



CAWDOR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 4, Term 4, 2013

28 October, 2013

Special reminder:

The next **P&C meeting** will be held next Monday 4 November, from 7.00 pm in the staffroom. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.



One of the Robins' fans!

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

The weather and bushfires this term have presented some difficult days at school but I have been extremely proud of the way that the children have stayed calm and settled. On several days the children stayed inside in the airconditioned classrooms and I would like to thank the staff for being so attentive to the needs of the children.

I would also like to congratulate Mrs Hillier on the excellent job she does in maintaining the school's finances, stocks and records. Last week the school was audited and passed with flying colours, largely due to Mrs Hillier's high level of competence and organisation skills. We are very grateful to have her in the role of SAM at Cawdor.

Sadly last Friday we said farewell to Lily McCormack and her family. The McCormacks have been part of the Cawdor school community for the past two years but are returning to Ireland. We thank them for their valuable contributions to the school and wish them all the very best for the future.

Finally, I will be on leave for two weeks, starting this Friday. During my absence Mr Willcocks will be the Relieving Principal, Mrs Napoleone will be teaching the Koalas and Miss Van Acquoy will be the RFF teacher.



Looking forward to seeing you all when I return in Week 7, ready for the end of year activities.

Kind Regards
Ms Sharon Ihlein
Principal

Prize-Winning Gardens

Cawdor was recently awarded first place for the school childrens' garden in the Wollondilly Garden Competition! The school received a trophy, \$100 and some new plants for the garden.

Thank you to Jake Fennemore and Lily McCormack who came to the presentation evening to represent the school and congratulations to Mr and Mrs Le Good and the Koalas on their wonderful work in maintaining the school vegetable gardens.



Countdown to Kindergarten

As part of Cawdor school's Kindergarten transition program, children enrolling at Cawdor in 2014 are invited to participate in these sessions:

Orientation Day

Thursday 31 October 11am–1pm. Children join classroom activities. Parents Information Session in Koalas classroom.

Class Visits

- Tuesday 5 November 9am–11am
- Thursday 21 November 11.30–1pm. Optional: 1pm lunch with your child in the playground, parents and children attend Musica Viva performance in the school Hall 2–3pm.
- Tuesday 3 December 1pm–3pm

Parents are welcome to stay at the school for a cup of tea or coffee during the class visits but will not be required to stay with the children.

Year 6 Fundraising

The Year 6 students will be running a “Fame Day” tomorrow. All students are asked to come to school dressed as someone famous (someone from the Arts, science, politics, sports, history....someone living or not) and to contribute a gold coin to take part in the day’s activities.

The day will start with a “Fame” parade on the catwalk.

There will also be other fun activities such as a guessing competition, karaoke and a lunch time talent show on the day.

Icecreams will be sold at lunchtime for 50c each.



Sports News

Congratulations to Joanne Nash who came 17th in the 800m at the State athletics carnival at Homebush. Joanne has had a wonderful year in sport and the school is very proud of her dedication, sportsmanship and achievements.

The Sports Fun Day was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to the parents who came along on the day and helped out with the races. A big thank you goes to Mr Willcocks who did such a great job coordinating the day.

Congratulations to the Robins, the winning team on the day.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Classroom Buzz; Child Protection permission note, Clean Aqua Water Filters brochure

Sports Fun Day



Kindergarten champions



Ethan Fitzpatrick and Laila Rofe, proud leaders of the Robins house, with the winning house shield.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Week 4

Tuesday 29 October Year 6 Fundraiser (Fame Day)

Thursday 31 October Kindergarten Orientation

Week 5

Monday 4 November 7.00 pm P&C meeting

Tuesday 5 November 9-11 Countdown to Kinder

Wednesday 6 Nov 9.00 Assembly run by SRC

Thursday 7 Nov K-3 Excursion to Wollongong

Week 6

Monday 11 Nov Remembrance Day

Tuesday 12 Nov Enrichment Day (Yrs 5 and 6)

Thurs/Fri 14-15 Nov Yrs 3/4 Wooglemai camp

What's due:

- Child Protection permission note **due now**
- Wollongong Botanic Gardens K—3 excursion permission note & money **due 31 October**
- Wooglemai excursion Yrs 3 & 4 permission note & money **due 7 November**

In Terms 1 and 4 our school's Sun Safe policy is

“No school hat, play in the shade.”

Please ensure your child wears their school hat each day.

As protection from the sun, children without school hats will be asked to play under the COLA at recess and lunchtime.