Special reminders:
P&C meetings will be held after school at the new time of 3.30pm. Last meeting was very successful with many more parents able to attend. The next meeting will be in Term 2, and will be held in one of the classrooms with the children being supervised by a parent in another room.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

This week I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Le Good and Jake and Kylie Young who spent last Saturday morning repairing the carpark fence. As we have recently had undesirable trespassers in the churchgrounds and schoolgrounds it is a great relief to be able to once again lock the gate and increase the security of the school. Special thanks to Hayters Sawmill who donated the posts for the fence and to the Rofes for the wire.

Our second round of Discovery Hour is now underway and the children are enjoying some new and creative experiences such as Claymation, yoga and French. We hope to continue the program next term, with the involvement of parents as tutors, so if you have any skills (sewing, knitting, woodwork, crafts, languages etc) that you think you could share with the children please speak to me or your child’s class teacher. It would be wonderful to offer the children a variety of experiences with the support of parents.

With the change in seasons some children may be susceptible to bronchial problems such as asthma. If your child is suffering from asthma please advise the school and provide required medication so that we are able to monitor and care for your child by putting an asthma plan in place. We have also had a recent outbreak of a virus that leads to considerable vomiting so we have been reminding children of the importance of washing hands before eating and after visiting the toilet. Headlice are also continuing to be present in the school so please check your child and treat for headlice if necessary.

The Possums are very excited as this week they will be heading to the Camden Show. This will be the first excursion for the Kindergarten children and we are very grateful to all the parents who have offered to go along to help supervise the children. Our school has entered many impressive artworks and also some vegetables from our gardens so keep an eye out for them when you visit the Show.

The Years 5 and 6 students are also travelling to Jervis Bay tomorrow for a two day Marine Discovery Program. Today they learned to snorkel and are now looking forward to an adventurous couple of days snorkelling in the Bay. This term the Koalas have been studying ocean environments so our excursion will be a great opportunity for the children to see some marine animals close up.

Unfortunately I have injured my foot and will not be able to go to Jervis Bay but Miss Gale is happily taking my place and is looking forward to spending the time with the Koalas. Mrs Napoleone and a casual teacher will be teaching the Possums on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Kind Regards
Ms Sharon Ihlein
Principal
**Reminder—Grandparents’ and Grandfriends’ Day**

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 Games with the children

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).

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**DON’T FORGET OUR Kids of Macarthur Student Council Fundraising**

**COLOUR DAY**

On Thursday 26 March - everyone to come dressed in their year’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.

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**Library News**

The Premiers Reading Challenge commenced on March 2nd and is open to all students from K-6. I encourage everyone to join and make this our best year ever! Record cards are available from the library or office foyer.

K-2 students, can read the books on their own, read them with someone, or someone can read them to the children. They need to read 30 books—25 from the PRC list plus 5 own choice books.

3-6 students, must read the books on their own, but someone can help the children choose them. They must read 20 books—15 from the PRC list and 5 own choice books. Happy reading everyone.  

Mrs Napoleone
Notice Board

Single With Children provides fun and exciting social activities for single parents and their children, many activities are subsidised or free. A great way to meet and get to know people in your area. To find out more and get a FREE copy of our social calendar call 1300 300 496, or visit the website: www.singlewithchildren.com.au

Martial Arts for Kids in Smeaton Grange—1st lesson free! Give your child the focus they need to succeed in school and in life. Phone 4647 2530 or go to www.toodokan.com.au

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE NOTICEBOARD IN THE PARENTS CARPARK—

WOLLONDILLY LIBRARY SERVICES HAVE LOTS OF FUN EASTER AND HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS A RANGE OF AUTUMN ACTIVITIES.

Easter Fun Day

To celebrate the end of what has been a very busy term we will be having our Easter Fun Day on Thursday 2nd April, commencing at 12pm.

Parents and pre-schoolers are invited to join us.

12.00 – 1pm Easter fun activities
1 - 1.45pm Picnic lunch
1.45 – 3pm Egg and spoon races, egg hunt

Bring along your toy rabbits or bilbies to the Easter picnic.

Tea and coffee will be available in the staffroom for parents and caregivers.

A reminder that the next Assembly will be held on Thursday 19 March commencing at 9am.

Our Reading Ambassadors for 2015—Wyatt Taylor and Skye Campbell

Discovery Hour continues each Monday afternoon.

Ms Ihlein’s ‘Mad Scientists’ group have learned lots of interesting science facts, including how to make a volcano!
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
Thu 26 Mar
Colour Day—raising money for Kids of Macarthur

Week 10
Wed 1 Apr
9.00 am Assembly: SRC
Thu 2 Apr
Easter Day

TERM 1 FINISHES THURSDAY 2 APRIL
STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY 21 APRIL

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.

Snapshots of Cawdor…….
Ms. Ihlein and students from the Koalas class cleaned up along the front of the school on our Clean Up Australia Day.

What’s due
- Gymtastics due 13 March
- Textbooks payment OVERDUE
- Camden Show note—Possums class