



CAWDOR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 4 Term 4, 2015

26 October, 2015

SAVE THE DATE:

Orientation Day—29 October
 Xmas High Tea—25 November
 Year 6 Farewell—3 December
 Presentation Night—10 Dec



Bella, Year 5, at the TOPS Stage 3 excursion

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

A huge thank you goes to Mr Le Good and all of the families and staff members who came to the working bee on Saturday. With all hands on deck the carpark fence was sanded and painted and has been given a great facelift. It's now secure and a much more welcoming entrance to our school. The shade sail over the equipment was sprayed to start the cleaning process and a general clean up around the vegetable gardens and tanks and trimming of plants in the front of the school were also accomplished on the day. I was especially impressed by the work done by the children - they certainly showed great pride in the school and were even asking when the next working bee would be taking place.

In the last newsletter we mentioned that we are once again inviting parents or grandparents to run a Discovery Hour workshop. The program will run for three weeks from weeks 7-9. If you would like to participate please contact either myself or Mrs Hillier. The children have greatly enjoyed Discovery Hour this year and it has given them many opportunities to experience a range of different activities.

Tonight we will be holding our first Billy Cart Derby planning meeting in the staffroom. All parents and carers are welcome to come along to the meeting to share your ideas and to establish a committee. Many thanks to the parents who have indicated that they are unable to attend tonight but have offered to take on a role on the planning committee.

In Week 2 I had the pleasure of taking the Years 5 and 6 students to a three day camp at Stanwell Tops. We had a wonderful time at the camp and I would like to congratulate all of the children on their outstanding participation, behaviour and attitude over the three days. They took part in some challenging activities, worked well together in their teams and related well to the students from the other schools. They were a credit to our school.

During the week Mr Richard Booth from Wollondilly North Rotary asked if they could hold their annual Carols night at our school on Friday 11 December. Rotary run the evening and donate the proceeds to the school. They have invited our children to sing in the choir on the night (which runs for about an hour and finishes with a visit from Santa!). We will discuss the event at next week's P&C meeting and a note with final details will be sent home to all families in the next couple of weeks.

At the moment we are looking at our school numbers for 2016 and possible class arrangements. We are at a crucial stage in terms of numbers of children and numbers of classes that we will be able to form. To assist with our planning it is vital that any parents who know that they may be leaving the school or who know of any prospective enrolments, contact me as soon as possible.

Kind Regards
Ms Sharon Ihlein
 Principal



SPECIAL REMINDERS

Billy Cart Derby committee meeting tonight, Monday 26 October, 7pm in the Staffroom

Next Assembly **THIS WEDNESDAY** 28 October, 9am, run by Kindergarten

Next P & C Meeting Monday 2nd November 3.20pm

Wooglemai Camp Years 3 & 4 November 12–13, permission note coming home tomorrow

1 LITRE CARTONS NEEDED

Our special Science Day is coming up in Week 6. The students will be building a billy cart out of 1 litre cartons, so we will need LOTS AND LOTS of them. Please start saving these, and send in clean cardboard cartons from 1 litre milk and juice to the school office.



Miss Gale would like egg cartons, large sturdy water bottles, ice cream containers (with or without lids) for various classroom activities.

Discovery Hour workshops begin Monday in Week 7. We welcome parents, grandparents, aunties or uncles who would like to share their skills with the children. Workshops run for one hour, parent groups are kept small, and take place in a room or area supervised by a teacher. Any materials needed for the activity will be supplied by the school.

Please contact the office or speak to one of the teachers if you would like to assist.

Sports News

A wonderful day was had by all at the Sports Fun Day. We started the day with the Koalas and the Wallabies building their boats in their house groups. Each House worked extremely well and every student participated very well. Everyone should be congratulated on their outstanding behaviour and participation. All 3 boats were wonderful with some creative designs and excellent decorations.

Everyone looked great in the march past and the war cries were fantastic.

It was great to see everyone doing their best in the age races and the relays. The Boat Races, as usual, were a highlight.

Congratulations to the winning House, MAGPIES !



REMINDER—New procedures for Newsletter and notes distribution

Please remember to check your emails regularly to ensure you don't miss any of the distributed communications.

Anyone who has not yet responded and would like to join the 'email list' please send your email address in to the office, or email Mrs Hillier on cawdor-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Countdown to Kindergarten

Orientation Day:

Thursday 29 October 11am - 1pm

Class Visits:

Wed 4 November 9am to 11.25am

Tue 17 November 9am to 11.25am

Thur 26 November 9am to 11.25am



As the weather heats up, children are reminded of our hat policy:

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 \$15, Brim hats are \$10.



Library News

Thank you to everyone for their support of our Book Fair. The commission on the book sales was \$291 which allowed us to purchase some wonderful new titles for our library. The new books will be ready for borrowing in Term 1 next year.

Library Stocktake will begin very soon—**NOW IS THE TIME TO RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS** ready for stocktake, so look under beds, in toyboxes, and everywhere that books like to hide and get them back to school as soon as possible.



2016 CLASSES

Enrolments and classes for 2016 are now being finalised. Any families who may be relocating, or for another reason will no longer require a place at Cawdor next year, are asked to advise the Principal in writing as soon as possible as we have a number of families on our waiting list.

Notice Board

The Right Start Foundation, in partnership with Community Links Wollondilly offers services to children, young people and adults with Down syndrome to access: funding assistance for Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology and Physiotherapy; referral and advocacy; monthly support group; community events and activities

Remember to check out the noticeboard in the parent carpark for activities happening in the local area.

ATTACHMENTS: Classroom Buzz, Community of Schools Science Expo, Pizza lunch orders Expo, Travelbugs incursion note, Years 3-6 Local History excursion note, Event Cinemas Ladies Night Out note

CAWDOR PS

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS:

- ◇ Quality, innovative teaching
- ◇ Creative and engaging learning
- ◇ Enhanced student wellbeing and mindfulness

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SCHOOL SUNGLASSES HAVE ARRIVED

Sizes Small, Medium, Large

\$15 a pair

available from the Office

Snapshots of Cawdor.....

At the Sports fun day boat races



DATES TO REMEMBER



Week 4

Mon 26 Oct Electricity Audit—Koalas class incursion
Wed 28 Oct 9am Assembly: Kindergarten
Thu 29 Oct Orientation Day—2016 Kinders

Week 5

Mon 2 Nov P&C Meeting 3.20pm in Koalas classroom
Tue 3 Nov Years 3-6 Local History Tour
Wed 4 Nov Bugs! Incursion/Countdown to Kinder

Week 6

Mon 9 Nov Science Fair at Douglas Park Public School
Wed 11 Nov 9am Assembly: SRC/Remembrance Day
Thu 12-Fri 13 Nov Years 3 & 4 Wooglemai camp