



CAWDOR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 8 Term 4, 2014

24 November, 2014

Special reminders:

Volunteer Helpers thank you afternoon tea **MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER**, followed by the P&C AGM—3pm in the staffroom, all welcome.



Lorielle (Year 3) on the ropes course at Wooglemai camp.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

I am always proud of the staff and students at Cawdor but this week I have had reason to be the proudest principal in NSW. Last week our Years 3 and 4 students attended an overnight camp at Wooglemai and I have received a letter from the principal congratulating both the students and Mr Willcocks on being one of the best groups that has visited the centre. An excerpt from the letter is on page 2 of the newsletter. It was wonderful to receive such excellent feedback and I am extremely proud of the students and so grateful to have dedicated teachers such as Mr Willcocks on the staff.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported the Year 6 fundraising events. The children had a lot of fun participating in the Movie Character Day and were grateful to watch the "Lorax" in the airconditioned classroom during the terrible heat on Friday. The final event will be held this Wednesday at lunchtime and we are hoping for more hot weather as we get our buckets ready for the sponge throwing challenge.

Thank you to the parents who have returned their Mathematics surveys which will be collated and reported on in our Annual School Report. Mathematics will be a major focus across the school in 2015.

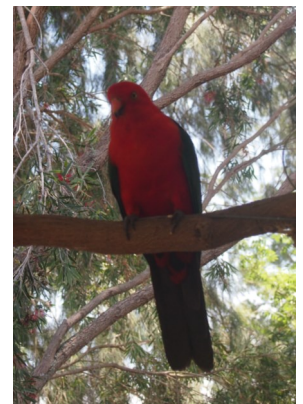
It has been lovely to have many of our new Kindergarten students visiting for the Countdown to Kinder program. They will be with us again tomorrow afternoon and on Tuesday in Week 9. We are in the processes of finalising our classes so parents are asked to advise me if their children may not be at Cawdor next year.

Last week Cawdor school was like a nature reserve with a visit from this beautiful King Parrot as well as a family of four Tawny Frogmouths. Xy Nunnari in Kindergarten has produced an informative photo book about the Tawny Frogmouths and we hope to soon have a copy of it in our library for everyone to read.

I hope everyone has noticed the changes in the sensory garden—the Koalas and Mr and Mrs Le Good have been adding some special touches to make the area more colourful. A big thank you to Mr Le Good for donating the toadstool seats.

I will be in Sydney on Thursday and Friday this week with the Years 5 and 6 students. Parents with concerns should speak to Mr Willcocks while I am away. Looking forward to seeing you at the P&C AGM and afternoon tea.

Kind Regards
Ms Sharon Ihlein



Reminder—Special Afternoon Tea

Don't forget our special thank you afternoon tea for all our wonderful volunteer parents 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. 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.

**PRESENTATION NIGHT**

Date:	Thursday 11 December
Time:	Starting at 7.00pm sharp
Venue:	Camden High School gymnasium
Students' Dress:	Smart casual (no thongs please)
Agenda:	Musical performance Speeches and presentation of Awards Performance by Kindergarten and the school choir (all students) Supper (Families of students in Yrs 3-6 are asked to bring a plate of food for supper)

The Presentation Night is a celebration of all the achievements in 2014. It is an occasion where we recognise each child's progress and contributions to the school so we encourage all children and their families to attend. We hope you are able to join us.

Reverse Christmas Tree

It has become a tradition at Cawdor to hold a reverse Christmas tree at the Presentation Night. Families are asked to leave a wrapped gift for a child under the tree. The gifts are then donated to local charities for distribution to needy families. Thank you in anticipation of your support and care for others at this special time of the year.

**Excerpt from a letter from Mr Peter Nicoll, Principal, Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre:**

'I would like to commend Luke Willcocks for his superb organisation of the camp and his professional approach to working with the staff of Wooglemai EEC. Luke always offers collegial support and cooperation and it was obvious that both the quality of the program we ran together and the welfare of the students under Luke's care were of paramount importance to him.

I would like to commend the students for an overwhelmingly positive attitude and brilliant conduct. During their stay the students from your school made a lasting impression on all members of the EEC staff that they met. I would honestly rate this group as one of the best junior groups to have visited Wooglemai EEC in the twenty years of its operation. Not only was their cooperation excellent, but the students communicated well, were respectful, enthusiastic and generally pleasant to deal with. They were the best possible ambassadors Cawdor Public School might possibly hope to present to the community.

I consider it to have been a privilege to spend time with such professional staff and excellent students and thought it appropriate to relate to you my feelings in this regard. I look forward to continued contact with the members of your school and of course the great students of Cawdor Public School.'



Cobbitty Village Markets

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Cobbitty Village Market is a vibrant well-known country-style craft market that has been run by local community volunteers since May 1982. It provides **quality unique crafts and produce**, drawing large crowds of visitors from local and wider Sydney/NSW areas. As a non-profit organization, the market also functions as an important local fundraiser, typically raising \$40-\$50,000 each year that is distributed to local community groups, charities, and the disadvantaged.

The markets are held on **Cobbitty Public School grounds** on the **first Saturday of each month** except for January and February, and are **open to the public from 8am-1pm**. There are a large variety of stalls providing predominantly homemade art and craft, delicious foods and beverages to take home or eat at the market, some of which are provided by local groups including Lion's club, School P&C, and Scouts, for their own fundraising. There is also entertainment, including local bands and groups. There is parking for 1,000 cars behind the school/along Cobbitty Road. **We warmly welcome** all visitors to our market, and encourage anyone **interested in joining our volunteer market committee** to contact us.



Year 6 Lunchtime Fair

Wednesday 26 November

This is the final fundraising activity run by our Year 6 students. A range of fun activities will be held such as sponge throwing, pillow boxing, face painting, a disco and a guessing competition. Activities will cost from 20c to 50c. Icecream spiders will be on sale for \$1.00. *Thank you for supporting all the fundraising activities and helping Year 6 to raise money for their gift to the school.*



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- 👒 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 the school office on any day.** 👒
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Cawdor Mums End of Year Lunch

All Cawdor Mums are invited to a Xmas lunch on

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER

10AM—2PM

at the home of Cindy Thackeray

Please bring a plate of food to share

RSVP to Susan Hayes mob: 0448 181 531

by Friday 5 December



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

Core Values of NSW Public Schools:

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

Our Transition Program continues for 2015 Kinder students:

Class Visits:

Tuesday 25 November 1pm—3pm	Drop at 1pm for lunch, classroom activities 1.45-3pm
Tuesday 2 December 1pm-3pm	(as above)



Snapshots of Cawdor..... At Wooglemai

DATES TO REMEMBER



Week 8

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

Week 9

Mon 1 Dec	Volunteers thank you afternoon tea And P&C AGM, 3pm
Tue 2 Dec	Combined Scripture Countdown to Kinder transition
Wed 3 Dec	Year 6 High School Orientation Day
Thu 4 Dec	Year 6 Farewell

Week 10

Tue 9 Dec	Wallabies incursion 'Robotics'
Thu 11 Dec	Presentation Night
Fri 12 Dec	Gold Medallion Excursion

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER

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What's due

- Stage 3 Sydney excursion notes and payment due Monday 24 November