



CAWDOR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 2, Term 3, 2011

25 July, 2011

Special reminders:

- * The **P&C meeting** will be held next Monday 1 August at 7.00 pm in the staffroom.
- * Several students have misplaced their **school jackets** so we ask that you check your child's uniform to ensure they have the correct jacket.
- * **Billy Cart Derby meeting**
A special meeting to discuss final Billy Cart Derby matters will be held after school today from 3.15 pm. All parents are invited to attend.

Cawdor PS will be taking part in the Woolies Earn and Learn Program so start saving your Woolworths docketts.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:



Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

The countdown is now on, with the Billy Cart Derby taking place next Sunday. We have been very excited by the response so far with amazing support from local businesses and registration forms starting to roll in. Many thanks to the team of fathers, capably led by Matt Owens, who came to the school on Saturday to begin preparations for the Derby. It is absolutely fabulous to have such a supportive school community and I'm sure the day is going to be very successful and lots of fun. There is still time to volunteer to assist on the day so speak to myself, Matt or Mrs Hillier if you are able to help out in any way.

Next week from Tuesday to Thursday, Mrs Sharon Shelton will be at the school to complete the school mural. We're keeping our fingers crossed that the weather is kinder to us! On the Wednesday we would like parents to come along to help with the painting so if you're able to please come at any time during the day and take part—no artistic skills are needed.

During the school holidays the trees that were planted at the front of the school by Wollondilly Council were stolen. It was very disappointing to see only the stakes remaining. The Council has kindly replaced the trees so please keep an eye out for any suspicious activity if you are passing by outside school hours. Hopefully the thieves won't strike twice.

Many thanks to the Pritchards who looked after our school chooks during the holidays. The chooks look very relaxed and well and are still laying—a bonus in winter.

As of Thursday 5th August Mr Lee will be on leave for three weeks. We are still finalising a relief teacher who will take the class for the entire leave period and will notify parents of the class of more information shortly.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Billy Cart Derby.

Kind Regards
Mrs Sharon Ihlein
Principal

NEW STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as Semester 2 Student Council representatives:

- Yr 2 : William Collins
- Yr 3: Alex Sitkowski
- Yr 4: Jack Borkman
- Yr 5: Indigo Margin
- Yr 6: Grace Lord and Claire Pritchard

The new Student Councillors received their badges at the assembly last week and are all looking forward to representing their classes and working with the teachers to plan activities for the school.



Education Week and Book Week

Education Week is scheduled for Week 3 on the schools' calendar but as this is immediately after the Billy Cart Derby we have decided to hold our celebrations in Week 5, combined with Book Week.

The agenda for the day will be:

- 9.00 Book Week parade (children come dressed as a favourite book character)
- 9.45 Just So! Performance in the church for children
Book Fair in the library for parents; Tea and coffee in the staffroom for parents.
- 10.45 Recess—Book Fair open for parents and students
- 11.15 Parents invited to visit Education Week classroom activities
- 12.55 Lunch—parents are welcome to stay for a picnic lunch with the children.

After lunch teachers will be doing some activities with their classes based on some of the short listed books.

Children who are enrolling in Kindergarten next year are also invited to attend.

More detailed information, including opening times for the Book Fair, will be included in the next newsletter.

We hope you will be able to join us on the day.



Honour Roll

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements:

ICAS Computer Skills test

Participation: Alex Sitkowski

Sasha Sitkowski

Credit:

Tamika Mansell

Region Multicultural Public Speaking

Participation: Tamika Mansell, Joanne Nash and Tamara Smith

SPORTS NEWS

State Cross Country

Congratulations to Joanne Nash who came 37th in the 8/9 Year girls state cross country last week. The race was run in very wet weather and we are very proud of Joanne's wonderful efforts.

Athletics Carnival

The Cawdor/Mt Hunter athletics carnival will be held tomorrow at Onslow Park in Camden. Parents are encouraged to come along and to help out as officials on the day. A carnival permission note was sent home last week.

Gala Day

The postponed Gala day will be held in Week 3 term 3, on Friday 5 August.

N otice Board

- The **Premier's Reading Challenge** will conclude at the end of August. Please speak to Mrs Le Good or Mrs Freelander if you need help locating books to read in the Challenge.
- **AASC sport** will begin next week. Gymnastics will be held on Tuesday afternoons and Hockey will take place on Wednesdays. Children who sign up for the after school sport activities are strongly encouraged to commit to attending for the whole term. As numbers have been declining in these activities we may need to reassess the viability of running the program next year.
- Some samples of **new uniform items** are still in the office for parents to view. Items include girls' pants (2 styles), beanies, scarves and sports shorts. Parents are welcome to give opinions as to whether or not each item should be included in our uniform shop. A final decision regarding the introduction of the new items will be made at the next P&C meeting.
- The Swimming Scheme will be held at Picton Pool in Week 7 this term. Expression of interest notes will be sent home this week to the students who qualify to participate in the scheme. This year our school will again have a one week program, with two lessons each day, in order to avoid high transport costs. Year 1 will again be invited to attend.
- Our school's spelling bee will be held in Week 6 and all students in Years 3-6 are encouraged to take part. A mini spelling bee will also be held for the children in K-2. In preparation for the 3-6 competition, parents are able to access spelling lists at The Arts Unit website:

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/spelling-bee/2011-premiers-spelling-bee>

Username: teacher **Password:** arachnophobia

The wordlists are not restricted in any way and may be distributed to any and all students who require them/ would like them. **Please note:** Junior words begin at Level 1 and go to Level 5 Senior words begin at Level 2 and go to Level 7.

- A 'Concert of Hope' featuring a choir of orphaned and vulnerable children from Uganda will be held on Sat 20 August at 7pm at the Camden Civic Centre. Sponsored by Camden Uniting Church. Free Admission.
- On Sat 6 Aug from 10 to noon Camden's Cohesive Communities Group (a Camden Council Initiative) is conducting an Interfaith Discussion Circle at Camden Library to informally discuss the phenomenon of pilgrimage.

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2012

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.*



Values—Responsibility

Cawdor students are being encouraged to display excellent values. Congratulations to Druid Williams who showed responsibility last week by sweeping the water from the path where people were walking and to Nathan Derrick who has been enthusiastically collecting sports equipment from the playground and making sure that it's returned to the sports' storeroom.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Book Week performance

Term calendar

Classroom Buzz

AASC expression of interest



Who's this with the long beautiful pink hair?

Pink Day which was held by the SRC in the last week of Term 2 was very well supported and raised \$102 for the McGrath Foundation. Thank you to everyone who participated on the day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3

Week 2

Tuesday 26 July Cawdor/Mt Hunter athletics carnival
Wednesday 27 July 2.00 pm Musica Viva
Sunday 31 July **Billy Cart Derby**

Week 3

Monday 1 Aug 7.00pm P&C Meeting
Tuesday 2 Aug ICAS English
AASC sport begins
Wednesday 3 Aug 9.00 am Assembly: SRC
Thursday 4 Aug Ambassadors' Day (Kathleen Cox)
Friday 5 Aug Final Gala Day (Yrs 2-6)

Week 4

Friday 12 Aug Zone Athletics

What's Due

Term 2 Band fees are **now overdue**
Musica Viva due 27 July

Education Week and Book Week will both be celebrated in week 5 at Cawdor PS.

