FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

Winter has arrived and we have had some very cold days at school. We celebrated the first day of winter with cups of hot chocolate before school—the warm drink was very much appreciated by all the children.

Over the past two weeks the children have been engaging in some very interesting learning programs and have been producing wonderful work. At last week’s assembly the Discovery Hour photography group showed us some of their photos and explained the different angle shots. Everyone was very impressed by the quality of the photos and knowledge of the children. In Education Week next term (on Wednesday 29 July), we will be holding a Learning Expo at the school with displays of work across the Key Learning Areas. Add the date to your calendars and we hope you will be able to join us to celebrate the children’s learning.

Through Wollondilly North Rotary our school has made links with Hambrook School in South Africa. Many of the children at Hambrook are very poor and orphaned and are in great need of support. Dr John Schwarz from Camden has visited the school and came last week to speak to the Koalas about ways in which we can connect with and support Hambrook. The students in the Koalas class have written letters to the children and the Student Council is collecting books which will be taken to the school next week by Dr Schwarz’s daughter. Thank you to all the families who have donated books for our collection. In fitting with our strategic direction of enhancing our students’ wellbeing and mindfulness, we are hoping that this initiative will help to increase our children’s awareness of the needs of other children and of the cultures of other countries.

Semester 1 reports will be sent home on Monday 22 June and interviews with class teachers will be held on Tuesday 23 June. An interview request sheet is attached to today’s newsletter. If you would like an interview to discuss your child’s progress, please return the note as soon as possible so that a time can be allocated to you.

The new mats for the COLA have now been purchased through Chompers funding. A big thank you goes to Mr and Mrs Hillier who drove to Bankstown to collect the mats. While the mats are not as thick as the previous ones, we hope that we have eliminated the issue of the blue fibres sticking onto the children’s clothes.

Many thanks to the children who raised money for the school in the Adidas Fun Run….the total amount raised this year is creeping up on the barometer and we should very soon be able to purchase the smartboard for the Possums.

Kind Regards

Ms Sharon Ihlein
Principal
Simultaneous Storytime was held on Wednesday 27 May, and it was a fun way to celebrate the National Family Reading Month of May. Many parents and grandparents were able to join us, to enjoy our teachers performing a Readers Theatre of the book ‘The Brothers Quibble’ and to share some favourite books with the children.

**SPORTS REPORT**

Troy Sitkowski, Year 4 with his gold medal and trophy for winning 1st place when he competed in the synchronised trampolining at the National Gymnastics Competition in Melbourne recently. Congratulations Troy!

Our Years 3-6 students are enjoying the Orienteering program each week with Mrs Davis, learning some new and interesting skills. Our team of 11 students will represent the school at the Schools Orienteering Competition on Wednesday 17 June.

Mr V.

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Fun Run, raising money for the school by asking friends and family to sponsor them. The total amount raised was $1223—our fundraising barometer is climbing higher and higher!

**HAMBROOK PS BOOK DRIVE**

All students are asked to participate in the book drive by donating one book each to send to children at the Hambrook Public School in South Africa. Books can be new or clean secondhand books in good condition. Please bring your books in to school no later than WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK—there are boxes in the school foyer for your donations.

**THE BREAKFAST CLUB** started on Friday 29 May, to help encourage all children to have healthy eating habits and to emphasise the importance of beginning the day with a healthy breakfast. The children who participated enjoyed eating their breakfasts of wheatbix, porridge and toast. Breakfast Club was also held last Friday and will continue each Friday morning until the end of this term.

Thank you to the parents who assisted in preparing and serving the breakfast. Mr V

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Friday this week—12 June we are having a lunchtime special of sausage on a roll + juice popper for $2.50. This will be the only hot food available for lunch on the day, however children can still order sandwiches/toasties. Chicken nuggets will be available at recess time only.

Thank you to the parents who assisted in preparing and serving the breakfast.
Winter is here!

Notice Board

Monkey Mind Yoga—Stretching Young Minds—Children’s Yoga classes St Jerome’s Anglican Church, adjacent to Cawdor Public School. Children aged 8 to 13 years, Wednesdays 4.30-5.30pm, $15 per week. Contact Clare-Ann for bookings on 0401 199 635.

Women’s Meditation—classes on Thursdays 9.45-10.45am at St Jerome’s Anglican Church Cawdor, $15 per week. Contact Clare-Ann on 0401 199 635

The Oaks/Burragorang Cricket Club registration dates for 2015/16 season: 13 June, 27 June, and 19 July. Cost: Juniors $110, Seniors $250. For more information phone Bob on 0418 488 857

Interrelate’s high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to Cawdor. A special evening program will be held at Cawdor Public School on Tuesday 1st September 2015.

Session 1: Where did I come from? (1 hour session, years 3-6)

Session 2: Preparing for puberty (1 hour session, years 5-6, years 3-4 at parent’s discretion)

Family cost: 1 session $25 per family, 2 sessions $30 per family

Pilates, Pilates Xtraining, Dance and Sports Kids at Smeaton Grange—highly qualified and experienced instructor. Proven results in weight loss, pain relief, posture correction, and performance. One free class per person. Contact Penny 0402 305 196
PRELOVED JUMPERS AND JACKETS SALE
All fleecy jumpers and jackets only $2 each
Microfibre jackets $5 each

Available from the school office

ICAS COMPETITION TEST DATES
Writing  Monday 15 June
Spelling  Tuesday 16 June
English  Tuesday 28 July
Mathematics  Tuesday 11 August

REMINDER—Our next Assembly will be held on THURSDAY 18 JUNE commencing at 9am, and organised by students in Year 2.

DATES TO REMEMBER

WEEK 8
Mon 8 June  Public Holiday Queen’s Birthday
Tue 9 June  Crazy Talk workshop Koalas Class
Wed 10 June 7pm School Council meeting

WEEK 9
Mon 15 June  ICAS Writing test
Tue 16 June  ICAS Spelling test
Wed 17 June  Orienteering Years 4–6
Thu 18 June  9am Assembly: Year 2
Fri 19 June  Gala Day

WEEK 10
Mon 22 June  2pm Aboriginal performer
Reports go home
Tue 23 June  12.30pm Combined Scripture
Parent/Teacher interviews
Fri 26 June  Last day Term 2

REMINDER
NEXT GALA DAY FRIDAY 19 JUNE

CAWDOR PS
STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS:
◊ Quality, innovative teaching
◊ Creative and engaging learning
◊ Enhanced student wellbeing and mindfulness

ATTACHMENTS:  Classroom Buzz, Aboriginal Performer note, Parent/Teacher Interviews

LAST DAY TERM 2 IS FRIDAY 26 JUNE, 2015.  TERM 3—ALL STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY 14 JULY