



# CAWDOR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Special reminders:

\* The P&C meeting will be held tonight at 7.00 pm in the staffroom. Come along to take part in the Billy Cart Derby debrief. Hope to see you there.

Week 4, Term 3, 2011

8 August, 2011

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS



We did it! A huge thank you to all of the parents, students, staff and community members who came together to assist with the Billy Cart Derby. The day was a huge success and certainly achieved our goal of having a good old fashioned fun family day as well as raising some money for the school and the Cawdor Fire Service. The atmosphere on the day was wonderful and the smiles on the children's faces made all the hard work worthwhile. We are still finalising our income and expenditure from the event but should be able to give a final profit figure in the next newsletter. While it would be impossible for me to thank all of the volunteers individually, I would like to say a special thank you to Matt Owens who originally thought of the idea for a Billy Cart Derby and then worked tirelessly over the past nine months to ensure the success of the day. Cawdor is extremely grateful to have such supportive parents.



Last week was SASS Staff recognition week. At Cawdor our SASS staff are all wonderful assets to the school. They often go out of their way and give extra time to support the staff, students and parents and keep the administration of the school running smoothly. I would like to thank each of them for their valuable contributions to our school. Our SASS staff includes:

- Mrs Karyn Hillier, SAM
- Mrs Sharon Freeland, SAO
- Mrs Wendy Smilanic, SAO
- Mr Angus Le Good, GA
- Mr Chris Ainscough, Cleaner

As Mr Lee is now on leave we welcome Ms Pearsall to Cawdor for the next three weeks. She will be teaching K/1 during that time and is already greatly enjoying her time at the school. Thank you to the children and parents who have already made her feel welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you at the P&C meeting tonight for a Billy Cart Derby debriefing and celebration.

Kind Regards  
*Ms Sharon Ihlein*  
Principal

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## AMBASSADOR



Cawdor's Ambassador, Kathleen Cox, took part in a Regional Ambassadors' Day at Homebush last Thursday. In the evening she was presented with a certificate and special Ambassador's badge. At the next assembly Kathleen will report on the leadership activities that she took part in on the day and tell us about some inspirational people she met.

Congratulations Kathleen on representing our school so proudly.

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**New Enviro Power Member**  
 Congratulations to Charlie Owens in Year 1 who has been selected as a new member of Enviro Power. Charlie has been asked to join the group because of her high level of interest in working in the school gardens and looking after our school environment. She has already been busy planting some pansies around the school bell.  
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## Education Week and Book Week

### Tuesday 16 August

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 class room 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, are included as an attachment in today's newsletter. We hope you will be able to join us on the day.



## ICAS Tests

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements in the UNSW ICAS Science Test:

Tamika Mansell—Participation

Sasha Sitkowski—Participation

Alex Sitkowski— **Credit** (An outstanding result)

## Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Tamara Smith who was selected as the July Aussie of the Month. Tamara received the award because of her outstanding school citizenship, initiative and care of the younger students. She has been an excellent leader and role model.



## SPORTS NEWS

### Zone Athletics Carnival

A team of students will represent Cawdor at the Zone Athletics which will be held at Campbelltown stadium over the next two Fridays. Permission notes for the zone athletics need to be returned as soon as possible. Good luck to all of our competitors. Run fast, throw far and jump high!

### Gala Day

The final soccer and netball gala day was held last Friday. The teachers were very proud of our teams' level of participation, skills improvement and sportsmanship. All students who participated will receive a Razorback ribbon.

# N otice Board

- The **Premier's Reading Challenge** will conclude at the end of August so keep encouraging your children to complete the challenge. Please speak to Mrs Le Good or Mrs Freeland if you need help locating books to read in the Challenge.
- **AASC sport** began last week with *Gymnastics* on Tuesday afternoons and *Hockey* on Wednesdays. There are still vacancies in both sports so speak to Ms Ihlein or Mrs Hillier if your child would like to take part. Parents are reminded that children who sign up for the after school sport activities are strongly encouraged to commit to attending for the whole term.
- A final decision regarding the introduction of the new **uniform** items will be made at the P&C meeting tonight.
- The **Swimming Scheme** will be held at Picton Pool in Week 7 this term. Permission notes will be sent home today to all students who qualify to attend. This year our school will again have a one week program, with two lessons each day, and we are seeking the assistance of parents to drive to and from the pool each day.
- The SRC will be supporting the **Jeans for Genes Day** on Friday 26 August. All students, parents and staff are encouraged to wear jeans to school and make a gold coin donation to the Children's Medical Research Institute. The SRC will hold a fun fashion show in the morning as well as a competition to design a pair of jeans.
- 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.
- Cawdor School is participating in both the **Coles** (sports equipment) and **Woolworths** (classroom resources) docket collection programs. Please place your dockets in the boxes in the office foyer.
- The **school mural** is coming along well. Mrs Shelton will be travelling overseas for a couple of weeks but will return shortly to complete the painting with the children.
- The **Footsteps dance program** will be returning in Week 6 and will take place each Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 to 3.00 pm. As this program forms a major part of our Term 3 dance program we would like all children to attend. The students dance skills will be assessed during the Footsteps program. Please speak to Ms Ihlein or Mrs Hillier if you need financial assistance to pay for the program. A permission note is included in today's newsletter.

## 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—Cooperation

**COOPERATION:** Working together to achieve common goals, providing support to others and engaging in peaceful resolution of conflict.

Congratulations to all the students at Cawdor last week for working and playing together peacefully both in the classrooms and on the playground. A special congratulations to K/1 for cooperating so well with Ms Pearsall during her first two days at our school.

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## ATTACHMENTS:

Footsteps note

Book Week information



### BILLY CART DERBY SNAPSHOTS

—more will be on the school's website soon.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Week 4

Monday 8 Aug P&C Meeting 7.00 pm

Friday 12 Aug Zone Athletics

#### Week 5

Tuesday 16 Aug Open Day—Book Week and Education Week

Wednesday 17 Aug 9.00 am Assembly: Kindergarten

Friday 19 Aug Zone Athletics

#### Week 6

Wednesday 24 Aug Spelling Bee (Yrs 3-6)  
Footsteps Dance Program begins

Thursday 25 Aug Mr Lee returns

Friday 26 Aug Jeans for Genes Day

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

