



# CAWDOR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 4 Term 4, 2014

27 October, 2014

## **Special reminders:**

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



Isabella was chosen to hold a tiny frog during the Australian animal talk at the Kinder Symbio excursion. How cute!

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## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:**

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at our Sports Fun Day last Friday. Once again it was a wonderful day and credit goes to the three captains, Alex Sitkowski, Sean Halfpenny and Jonty Galloway, for leading their houses with excellent sportsmanship. Congratulations to the winning house on the day, the Rosellas.

The staff had their first school planning workshop on the Monday evening of Week 2 and will be working together again tonight to formulate strategic directions and begin planning for 2015—2017. Thank you to the parents who have returned their surveys. If you haven't yet done so, please try to return your survey by the end of this week so that your ideas can be considered for our plan. The students have also been surveyed in their classes and have made some excellent suggestions for our school.

With the start of the warmer weather we have had a snake sighting in the school's vegetable garden so we have put into place strategies for snake risk management. Snakes are animals that naturally inhabit the school's environment so all the students have been made aware of ways to keep safe in the playground and have been reminded of "no go" zones. During the summer months students will not be allowed to visit the vegetable gardens unless accompanied by a staff member in a small group. The teachers have also discussed actions to be taken if anyone sees a snake.

Next weekend the roof on the Possums' classroom will be replaced and the end wall nearest the canteen will be waterproofed. We have had ongoing issues with rain coming into the classroom and wetting the carpet so I have been successful in negotiating with DEC Asset Management Unit to have the roof replaced at no cost to the school. After the roof replacement, the carpet will also be replaced, again at no cost to the school, and the Possums should have a healthier classroom environment.

Next week we will be welcoming our new Kindergarten children who will be starting in 2015, as they begin their Countdown to Cawdor program with the Orientation Day on Thursday.

Kind Regards  
*Ms Sharon Ihlein*  
Principal

Our Children's Garden won second prize in the recent Wollondilly Garden Competition School's category.

Mrs Napoleone and Natalia Eagles represented our school at the presentation night and were presented with a cheque for \$75 and plants for our garden.



*Special thanks to Mrs Vella* for her donation of vegie seedlings.

Don't forget our **CHALLENGE DAY** on Tuesday 28th October. Year 6 students will be holding some fun activities at lunchtime to help raise money for the Year 6 gift to the school.



**Entry: \$2 for unlimited games**  
Ice Cream Spiders will also be sold at lunchtime for \$1.

## Fun Sports day

Another great Sports Fun Day was had on Friday. The Wallabies and Koalas had a wonderful morning building their boats and signs. There was plenty of house spirit and lots of team chants being sung. The Possums made some signs and then joined us just before recess and went through the team chants.

After Scripture we had a mini tabloid, with the students playing 3 small games. It was great to see so many parents joining us for lunch.



When we resumed after lunch we had our Opening Ceremony and all houses marched beautifully. Our age races were close and Miss Gale and Mr V had a hard time splitting places. The preschool race and parents race were highlights. All house boats looked great and the boat races were great to watch.

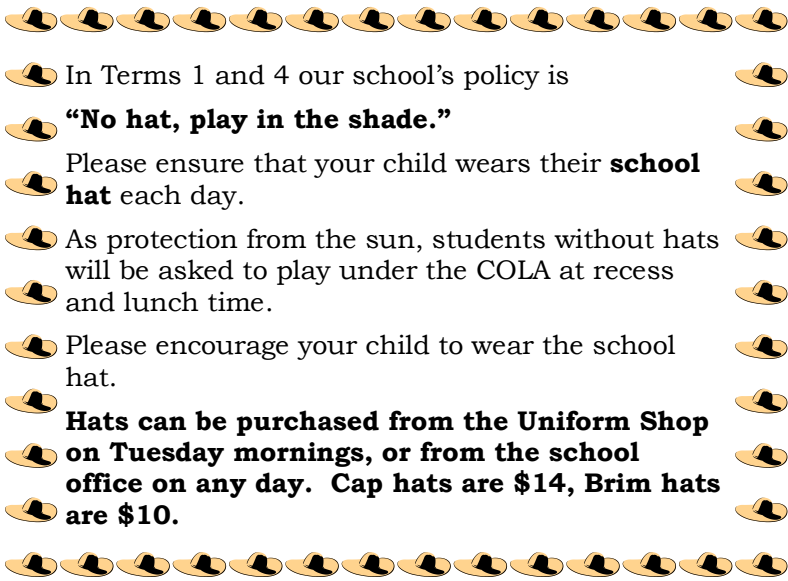
Congratulations to all teams on a close competition, well done Rosellas for their performance.



# Notice Board

- ◆ **Camden Cottage Child Care Centre** are offering before and after school care in 2015. Please contact the centre on 4655 2236 for more information.
- ◆ **Lakeside Golf Club Junior Golf Program** Saturdays 2-3pm, \$80 for 8 weeks, all ages, all abilities welcome.
- ◆ **Volunteer Expo** Wednesday 19 November 10am–1pm. Are you looking for a meaningful volunteer role or work experience? Come along to the Volunteer Expo at Tahmoo Community Centre to register. Inquiries: [volunteering@sectorconnect.org.au](mailto:volunteering@sectorconnect.org.au)

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



In Terms 1 and 4 our school’s policy is  
**“No hat, play in the shade.”**  
 Please ensure that your child wears their **school hat** each day.  
 As protection from the sun, students without hats will be asked to play under the COLA at recess and lunch time.  
 Please encourage your child to wear the school hat.  
**Hats can be purchased from the Uniform Shop on Tuesday mornings, or from the school office on any day. Cap hats are \$14, Brim hats are \$10.**

### Core Values of NSW Public Schools:

- INTEGRITY
- EXCELLENCE
- RESPECT
- RESPONSIBILITY
- COOPERATION
- PARTICIPATION
- CARE
- FAIRNESS
- DEMOCRACY



K-2 at Martial Arts last Thursday

### 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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## Snapshots of Cawdor.....

Cawdor girls at Oztag Gala Day on Friday last week



# DATES TO REMEMBER



### Week 4

Tue 28 Oct	Year 6 Fundraiser AASC: Cricket Years 3-6 continues
Wed 29 Oct	9am Assembly: Kindergarten
Thu 30 Oct	AASC: Martial Arts Years K-2 continues

### Week 5

Mon 3 Nov	P & C Meeting 7pm
Thu 6 Nov	Orientation Day 2015 Kindergarten students

### Week 6

Tue 11 Nov	Remembrance Day ceremony
Wed 12 Nov	9am Assembly: SRC
Thu 13-Fri 14 Nov	Wooglemai Excursion Yrs 3 & 4

### Week 7

Mon 17 Nov	Musica Viva performance 10am
Thu 20 Nov	Countdown to Kinder transition day

### What's due

- School Planning Parent Survey
- Wooglemai excursion notes and payment due Thursday 6 November
- Stage 3 Sydney excursion notes and payment due Monday 24 November