FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

Welcome to the start of the 2016 school year. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday, ready for another wonderful year at Cawdor.

The staff and I are all very pleased to be back and are looking forward to another innovative and productive year. The Years 1-6 students have settled in very well and today we welcomed our new Kindergarten students who were very excited to be starting school. The fabulous news is that, with our current numbers, we have been able to form four classes and if the numbers hold until next week the four classes will continue for the remainder of the year. A special welcome to Mr John Crompton who is temporarily filling the fourth class teacher position and all going well, will be with us for the year. Our classes are now known as the Possums (K), the Wallabies (1/2), the Echidnas (3/4) and the Koalas (5/6).

A special welcome also to all of our new families. We are looking forward to getting to know our new parents and extend an invitation to everyone to attend the first P&C meeting this afternoon. This will be a good opportunity for parents to have a chat and meet some new members of our community. I’m sure all new parents will be made to feel very welcome. An afternoon tea to welcome new families is also planned for next Friday, starting at 2.30.

Over the next few weeks you will be receiving a range of notes and information sheets that are important at the start of the year. We ask that you complete any permission notes as soon as possible and return them to the school note box.

This Wednesday the Years 3-6 children will be taking part in our school swimming carnival. This is always a very enjoyable day and parents are encouraged to attend to support the children and also to help out as officials. We hope that you will be able to join us at Picton pool for our first school sports event. The Kindergarten, and Year 1 and Year 2 children will remain at school on Wednesday with Mrs Cocks and Mr Crompton.

This Thursday morning the SRC will be running our first assembly for the year. The new student leaders will be presented with their badges at this assembly and all parents and friends are welcome to attend.

I look forward to working with you all throughout another great year at Cawdor.

Kind Regards
Ms Sharon Ihlein
Principal
Welcome to Our New Families

A special welcome to the new families who have joined the Cawdor school community:

The families of:
Zulu-Rose Britos-Nunnari; Ceyda Fahri; Matthew Halls; Ameya-Blossom Healey; Addison and Lucas Kosa; Barry Lee; Sydney Martin; Kye, Drew and Cooper Page; Isabella, Noah and Sara Fitzgerald; Anthony and Isabella Di Natale

All new parents are invited to afternoon tea on Friday 12 February from 2.30, under the shelter next to the library.

Class Arrangements and Information Night

This year we have established four classes and will also have some flexible class arrangements in order to cater for the needs of the children. The four classes are:

Kindergarten: Possums Mrs Checobi Cocks
Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Wallabies Mr John Crompton
Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) Echidnas Mr Luke Willcocks
Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) Koalas Ms Sharon Ihlein

From Monday to Thursday there will be some movement of students across classes for literacy and numeracy groups and Mrs Garbutt and Mrs Napoleone will be working with a range of students and groups each Tuesday and Thursday morning. The teachers will explain more about these arrangements at the Parent Information evening on Wednesday 17 February. The purpose of this night is to give parents an overview of the organisation, programs and plans for their child’s class for 2016. The class teachers will be speaking to the parents for about half an hour at these times:

K Mrs Cocks 6.00 pm
1/2 Mr Crompton 6.30 pm
3/4 Mr Willcocks 7.00 pm
5/6 Ms Ihlein 7.30 pm

Tea and coffee will be available in the staffroom.

If you wish to discuss individual matters relating to your child, please make an appointment for an interview with your child’s teacher.
2016 Staff

Teaching staff:
Principal—Ms Sharon Ihlein
Classroom teachers: Mrs Checobi Cocks, Mr John Crompton (Temp), Mr Luke Willcocks, Ms Sharon Ihlein
Learning and Support Teachers—Mrs Emma-Jane Garbutt, Mrs Virginia Napoleone
Reading Recovery—Mrs Diana Le Good
Release from Face to Face, Library—Mrs Virginia Napoleone

School Administrative and Support Staff:
School Administrative Manager—Mrs Karyn Hillier
School Admin Officer (Library/Office) and Learning Support Officer—Mrs Wendy Smilanic
General Assistant—Mr Angus Le Good
Cleaner: Mrs Rosemary Scott
School Counsellor: (to be appointed)

SWIMMING CARNIVAL THIS WEDNESDAY—3RD FEBRUARY
The combined Mount Hunter and Cawdor Swimming Carnival will be held at Wollondilly Leisure Centre, Picton commencing at 9.45am and concluding at 2.30pm.
ALL PUPILS IN YEARS 3-6 WILL BE INVOLVED. The children who do not compete in the formal events have opportunities throughout the day to take part in novelty events. Permission notes were given to children last week, please speak to Mr. Willcocks if you have any queries.

Notice Board

Uniform Shop
Our Uniform Shop coordinator is Mrs Liz Gould, a volunteer parent who has recently taken on the role of looking after the uniform needs of our students. The Uniform shop operates from inside the canteen and is open each Wednesday morning. Uniform order forms can be obtained from the school office at any time, or downloaded from the school website. Parents who are unable to come in to the uniform shop to purchase items can complete an order form and return it to the office where it will then be passed on to the uniform shop. After payment has been received uniform orders can be sent home with your child.

School Banking
School Banking has resumed for 2016. Our school banking day is THURSDAY each week. Well done to the 8 students who remembered their bank books in the very first week! Information on how to join school banking is available from the school office, students can join at any time. Preschoolers are also welcome.
ATTACHMENTS:
Term 1 Calendar, Newsletter and notes distribution information, Opal Card information

CHOMPERS CANTEEN NEWS
Canteen will reopen on MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY for 2016. At present it will only be open one day a week, however if enough volunteers are available it may open two days a week. A note asking for Canteen Volunteers will be sent home in coming weeks.

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 2
Monday 1 Feb 3.20pm P&C Meeting
Wed 3 Feb Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival, Picton
Thu 4 Feb Assembly: SRC
Fri 5 Feb Gymtastics 8 Week Program begins

Week 3
Fri 12 Feb 2.30pm Welcome to New Parents afternoon tea

Week 4
Wed 17 Feb 9.00am Assembly: year 6
Parent Information Night from 6.30pm

What’s due
- Swimming permission and money Yrs 3-6
- Gymtastics permission note