



CAWDOR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 4, Term 4, 2012

29 October, 2012

Special reminder

The next P&C meeting will be held next Monday 5 November, at 7.00 pm in the Koalas classroom. A video on teaching your child resilience will be shown at the start of the meeting.



Countdown to Kinder

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

Cawdor has had so many reasons to celebrate in the past two weeks, with many wonderful achievements.

Congratulations to the three students who took part in the Oracy Competition and especially to Joanne Nash who has been selected to compete in the Campbelltown/Macarthur District Final. I am very impressed by the progress in public speaking of many of the students. The Possums even showed lots of skill and confidence in this area when they ran the assembly last week.

We were very excited to be announced as the winners of the Best School children's garden category in the Wollondilly Gardening Competition. You can read more about that on page 2 of the newsletter. Special thanks again to Mr and Mrs Le Good for their dedication and hard work in our Environmental Education program.

The sensory garden is looking fabulous and the children are looking forward to playing there when the garden is completed. The water feature which was donated by last year's Year 6 students is already proving to be very popular with the children and the wind chimes are very soothing!

Our new school caps have also been a big hit with the children who are happily wearing their caps every day. The new Kindergarten students will also be given a cap on their first day at school next year. The pre-schoolers have begun their transition to Kinder program and it has been a pleasure to welcome them and their families into the Cawdor community.

Kind Regards
Sharon Ihlein
Principal

Garden Competition Winners!

Cawdor earned 1st place last week in the Schoolchildren’s Garden section of the Wollondilly Garden Competition.

Representatives of the Enviro Power group, Jake Debono and Joanne Nash, attended the presentation ceremony along with Mrs Le Good and Ms Ihlein. They proudly accepted the trophy and \$100 cheque.

Congratulations to all the students, staff and parents who have worked so hard to establish and maintain our school vegetable gardens. The judges were very impressed by the school’s environmental education program and focus on sustainability.

The trophy can be viewed in the foyer cabinet. The money will be used to purchase more seeds, plants and supplies for the gardens.



Sports News

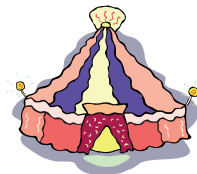
- **AASC sport** began last week. The cricket session from 2.00—3.00 on a Tuesday afternoon was greatly enjoyed by all the students. The class teachers are working with the instructor to teach the skills of cricket to the students using a variety of fun games. The AASC sports will continue for 7 weeks (up to and including Week 9).



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 ★ **Oracy Competition** ★
 ★ Congratulations to the following students for ★
 ★ their excellent participation in the Oracy Final ★
 ★ competition at Mawarra Public School last ★
 ★ Wednesday: ★
 ★ **Juniors:** ★
 ★ Sasha Sitkowski ★
 ★ **Seniors:** ★
 ★ Chelsea Dickinson and Joanne Nash ★
 ★ Joanne has been selected to compete in the ★
 ★ final of the Oracy competition on November 6. ★
 ★ A great result! ★
 ★ All the students worked very hard to prepare ★
 ★ their speeches and to develop their skills in ★
 ★ impromptu speaking and the school is proud of ★
 ★ their achievements. ★
 ★ ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Notice Board

- The Year 6 students are running a **baby photo guessing competition** in Weeks 3 and 4. Entry: \$1 to guess who the babies are. Photos are 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 on Tuesday 13 November** —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. The Year 6 students will be running some fun circus activities during the day.
- Parents/Carers who would like their child (current Year 5 students) to apply for **selective high school placement** in Year 7 in 2014 need to return the Intention to Apply form that is attached to the newsletter.
- As part of our annual school evaluation, we are seeking feedback from parents on our 2012 programs and initiatives in literacy. Parents are asked to complete the attached **survey** and return it to school in the next few weeks.



Tips for Helping Children with their Spelling

- Cut out the letters and arrange them in the right order (or use plastic letters).
- Identify a pattern in the words, e.g. dge in bridge, fudge and dodgem. Now write the words out but use a different colour for the dge bit of each word. Colour helps children to visualise in their memory.
- Make a colourful poster of the spelling words. Put it on your child's bedroom wall. Turn the word into a picture if that helps you to remember the letters, e.g. tunnel = the n's become tunnel mouths; look = the o's become eyes.
- Type the words repeatedly on a computer.
- Draw the letters in sand, paint, flour, soap bubbles or even on someones back with your finger (it's then a good game to get them to guess the word!)
- Remember a simple phrase to help recall a spelling word, e.g: BECAUSE = Big Elephants Can Always Understand Small Elephants.
- Make and solve a word search or crossword using your spelling list words. There are even some word search-makers on the internet! - Play family word games like scrabble, or have a spelling competition. In the car, look at number plates - can you think of a word with those three letters in it in the same order?

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 children have made a great start to wearing their new caps!

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ATTACHMENTS: Selective HS placement expression of interest;
Literacy survey; Cawdor Rd closure; Classroom Buzz



Baby Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to the Johnston family on the birth of their son and brother, Hunter.

\$1000 Enviro Smart Grant

Representatives of BHP Billiton and the NSW Minerals Council visited the school on Wednesday to present the \$1000 cheque which will be used to purchase a water tank and new plants for the frog pond area. Kyle Seeney accepted the cheque on behalf of the Enviro Power group.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Week 4

Baby Photo Competition

Wednesday 31 Oct Bounce Gym continues

Thursday 18 Oct Musica Viva

Week 5

Monday 5 Nov 2.30 Assembly run by the Wallabies

7.00 pm P&C Meeting

Wed-Fri 7-9 Nov Broken Bay camp (Yrs 5 and 6)

Friday 9 Nov Mr Lee returns from leave

Week 6

Tuesday 13 Nov Circus Day

1.45–3.00 Countdown to Kinder

Thurs-Fri 15-16 Nov Wooglemai Camp (Yrs 3 and 4)

What's Due

- Balance of the Broken Bay excursion for years 5/6
- Bounce Gym
- Musica Viva permission note and payment **overdue**
- Wooglemai permission note, medical note and payment

Enrolments are now being accepted for 2013.