FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

We were very pleased with the success of our Education Week Learning Expo last Wednesday. The children had a wonderful time preparing the Expo and showcasing all their work on the day. Once again a huge thank you goes to all the staff who worked extremely hard and as a great team to organise the Expo. Thank you also to the parents, carers and other family members who came along on the day—I’m sure you would all be as impressed as myself by the standard of the children’s work.

On the day the drama performances were a big hit so at this week’s assembly the Possums will again perform the play, ‘The Three Little Pigs’. The Koalas will also perform ‘Cinderfella’ for the other students one afternoon in the next couple of weeks.

The theme of Education Week was Celebrating Local Heroes so we arranged a visit from some of our local heroes from the Cawdor Rural Fire Service. The children had a fabulous time climbing into the truck, spraying the water from the hoses and trying on the jackets and helmets. They also asked thoughtful questions about firefighting and learned about emergency procedures in case of a fire. We are very grateful to Scott Lavender, Alexis Young and Brian Rofe who represented the fire service on the day and who were very informative and patient with the children and gave all the children a fire helmet to take home.

Tomorrow the whole school will be heading to Onslow oval for our combined athletics carnival with Mt Hunter. Parents of children under 7 are reminded that your children require a car booster seat so please ensure that you supply one if necessary. Mr Willcocks will be the convenor of the carnival and he will be seeking the assistance of the parents to be officials (no prior experience necessary!) so if you are able to stay at the carnival please consider helping with one of the events.

Discovery Hour started again today and will take place for the next two weeks as well. This term we have offered drama, boardgames, sketching, wood craft, music and sewing. Many thanks to Mrs Parker and Mrs Sitkowski who are running two of the activities.

Wollondilly North Rotary has again given our school a donation of $500 to be used in one of the school’s educational programs. Their previous donation funded our ANZAC program in Term 1. The teachers will discuss the use of the funds at our staff meeting this week. We are very grateful for Rotary’s ongoing support.

This term is full of wonderful learning experiences for the children and to ensure the success of all of the learning programs we are including detailed information in the newsletters. Please read the newsletters carefully and keep referring to your calendar so that you are up to date with events at the school.

Looking forward to seeing many of you tomorrow at the race track.

Kind Regards

Ms Sharon Ihlein
Principal
Book Week Parade

Book Week is fast approaching - now is the time to start thinking about your costume for the Book Parade. This year’s theme is “Books Light Up Our World”.

Come dressed as your favourite book or movie character.

Book Parade is on Wednesday 26 August

Cawdor History

This term the Stage 2 and 3 students are learning about the history of our local area.

Did you know…?

Cawdor school was originally established in 1854 at a different site near the Cawdor Uniting Church.

The current school was built in 1888.

There is a milepost still remaining inside the fence of a property along Cawdor Road, opposite Mayfarm.

Re-think your lunchbox.

Plastic bags, cling wrap, disposable utensils, plastic straws, chip packets, single-serve cheese dips... that’s a lot of waste, and it’s all lurking in the humble lunchbox.

The EnviroMentors’ Educator will be visiting our school on Tuesday 18 August. All the students will participate in FREE workshops designed to educate students and staff about waste reduction at lunch time. Students are asked to bring all snacks, lunch and drinks in reusable containers or paperbags. Cawdor’s EnviroPower team will be looking for the winning class who have the least waste.

REMINDER—ATHLETICS CARNIVAL TOMORROW—TUESDAY 4 AUGUST

IMPORTANT—Children under 7 years must have a booster seat. If you need help to transport your child and from the carnival, please send their booster seat in for them to use.
Notice Board

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

Macarthur Children’s Developmental Clinic’s Speech Pathologists at Narellan are offering FREE screening services for preschool and school aged children in their clinic. The Speech Pathologist informally assess speech development, receptive and expressive language and literacy skills. Bookings are essential as places are limited. Please contact on 4648 0837, or by email on admin@macarthurcdc.com.au

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!

Thank you to those families who have returned the Billy Cart Derby survey. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the survey—if you haven’t yet had a chance to send in your response please complete this survey and send it in as soon as possible so that we know what the majority of our families would like to see in 2016.

Needed—Fairy Lights for the Library

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.

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.

PVC Semester 1 Payments

Transport for NSW has been reviewing PVC subsidy claims for accuracy because it has introduced a new computer system and this has caused a delay. They apologise for the inconvenience and hope to have the new system complete over the next few weeks.

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

ATTACHMENTS: Interrelate, Musica Viva, Footsteps, Billy Cart Derby parent response, Special Swimming Scheme drivers note, P&C Bunnings BBQ helpers

Snapshots of Cawdor.....

Mr Le Good and Mrs Hillier preparing lunch for students, visitors, and Staff at the Learning Expo last Wednesday

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BALIN (YEAR 1) ENJOYED THE FIRE TRUCKS!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Week 5
Mon 10—Fri 14 Aug  Special Swimming Scheme
Tue 11 Aug  ICAS Maths

Week 6
Mon 17 Aug  Science Week begins
            10am Musica Viva performance
Tue 18 Aug  Environmentors No Waste Lunch
Wed 19 Aug  9am Assembly: Library Monitors
Thu 20 Aug  Footsteps program begins

ICAS COMPETITION TEST DATES
Mathematics  Tuesday 11 August