



CAWDOR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 2, Term 4, 2012

15 October, 2012

Special reminder

Parent Forum next
Monday at 9.00 am in the
library.



Fun in the Bounce Gym program

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

Term 4 is well underway and the children have started the term very well with excellent behaviour and work.

With the end of the year approaching it is time for us to evaluate some of our school programs. Over the next few weeks we will be surveying the staff, parents and students to gain some feedback about the year at Cawdor. On Monday next week Mr Maumill, our HAT, will be running a Parent Forum to discuss Literacy programs and initiatives in the school. All parents are welcome to attend, starting at 9.00 am.

Thanks to the amazing submission writing skills of Mrs Le Good, the school has been successful in gaining another \$1000 from Illawarra Coal and BHP Billiton for our environmental projects. The money will be used to purchase a rainwater tank for the gardens near the garage as well as some plants for the frog pond area.

The sensory garden is taking shape and the water feature will be installed soon. Many thanks to the parents who donated some bush rock and pots for the new garden.

Mr Lee will be on leave from this Thursday 18 October until Friday 9 November. During this period Mrs Napoleone will be teaching the Possums and Ms Aplin will be the Release From Face to Face teacher each Wednesday.

Looking forward to a productive and enjoyable final term.

Kind Regards
Sharon Ihlein
Principal

Year 6 Fundraising

Each year the year 6 students organise some fun activities in Term 4 to raise money for a gift to the school. Last year the students raised \$500 to purchase a water feature for the sensory garden. The water feature will be installed shortly and will be a lovely feature of the garden.

This year the students will be running three activities:

- A **baby photo guessing competition** in Weeks 2 and 3. Entry: \$1 to guess who the babies are. Photos will be of the Year 6 students and the staff. 1st prize is two movie tickets for the United Cinemas at Narellan. If more than one person has the most correct guesses, names will be placed in a ballot to win the 1st prize.
- **Circus Day in Week 6**—everyone is asked to come dressed as a circus performer. Pay 50c to come in mufti. Slushies, icecreams and popcorn will be on sale at lunchtime for \$1.00 each item.
- **Fair Day in Week 8**—a fair will take place at lunchtime with lots of fun activities (guessing competitions, sponge throwing, a haunted house, disco and face painting). Activities range in price from 20c to \$1.00. Icecream spiders will be available for \$1.00.



The Year 6 students hope that everyone will support their fundraising activities. Their gift will be announced at the Presentation Night.

Sports News

- **Bounce Gym** got off to a great start last Wednesday. The children enjoy the gymnastics activities and are looking forward to the classes each week. The program will continue each Wednesday until Week 10. Please ensure that your child wears sports clothes for the program.
- **AASC sport** will begin next week. This term cricket will be conducted during school hours, from 2.00—3.00 on a Tuesday afternoon. This will allow all students to take part in cricket workshops as part of the school's PE program. Unfortunately the coordinator of the program was unable to find a golf instructor so golf has been replaced by Oz Tag. Oz Tag will take place after school on Wednesdays from 3.10 to 4.10. Please return the Expression of Interest Form if you would like your child to participate in the Oz Tag.

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★ ICAS Test Results ★

★ Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in ICAS tests: ★

★ **English:** ★

★ Credit- Grant Taylor; Tamika Mansell ★

★ Participation—Alex and Sasha Sitkowski ★

★ **Maths:** ★

★ Credit- Tamika Mansell ★

★ Participation- Alex and Sasha Sitkowski ★

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Student Attendance

Regular attendance at school is important for students to reach their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences.

All students who are enrolled at school, regardless of their age, are expected to attend whenever instruction is provided. Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly.

In 2008 the Department of Education and Training introduced new measures to monitor the attendance of students. This was due to the changes in law that occurred at the beginning of 2008 following media focus on a series of horrific cases of child neglect.

Mawarra Public School Fete SATURDAY 20th October 9am-3pm Macarthur Road, Elderslie

SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO!!!

- * Unlimited Rides wristbands for Cha-Cha, Dodgem Cars, Pirate Ship, Jumping Castle, Tea-cup rides
- * Auctions and silent auctions (ipad, signed jerseys, vouchers, etc)
- * Pat an animal at the Elderslie HS Farm or ride a pony
- * Huge White Elephant Stall to find a bargain
- * Plants, craft, Mawarra Kids Art, sand art, balloons and LOTS LOTS MORE

Permission Notes

Parents are asked to ensure that permission notes are returned to school by the due date. Many children have been coming to school expecting to participate in special activities without their permission notes. It is a legal requirement for children to have a permission note before they take part in excursions and special events. The administration staff has been very obliging in phoning parents and issuing new notes but this is time consuming and often stressful. Permission notes will be posted on the school website from this week. Parents are asked to check school calendars and the fortnightly newsletter to keep up to date on notes that are due back at school. If notes are misplaced they can be printed from the school website www.cawdor-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. Click on the Permission Notes link on the Home Page.

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.



SUNSMART

In Term 4 Cawdor has a 'No Hat Play in the Shade' policy as part of our Sunsmart program. All students need to wear their school hat at recess and lunchtime and when classes are working or playing outside.

Students who do not have hats will be directed to play under the COLA.

The new school caps will be given to the children as soon as they arrive.

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ATTACHMENTS: AASC expression of interest;
Classroom Buzz, Camden High School 2013 Year 7 note,
Mrs. Garbutt's 2/3 group excursion note

Baby Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to the Crimmins family on the birth of their son and brother, Roman.

Bounce Gymnastics

DATES TO REMEMBER



Week 2

Monday 15 Oct	2.30 NAPLAN workshop
Wednesday 17 Oct	Bounce Gym continues
Thursday 18 Oct	Musica Viva

Week 3

Monday 22 Oct	9.00 Parent Forum
Wednesday 24 Oct	Oracy Competition Zone Final AASC Oz Tag begins
Thursday 25 Oct	9.00 Assembly run by Possums Countdown to Kinder 1.45—3.00

What's Due

- Balance of the Broken Bay excursion for years 5/6, payment can be sent in to school in weekly
- Bounce Gym **overdue**
- Musica Viva permission note and payment due 17 October

Enrolments are now being accepted for 2013.