Cawdor celebrated Pancake Day by cooking pancakes with their teachers—then eating them—yum!

1987 TOYOTA COASTER 20 SEATER MINIBUS
FOR SALE VIA TENDER
Interested parties contact Wooglemai EEC on 46809483.
Closing date for tender is 31 March at 2pm. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope to Wooglemai EEC, PO Box 78, Oakdale 2570 before this time.

Notice Board

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.
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 6
Mon 2 Mar  P&C Meeting 3.20pm
Wed 4 Mar  9.00am Assembly: SRC

Week 7
Tue 10 Mar  Camden HS Year 6 Discovery Day
Wed 11 Mar  Introductory Reports go home

Week 8
Mon 16—Wed 18 Mar  Years 5 & 6 Marine Discovery program
Thu 19 Mar  9.00 am Assembly: Yr 3
Fri 20 Mar  Possums class Camden Show visit

Week 9
Wed 25 Mar  Grandparents and Grandfriends Day

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

ATTACHMENTS: Classroom Buzz, Rights and Responsibilities of Children at Cawdor PS, Camden Show Excursion Possums class, 2015 ICAS Years 3-6, WSACCI Senior Friendship Group flyer

Snapshots of Cawdor......
Impressive skills during Gymnastics lessons.