



# CAWDOR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 4, 2015

9 November, 2015

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Xmas High Tea—25 November  
Year 6 Farewell—3 December  
Presentation Night—10 Dec



**Grace was a great helper when our new Kinders came to visit last week**

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

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

In the last couple of weeks we have had several unique learning experiences for the children, including the Science fair which was held at Douglas Park school today. The Fair provided many opportunities for the children to think and work scientifically, solving problems and creating designs as well as enabling them to socialise with students from other schools. Congratulations to all of the Cawdor children who completed a project for the fair.

The TravelBugs incursion last week was also greatly enjoyed by the children who learned a lot about small creatures that live in our local environments. The incursion was organised especially because of the interest in bugs that the younger children in the school have shown throughout the year. In class they are currently learning about insects and are keeping silkworms as part of their learning program.

The Years 3-6 excursion in the local area to study the history of Cawdor was also an excellent learning experience and we are very grateful to the locals—Mrs Geelan, Mr Boardman, Mr and Mrs Darby and the Uniting Church committee—for welcoming us onto their properties and sharing their knowledge of the local area with the children.

Many thanks to the families that have offered to help with the Billy Cart Derby. The organisation of the event is huge and the day will require the assistance of as many of our families as possible. We are now seeking volunteers to take on coordinating roles on the committee so if you are able to help out please complete the note that is attached to the newsletter today and return it as soon as possible.

Our new Kindergarten children are off to a great start, having visited the school twice now as part of their Countdown to kinder program. We currently have the numbers for three classes again next year—if you are aware of any families that are planning to apply to enrol their children for 2016, please advise them to speak to me as soon as possible.

All the best to Years 3 and 4 and Mr Willcocks for their Wooglemai camp this week.

Kind Regards  
*Ms Sharon Ihlein*  
Principal



The school fence got a much needed makeover at the *Working Bee* on Saturday 24 October.

Thank you to everyone who came along to help out on the day, your support of our school is very much appreciated.



## Recounts from our Travelbugs incursion on Wednesday 4 November



Yesterday it was Travelbugs day. First we had a presentation of the Safety Rules. There were lots of creatures like huntsman spiders, giant cockroaches, centipedes, funnel webs, millipedes, and red back spiders. My favourite part was seeing the giant cockroaches and holding them. I also got to hold a millipede and stick insect. We used a magnifying glass to look at all of the bugs. I felt really excited.

*Zara, Year 2*

Yesterday the Bug Lady came to our school to show us her bugs. We got to hold some. We held praying mantids and millipedes.

*Lana, Year 2*





Kindergarten girls and boys did a wonderful job running the Assembly on Wednesday 28 October

**\$\$\$ - REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR MONEY FOR OUR YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

- **EXTRA CANTEEN DAY EACH WEDNESDAY UP TO AND INCLUDING 25 NOVEMBER**
- **BID FOR A WORKER ON FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER**—Year 6 students auctioned off to the highest bidder

*Library News*

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.

Mrs Napoleone





*Countdown to Kindergarten*

**Class Visits:**

Tue 17 November 9am to 11.25am

Thur 26 November 9am to 11.25am



 In Terms 1 and 4 our school's policy is 

 **“No hat, play in the shade.”** 



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**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, Billy Cart Derby volunteers needed, Wollondilly North Rotary Christmas Carols night, Whooping Cough Alert—information for NSW Health**

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.....



# DATES TO REMEMBER



**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

**Week 7**

- Mon 16 Nov Discovery Hour begins, 2-3pm
- Tue 17 Nov Countdown to Kinder

**Week 8**

- Mon 23 Nov Discovery Hour, 2-3pm
- Wed 25 Nov 9am Assembly: Year 6
- Thu 26 Nov Countdown to Kinder  
Year 6 Fair Day