



# CAWDOR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 4, 2014

10 November, 2014

## **Special reminders:**

The next P & C Meeting will be the AGM on Monday 1 December at 3pm in the Staffroom, followed by a Volunteers thank you afternoon tea.—all welcome.



Possums class have been busy helping Miss Gale paint their new 'Quiet Reading Corner'

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

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

We are now well underway with our school plan for 2015—2017 and have formulated our three strategic directions:

- Quality teaching
- Inspiring innovative and creative learning
- Enhanced student well-being

Many thanks to all of the parents and carers who returned their surveys. The positive comments were very encouraging to the staff and the thoughtful suggestions and ideas for our school will be carefully considered as we plan our initiatives and teaching and learning programs for the next three years. Our school director, Mrs Margaret Turner, was very impressed by our directions.

The Kindergarten Orientation last week was once again a very successful event. We currently have 13 new students enrolled for Kindergarten in 2015, bringing the school enrolments to 69. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Moffitt who organised the morning tea and the uniform shop on the day and to Mrs Hillier who prepared the information folders for the parents, “goodie” bags and morning tea for the children and also assisted with the uniform orders. The Kindergarten transition program, Countdown to Cawdor will continue over the next few weeks with the children invited to join us for Musica Viva as well as some class visits. Years 5 and 6 students are already excited about their new buddies!

Many thanks also to Ms Linda Flidner who is currently researching possibilities to replace the blue mats under the COLA. We hope to have some new mats ready for the start of school next year.

Mr Willcocks and Years 3 and 4 are heading out to Wooglemai this week for a two day camp and we wish them well for a fabulous time in the bush.

Tomorrow the SRC will hold a short Remembrance Day ceremony for the students and will lead the one minute's silence at 11.00 am.

Lest We Forget

Kind Regards

*Ms Sharon Ihlein*

Principal

### *Special Afternoon Tea*

All our wonderful volunteer parents are invited to a special thank you afternoon tea on Monday 1st December at 3pm, in the Staffroom. This will be followed by our P&C AGM, where all committee positions for 2015 will be declared vacant. Attached to the newsletter is a Nomination form if you would like to nominate for a position on our P & C Committee.



Teachers will be available during the meeting to supervise children in the playground. Please RSVP to Mrs Hillier by Friday 28 November for catering purposes.



Last Thursday the new Kindergartens for 2015 were invited to come for a visit. This gave them the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school, meet each other, the staff and current students. In the classroom Miss Gale read them the story 'Who Sank the Boat?' by Pamela Allen. With the help of Mrs Smilanic, Mrs Napoleone and four of our current kindergarten students, they made one of the characters from the story, a mouse. They all had a great time, leaving with a smile on their faces. We look forward to their next visit on Monday 17 November for the Musica Viva performance.

Our Transition Program continues for our 2015 Kindergarten students on the following dates:

#### **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

Children join classroom activities, parents stay for morning tea and chat

Tuesday 25 November 1pm—3pm

Drop children at 1pm for lunch, followed by classroom activities 1.45-3pm

Tuesday 2 December 1pm-3pm

Drop children at 1pm for lunch, followed by classroom activities 1.45-3pm

**Our Challenge Day** raised \$172 towards the Year 6 Gift to the school—thank you to everyone for participating.

Our next fundraising day will be on **Friday 21 November** when we will be asking everyone to **come dressed as a movie character**. Year 6 will run some fun activities on the day and will ask for a gold coin donation for participation on the day.

*Year 6 Students and Ms Ihlein*



# 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 Tahmoor 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

## Impressive writing from Wallabies class

One night David woke and turned on the light. He looked at the end of his bed and sure enough there was the large brown shell on the tall antique chair. He silently crept over to the big brown shell and whispered 'little shell, little shell make your sea sounds'. When he whispered that, the big brown shell made its sea sound. It made rushing sounds and a slushing sound. Just then he heard his parents coming down the hall. He quickly said goodnight to the little shell, jumped back into bed and turned off the light. His dad gently opened the door and peeped inside. By the time he had peeped in the door, David was already fast asleep, dreaming of his big brown shell and what adventures he would have with his big brown shell tomorrow.

*Annabelle Van de Vate*

## 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.....



Parents of students in the Koala's class enjoyed the final session of the Leadership and Speech Making program that the students have been participating in during Terms 3 and 4.

# DATES TO REMEMBER



### 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	<b>Countdown to Kinder transition day</b>
Fri 21 Nov	Year 6 Fundraiser

### Week 8

Tue 25 Nov	Countdown to Kinder transition
Wed 26 Nov	9am Assembly: Year 6 Year 6 Fair Day
Thu 27-Fri 28 Nov	Stage 3 Sydney excursion

### What's due

- Wooglemai excursion notes and payment **due Thursday 6 November**
- Stage 3 Sydney excursion notes and payment due Monday 24 November