Special reminders:
The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 3 August after school at the new time of 3.20pm in the Koalas’ classroom.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:
Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

Welcome back after what I hope was a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. It certainly has been a very cold start to the term but the children have settled back into the school routines very well.

Last week we welcomed Mrs Tracey Bond to our staff. Mrs Bond will be our School Learning Support Officer for the next four weeks while Mrs Smilanic is travelling overseas. We also welcomed back Mrs Garbutt who has been on maternity leave after the birth of her daughter Penny. Mrs Garbutt has resumed her Learning and Support and Release from Face to Face positions each Thursday. Mrs Napoleone will continue her roles as LaST, RFF and librarian on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Our school cleaner, Rose, is also travelling overseas and her replacement, Albino, will be at the school for the next six weeks.

One of the items on the last School Council meeting agenda was the possibility of holding another Billy Cart Derby next year. Many people in our school and extended community have commented that they would like to hold the event again so we would like to gauge the level of interest and commitment from our families. To stage a successful Billy Cart Derby we need all hands on deck! A short survey has been attached to the newsletter and based on the results of the survey, the School Council and P&C will make a decision as to whether or not to run the event in 2016.

I am always very proud of the students at Cawdor and this week I would like to make special mention of some outstanding achievements of three of our older students. Last week we were very excited to find out that Grant Taylor has been offered a place at Hurlstone Selective High School, on the basis of his performance in the entrance examination. This is a very prestigious achievement as the places are highly contested. We were also impressed that both Grant and Taylor Tully have been selected for the Year 7 enrichment class at Camden High School. Congratulations to both students on their outstanding academic results. Last Friday Cassie Nash braved the freezing temperatures to compete at the State Cross Country where she came 61st in the 11Yr Girls event. The school is also very proud of her efforts and achievements.

Next week we will be holding our Education Week learning expo on the Wednesday. The expo is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the work being done in all the classes and to recognise the achievements of all of the children in our school. We are looking forward to having you here with us on the day.

Stay warm

Kind Regards
Ms Sharon Ihlein
Principal
The students all enjoyed our visit from aboriginal performer Ryka Ali on Monday 22 June. Miss Gale and Mr Willcocks also joined in the dancing!

The theme for 2015 Education Week is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’ so we have invited the Cawdor Rural Fire Service to visit in the afternoon.

Parents and family members are invited to our special Learning Expo on Wednesday 29 July, starting at 11.30am. The Expo will be a Showcase of students' work and achievements. Following a singing performance by the whole school, parents will be able to visit displays in a variety of Key Learning Areas, including some student demonstrations and short performances in Drama. At the conclusion of the Expo, there will be a sausage sizzle lunch provided to all students and their visitors.

The theme for this year’s Book Week is ‘Books Light Up Our World’. Mrs Napoleone is going to decorate the library during Book Week in Week 7, and is asking for the loan of fairy lights/battery tea lights/lavalights/lanterns/torches/hurricane lights etc.—if any families have some that they are happy to lend, please see Mrs Napoleone or Mrs Hillier.

2015 School Swimming Scheme—10 to 14 August

Students in Years 1 to 6, who are not yet proficient in the water, are invited to attend the School Swimming Scheme.

Course Outline

The aim of the School Swimming Scheme is to offer your child the opportunity to learn to swim and to acquire an understanding of safety in the water. To achieve this purpose the children are graded into groups on the first day of the course. They then progress through the following skills:

- Floatation and water confidence, Kicking
- Freestyle, backstroke

The children are instructed in water safety methods throughout the course. As each child's ability develops, skills will be practised, under strict supervision, in deep water. Specialised swimming aids will be used to assist the children throughout their lessons. Cost of the program is $11, which is the pool entry fee, lessons are free of charge. Notes went home late last term, please call at the office if you require another note. We will need parent assistance to transport the students who attend, please complete the attached note if you are able to help. Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered, a roster will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Needed—Fairy Lights for the Library

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Congratulations to our Semester 2 Student Council members:

Jonathon Thackeray Year 2
Flinders Crimmins Year 3
Alex Hill Year 4
Luca Napoleone and Wyatt Taylor Year 5

The students will receive their badges at our next Assembly on Thursday 23 July.
**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

**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

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**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN BEGINS**

From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September you will receive a sticker for every $10 spent at a Woolworths store. Stick them on your sticker sheet, then place the completed sheet in the collection box located in the school office foyer. At the end of the Earn & Learn program we will count up all our stickers, then choose some fantastic resources from Modern Teaching Aids for our classrooms. **Start collecting now!**

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**ICAS COMPETITION TEST DATES**

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**Our next Assembly will be held on Thursday 23 July at 9am.**

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**2016 Enrolments**

Enrolments are now being accepted for 2016. Parents are asked to contact the school for enrolment forms.

Pre-school children who will be enrolling in Kindergarten next year will be invited to some of the school’s special events during Terms 3 and 4. These visits form part of our transition to school program and they greatly benefit the children in terms of them becoming familiar with the Cawdor environment, teachers and other students.

Current families are asked to inform friends, families and neighbours that enrolments are now open for next year.

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**STUDENT ABSENCES**

If your child is absent from school due to sickness or another reason it is very important that the school is notified within a week of the absence. Parents are reminded that they can:

- Send in a written note of explanation
- Telephone the school office and give a verbal explanation
- Email the school to the school’s email address
- Complete an Absence Form obtained from the school office.

It is Department of Education policy that all absences are recorded daily, and that schools follow up any unexplained absence.

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ATTACHMENTS: Classroom Buzz, Term 3 Calendar, Gala Day note, Athletics Carnival note, Swimming Scheme transport note, Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser note, Billy Cart Derby Expression of Interest, School Photographer Special Group Photos information and pricelist

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

Mr V. cooking bacon and eggs for Brekkie Club last term

Week 2
Tue 21 Jul  Camden HS visit Year 5
Thu 23 Jul  9am Assembly: Year 3

Week 3
Mon 27 Jul  Education Week begins
Tue 28 Jul  ICAS English
Wed 29 Jul  Learning Expo Open Day
Fri 31 Jul  Gala Day Years 3-6

Week 4
Mon 3 Aug  P&C Meeting 3.20pm
Tue 4 Aug  Athletics Carnival K-6
Wed 5 Aug  9am Assembly: SRC

DATES TO REMEMBER