

CAWDOR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 2 Term 4, 2014

13 October, 2014

Special reminders:

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday 3 November at 7pm in the Staffroom—all welcome.



Cawdor Public School's very own Shrek—one of the stars of our 2014 school concert.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

Welcome back to Term 4, the last term of the year. The classes are back into routine after the holidays and the staff and students are looking forward to the activities that are planned for this term. The calendar has been attached to the newsletter and parents are asked to make a note of the dates of important events such as the Year 6 Farewell and Presentation Night.

Congratulations once again to all of the children who took part in the concert "A Night at the Movies" at the end of last term and thank you to all of the staff and parents who worked with the children to prepare them for the concert. We have had a lot of positive feedback about the night and the smiling faces of the students showed how proud they were of their performances. We would greatly appreciate copies of any photos taken on the night, for our school records. Many thanks also to everyone who made a donation to the Starlight Foundation at the concert. The Student Council raised \$140 which will go towards making a dream come true for a seriously ill child.

This term we will be undertaking the development of a new school plan for 2015-2017. Information and the opinions of our staff, students and parents will assist us with the school plan which will shape the future of Cawdor Public School. Attached to the newsletter today is a short survey of four questions that I believe will guide us in the development of a shared vision for our school. Please return the survey as soon as possible so that your suggestions can be considered at our school planning sessions. To allow the staff time to collaborate in the development of the plan, two planning sessions, from 3.30 to 7.00pm will be undertaken, tonight and on Monday 27 October. These sessions will replace the School Development Day on Friday 19 December. Consequently the school will be closed from Thursday 18 December. The students' last day will be Wednesday 17 December.

This year on Grandparents' Day some of the children planted sweet peas with their grandparents in the sensory garden. It has been lovely to see them flowering—a special reminder of special members of the children's families. Good luck to Mrs le Good and the students at the Wollondilly Garden Competition presentation evening this Wednesday.

Kind Regards Ms Sharon Ihleín Principal

Countdown to Kindergarten

As part of Cawdor school's Kindergarten transition program, children enrolling at Cawdor Public School in 2015 are invited to participate in these sessions and events:

Orientation Day:

Thursday 6 November 11am - 1pm Children join classroom activities

Parent Information Session in Library

Musica Viva—Celtic Connections:

Monday 17 November 10am—11am Children and parents are welcome to attend the performance

Class Visits:

Thursday 20 November 9am—11am Tuesday 25 November 1pm—3pm Tuesday 2 December 1pm-3pm Children join classroom activities, parents stay for morning tea and chat Drop children at 1pm for lunch, followed by classroom activities 1.45-3pm Drop children at 1pm for lunch, followed by classroom activities 1.45-3pm

Fun Sports day

The Fun Sports day will be held on Friday 24 October. All students are asked to wear colours of their sports house (Rosellas: green and white; Robins: red and white; Magpies: black and white). The children could also bring streamers, mascots and banners to support their house. **Hats are essential**.

9.30—11.00 Boat Building in house groups

12.30 March past

Opening ceremony

House chant competition

Age races

1.00 Lunch1.45 Relays

Tabloid activities

Boat races

Presentation to winning house

Parents and pre-schoolers are welcome to come along from 12.30 to cheer on the children during the events and to have lunch with the children.







NEW HOME READERS AND GUIDED READING BOOKS

We have just purchased a large selection of new home readers and guided reading books using the funds raised from the 'Term 1 and 2 Holiday Movie Days' organised by Linda Fliedner, and supported by many of our families. The books are being covered, and will be in the classrooms in the next week or so ready for children to start using.

Starlight Foundation

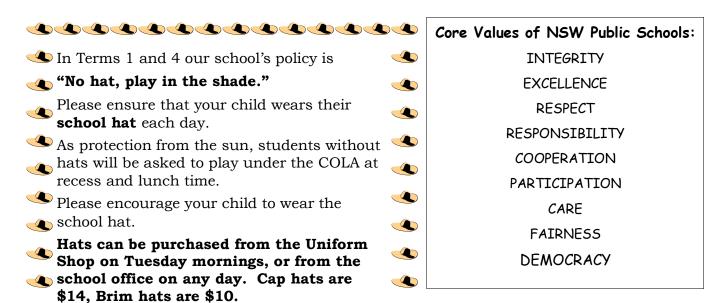
\$140 was donated by families and friends at our 'Night at the Movies' concert to go to the Starlight Foundation. Thank you to everyone for supporting this worthy cause.

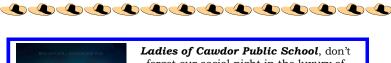
FINAL GALA DAY—OZ TAG
Friday 17 October

Notice Board

- Australia Day Awards 2015—Wollondilly's next Australia Day Award Winner could be your next door neighbour, workmate or your child's best friend. Nominations close 17 November 2014.
- Camden Cottage Child Care Centre are offering before and after school care in 2015. Please contact the centre on 4655 2236 for more information.

CHECK OUR PARENT NOTICEBOARD—LOCATED IN THE PARENT CARPARK—FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS





GIRL

Ladies of Cawdor Public School, don't forget our social night in the luxury of GOLD CLASS at Event Cinemas Campbelltown,

Macarthur Square, to see "GONE GIRL" (yet to be rated)

(based on the New York Times #1 selling novel and starring BEN AFFLECK)

on Tuesday 21st October

from 5:45pm in the Gold Class Lounge for a 6:20pm start.

ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

2015 Enrolments

Enrolments and classes for 2015 are now being finalised. Parents are asked to forward enrolment forms to the school office ASAP if you have not already done so.

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

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Attachments: Classroom Buzz, Term 4 Calendar, Parent Survey 2015-2017 School Planning, Permission Note Oz-Tag, Camden Cottage Child Care, information flyers

Snapshots of Cawdor....





Getting ready for our big performance

DATES TO REMEMBER



Week 2

Tue 14 Oct AASC Yr 3-6 Cricket 2-3pm 7 week program commences

Wed 15 Oct 9am Assembly: Sports Captains

Thu 16 Oct AASC K-2 Martial Arts 2-3pm 7 week program commences

Fri 17 Oct Gala Day Oz-Tag Yrs 2-6

Week 3

Friday 24 Oct Sports Fun Day

Week 4

Tue 28 Oct Year 6 Fundraiser

Wed 29 Oct 9am Assembly: Kindergarten

Week 5

Mon 3 Nov P & C Meeting 7pm
Thu 6 Nov Kinder Orientation

What's due

- Gala Day payment overdue
- School Planning Parent Survey

ADVANCED NOTICE

Years 3-4 overnight excursion to Wooglemai 13-14 November

Years 5-6 overnight excursion to Sydney 27-28 November