



CAWDOR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 8 Term 4, 2015

23 November, 2015

SAVE THE DATE:

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



Will in Year 6 helps to care for the school chickens

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

Next Monday the P&C will be holding their AGM. Sadly, due to other commitments, Mrs Karen Sitkowski has put in her notice of resignation as President, after three years of amazing leadership of the P&C. Mrs Susan Hayes who has also done an incredible job as Canteen Manager will also be resigning. I would like to thank both of the parents for their tireless support of the school and their commitment to the education and welfare of the children. Attached to the newsletter is a nomination form for the vacant positions. Our school's P&C is one of the best in the area and I ask that parents seriously consider taking on an executive position to maintain the active role of the P&C.

The Years 3 and 4 students had a wonderful time at Wooglemai EEC in Week 6. They experienced lots of new challenges, including kayaking and a high ropes course. The rainy weather didn't dampen their spirits. The children were excited to see several wallabies that visited the camp site in the evening. Many thanks to Mr Willcocks for once again organising a great adventure for the children and for attending the camp for the two days. Thanks also to the parents who transported the children to or from the camp.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported the Year 6 fundraising events. The children have appreciated having an extra canteen day and the Year 6 also had lots of fun when they were auctioned off as workers on Friday. One of their favourite jobs was washing cars. Some of the hose water didn't quite make it onto the cars, but it was a good way to cool off in the heat. The final event will be the fair which will be held this Thursday at lunchtime and we are hoping for more hot weather as we get our buckets ready for the sponge throwing challenge.

It has been lovely to have many of our new Kindergarten students visiting for the Countdown to Kinder program. They will be with us for the last time this Thursday morning. We are in the processes of finalising our classes and are very close to forming a fourth class so parents are urgently asked to advise me if their children may not be at Cawdor next year.

Attached to the newsletter today is a sheet of information about a music program that we are considering for 2016. The program is being offered by the Primary Music Institute and would be held during school hours. The fees are very reasonable (up to 30% below other music tuition programs). Two of the teachers from the Institute visited the classes last Friday and distributed some flyers to the children. If you are interested, please contact the school or the Institute using the contact details on the flyers. Congratulations and thank you once again to Natalia Eagles for playing The Last Post so well at our Remembrance Day assembly.

As you may know, Miss Gale is soon to be married. She will be on leave from Wednesday 2 December until the end of the year. Mrs Lisa Mawson will again be joining the staff to teach the Possums during Miss Gale's absence. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Miss Gale all the very best for her wedding day and overseas honeymoon.

Looking forward to seeing you at our end of year events.

Kind Regards

Ms Sharon Ihlein

Please consider completing the Parent Satisfaction Survey attached to the newsletter.

Thank You Afternoon Tea



There will be a special thank you afternoon tea for all our wonderful volunteer parents on Monday 7th December at 3pm, in the Staffroom. This will be followed by our P&C AGM, where all committee positions for 2016 will be declared vacant. Teachers will be available during the meeting to supervise children in the playground. Please RSVP to Mrs Hillier by Friday 4th December for catering purposes.

2015 PRESENTATION NIGHT

- Date:** Thursday 10 December
Time: Starting at 7.00pm sharp
Venue: Camden High School gymnasium
Students' Dress: Smart casual (no thongs please)
Agenda: Whole school choir
 Speeches and presentation of Awards
 Performance by Kindergarten
 Supper (Families of students in Yrs K-2 are asked to bring a plate of food for supper)

The Presentation Night is a celebration of all the achievements in 2015. 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



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.

Year 6 Lunchtime Fair

Thursday 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.*



Preparations are well under way for the Year 6 Farewell. RSVPs, and payment are due now for Year 6 students and their parents, and the Year 5 students who are also attending.

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.

ORIENTATION DAY FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS attending

Camden High School and their parents will be held on Wednesday 2nd December. **Parents please check your Camden High School Information Packs for full details.**

Countdown to Kindergarten

Thurs 26 November 9am to 11.25am



Carrington Christmas visit

Carrington Retirement Centre has once again invited our school to visit and do a Christmas performance. An excursion to the home has been arranged for **Monday December 14**, from 9.45 to 10.45am. A permission note for this excursion will be sent out with the next newsletter. The students will travel to the centre by bus, and the school will cover the cost of the bus.



Miss Gale's Discovery Hour group made Christmas Crackle Puddings last Monday—YUM!

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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 in the local area.

ATTACHMENTS: Classroom Buzz, P&C Election Nomination Forms, Parent satisfaction Survey, Hot Dog Order form, Event Cinema End of Year Movie note

CAWDOR PS

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS:

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

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**LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
 WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER**

Snapshots of Cawdor... Some of our Year 6 students were recruited to wash Staff cars on the Auction Day fundraiser last Friday—they did a fabulous job

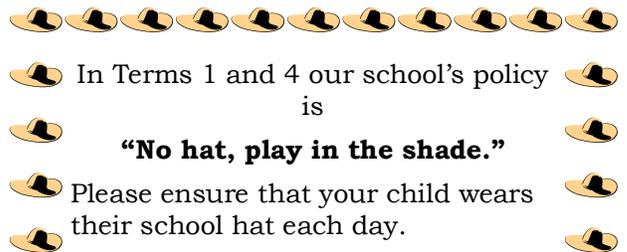


DATES TO REMEMBER



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



Week 9

Mon 30 Nov Discovery Hour, 2-3pm
 Tue 1 Dec Combined Scripture 12.30pm
 Wed 2 Dec Year 6 High School Orientation Day
 Thu 3 Dec Year 6 Farewell
 Fri 4 Dec Student Reports go home



Week 10

Mon 7 Dec 2016 Captains Elections
 Volunteer Parents Thank You Afternoon Tea, followed by P&C AGM