



# CAWDOR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 10 Term 4, 2015

7 December, 2015

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
 P&C AGM—today  
 Presentation Night—10 Dec  
 Carols Night—11 Dec



**Looking almost too cute to eat, these little snowmen were made at the last Discovery Hour in Ms Ihlein's group**

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:**

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

Our end of year celebrations began last week with the Year 6 Farewell at the Picton Bowling Club. The students all looked wonderful and were a credit to the school and their parents. It was a lovely night with dinner, speeches and dancing. On Thursday night we will have a further opportunity to recognise the achievements and contributions to the school the Year 6 students have made throughout the year. As a special treat, tomorrow I am taking the Year 6 bowling and they are looking forward to “cooling off” on the last day with a bit of water fun after they play the staff in the annual last day cricket match. Parents are very welcome to join the staff team or to come along as spectators for the morning match. On Friday of this week I will also be taking the Gold Medallion recipients to the movies as a special outing for their excellent achievements.

Today the Year 5 students gave their election speeches in their campaign to become next year's School Captain. Each of the students gave an impressive speech and are all excellent candidates for the position. Voting was held after the speeches and the School Captain, Vice Captain and Councillors will be announced on Thursday night. Last Friday the end of year reports were sent home and parents are asked to return the reports to the class teachers with a comment as feedback to the teachers. Each child's achievements will be recognised this Thursday at the Presentation Night, which will be held at Camden High School, starting at 7.00 pm. Families are also asked to bring along a gift to donate to our reverse Christmas tree. The gifts will be donated to a local charity.

All of the children greatly enjoyed their Discovery Hour Christmas activities and I would like to thank the teachers for all their hard work in planning such innovative and fun activities.

I would also like to say congratulations and a huge thank you to Mrs Hillier for successfully completing the annual financial rollover. Mrs Hillier does a fabulous job in managing the administration of the school as well as taking on many other pastoral care roles and we greatly appreciate everything she does.

At this stage we are not able to confirm our class arrangements for 2016 as there is a possibility that we may have four classes. If so, another demountable will be brought into the school and another class teacher will be appointed for the year through an expression of interest.

As this is the last newsletter for the year I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to everyone for your ongoing support and commitment to the education of our children at Cawdor. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Kind Regards  
*Ms Sharon Ihlein*  
 Principal

### *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.



## **2015 PRESENTATION NIGHT**

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 10 December
<b>Time:</b>	Starting at 7.00pm sharp
<b>Venue:</b>	Camden High School gymnasium
<b>Students' Dress:</b>	Smart casual (no thongs please)
<b>Agenda:</b>	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 for others at this special time of the year.



**LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN THIS COMING FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER—SPECIAL HOT DOG LUNCH—SEE ATTACHED NOTE. THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN NEXT WEEK.**

### **A Message from the Wollondilly Shire Council**

Coming into summer, our green bins are often too heavy because of the amount of mowing and gardening we do. Bins that are too heavy can't be collected by the waste trucks. The maximum weight of the bin should be no more than 80kg.

Tips to reduce the weight in your garden organics bin-

1. Compost grass clippings and prunings in a compost bay, bin or tumbler. Council runs composting talks throughout the year if you wish to find out how to use these.
2. Let grass clippings dry or reduce the moisture in the bin by lying it on its side before collection.
3. You are able to apply for second garden organics bin if you need one in residential areas and rural areas where there is an existing service. An additional 240L garden organics bin costs \$90 per annum on your waste charge.
4. Don't squash grass clippings into the bin. Pushing too much in will increase the weight and moisture content.

For more information about the waste service please phone the waste hotline on 1800 805 305. For courses on composting please contact Councils Waste Education Officer on 4677 1100.

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**CHICKEN SITTERS NEEDED**

Our school chickens need a home away-from-home for a couple of weeks over Christmas and New Year.

If you are able to assist, please phone Mr Le Good on 0414 556 035, or notify the school office.



**Class Party and Movie Day** next Tuesday 15

**December.** The school will be providing a pizza lunch for all students—please see the attached note. Notes need to be returned to the school as soon as possible to cater for any special dietary needs.



**YEAR 6 FAIR DAY**—Lots of laughs, lots of fun, yummy drinks and snacks—the Fair Day raised \$210 toward the Year 6 gift to the school.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 6 fundraising days, the total raised during 2015 was **\$533.05**

**N**otice Board

**CAMPBELLTOWN TAFE FREE COURSES**—to everyone over 15 years of age, who live in NSW and are an Australia Citizen or Resident. There are some free computing classes that will be running throughout January-February: **Basic computing Skills** (includes word-processing, spreadsheets, emails) **Workplace Computing Skills** (step up from Basic includes PowerPoint, Keyboarding) **Complex Spreadsheets**. Go to <https://enrolmentportal.ebs.tafensw.edu.au/Apply/Process/GetStarted>

Numerous other courses can be found at <https://swsi.tafensw.edu.au/Students/Future-Students/Our-courses/Step-into-TAFE-SWSi>

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Carrington Christmas visit permission note, Year Book order form, Hot Dog Lunch order form, Dynamic Rhythms flyer

Goodbye Year 6, we'll miss you.....



# DATES TO REMEMBER



## Week 10

- Mon 7 Dec                    2016 Captains Elections  
3pm Volunteer Parents Thank you  
Followed by P&C AGM
- Tue 8 Dec                    Year 6 Bowling outing
- Thu 10 Dec                    Presentation Night, 7pm at Camden High
- Fri 11 Dec                    Gold Medallion excursion  
Talent Show—lunchtime  
Carols evening, commencing at 6.30pm in Cawdor school grounds

## **LAST DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS**

WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER

**FIRST DAY BACK YRS 1-6**

THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2016

**NEW KINDERS START**

MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

## Week 11

- Mon 14 Dec                    Whole school excursion to Carrington Nursing Home
- Tue 15 Dec                    Class Party and Movie Day
- Wed 16 Dec                    Year 6 versus Staff cricket Match—LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS