FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

We are now halfway through the term and I am very pleased with the way the children are working. I have been visiting each of the classes and it is wonderful to see the pride the children are showing in their work. Next week an introductory report for each child will be sent home. The report will give an indication as to how the children have settled into the new year. If you wish to speak to your child’s teacher please contact the school to make a meeting time.

A team of students represented Cawdor at the Razorback zone swimming carnival last week. Congratulations to all the students on their good sportsmanship and excellent representation of the school. Special congratulations to Cassie Nash, Luca Napoleone, Caleb Pritchard and Troy Sitkowski who have been selected to represent our school in the small school’s relay at the Area carnival in March. Thank you again to the parents who assisted with transport to the carnivals and to Mr Willcocks, Mrs Napoleone and Mrs Powter from Mt Hunter who acted as our team official and manager.

This Thursday Ms Nyeri Brook joins our staff in a temporary RFF position, one day each week. She will mainly be working with the Wallabies class but will also work with each of the other classes for short periods on Thursdays throughout the year. We welcome Ms Brook who is very excited to be joining the Cawdor team.

Planning for this year’s Billy Cart Derby is now underway. The Cawdor Rural Fire Service is once again joining us to organise the day and will manage the carparking. The application to Council for the road closure and approval to stage the event will soon be submitted. Many thanks to the parents who have offered their support. As this is our biggest event on the calendar we need all of our community to be involved so watch out for updates and please consider assisting.

Last weekend the large tree in the carpark was removed after being identified as a serious risk, with many of its limbs dying. Four other trees on the school premises will also shortly be removed.

Hoping to see you at the P&C meeting next week.

Kind Regards

Ms Sharon Ihlein
Principal
Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as leaders for 2016:

**Student Council**

**School Captain:** Skye Campbell  
**School Vice Captain:** Wyatt Taylor  
**Councillors:** Natalia Eagles; Luca Napoleone  
**Year 2:** Jacklyn Vella  
**Year 3:** Jessica Lee  
**Year 4:** Matthew Mastroieni  
**Year 5:** Oscar Dyson  
**Year 6:** Bella Mastroieni

**Sports Captains**

**Robins:** Alexis Madrill; Cassie Nash  
**Rosellas:** Kayden Smith  
**Magpies:** Chloe Murchie

**Enviro Power**

**Kindergarten:** Gus Lansdown  
**Year 1:** Lachlan Lee  
**Year 2:** Isabella Dower  
**Year 3:** Phoebe Gould  
**Year 4:** Flinders Crimmins  
**Year 5:** Annabelle Van De Vate  
**Year 6:** Luca Napoleone and Wyatt Taylor

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**Easter Fun Day**—Thursday 24 March  
**Grandparents’ Day**—Wednesday 6 April

**BILLY CART DERBY**

The next meeting of the Billy Cart Derby committee will be held  
**Wednesday 30 March**  
7pm in the staffroom.
**FUNDRAISING AT CAWDOR**

Ashtyn (Year 4) has been thinking up ways of helping to raise money for our school. Last week he brought in 4 huge jars—one for each classroom. Ashtyn is challenging his school mates to try and fill the jar in their classroom with 5 cent coins, and the class with the highest total by the end of each term will win a prize. Five cents doesn’t buy anything these days, BUT add them all together and they soon mount up. So instead of leaving them in the junk drawer at home bring them in and fill up your classroom jar! Of course, all coins are welcome, not just 5 cent coins.

**BYO HEADPHONES/EARPHONES**

Students from K-6 are now able to bring in their own headphones/earphones for use with the computers and ipads in class. Headphones/earphones should be kept in a small case or bag clearly labelled with student’s name.

**At Cawdor Public School we regularly take photographs of students during classroom activities, at excursions and incursions, during sport, and sometimes just having fun in the playground. We often publish these in our newsletter to make it look really interesting, and the children love to see themselves in print. Our newsletters are published on our School website, and members of the public are able to view our newsletter. If you would prefer your child/children not to be photographed at school for this or any reason, please notify the office as soon as possible.**

**CAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL TOUR**

YEARS 5 & 6 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
MONDAY 7TH MARCH, BEGINNING 6PM

**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.

**The RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP PROGRAM is visiting our school this Wednesday morning from 9.40am for an incursion with our K-2 students. There is no cost for this incursion.**

**Notice Board**

Holiday Soccer Clinic Mount Annan—Birriwa Reserve 21-22 April
Uniform Shop—Open each Wednesday morning 9am—9.15am
School Banking—Every Thursday, join at any time. Preschoolers also welcome.
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

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 ensure your child
wears the school hat.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 6
Wed 2 March  Assembly: run by SRC
             Responsible Pet Care incursion K-2
Fri 4 March   Clean Up Australia Day

Week 7
Mon 7 Mar     P&C Meeting, 3.20pm
Wed 9 Mar     Introductory Reports go home
Fri 11 Mar    Camden Show excursion K-2

Week 8
Tue 15 Mar    Area Swimming
Thu 17 Mar    9.00am Assembly: Year 3

What’s due
• Emergency information notes
• ICAS notes and money for interested students 3-6