

TERM 2 WEEK 3 8 MAY 2023



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

As the cold winds blow strong around Cawdor this week, please make sure your child has their jackets and hats labelled with their name so we can help in returning them to you when your child leaves them at school. If you do happen to find a lost jacket or hat in your child's bag we ask you return it to the office.



Wishing all the mothers, grandmothers and special carers a fantastic weekend. The P&C will be holding a stall this Thursday 11^{th} May with special gifts that can be purchased for \$5 each which were all donated by United Reality Camden. We thank them for their generous donation.

School Community Working Bee Sunday 21st May 10-2pm

Can you lend a hand to help our school with some mulching and weeding and other odd jobs to improve our school environment? Bring your gloves, wheelbarrows, rakes, and other garden tools. Even if you can spare a short amount of time, it all helps. Hope to see you there!

School Hours Pilot Program kicked off last week with many students registered. We are also excited to announce we received approval for additional paid onsite co-ordinators and administration time. Mrs Cashel and Mrs Turner are supporting the afternoon programs and Wednesday morning's fitness group this term. Mrs Hillier will continue to support our community with information and purchasing the snacks for student's attending the programs that don't provide their own food/snacks.

Cawdor Public School has been successful in receiving \$25,000.00 under the Schools Upgrade Fund - Open Round for the 2023 school year. The Schools Upgrade Fund provides funding to improve and upgrade school facilities, to help keep students safe and get their education back on track after the COVID-19 disruptions of the last couple of years. These funds have to be spent on specific criteria and our submission involved using the funds towards purchase of air purifiers for class learning areas and the canteen, upgrading our library learning space with improved shelving, display boards and hopefully some furniture, new outdoor seating and learning space and playground equipment.

Kind regards

Mrs Julie Sivell

Principal

Attendance

Student attendance in Term 1 was excellent. Overall percentage of student's attending school was 92.6% and student's attending greater than 90% of the time was 75.9%. We have seen an increase in illnesses at the beginning of Term 2 and strongly advise to continue following the NSW Health advice to reduce the risk of not only COVID-19 but also other viral illnesses that may affect schools.

- Stay home if unwell or showing even the mildest of symptoms.
- Keep up to date with vaccinations including COVID-19 booster shots and flu vaccines, available from your local GP, pharmacy or Aboriginal Medical Service.
- Get tested immediately for COVID-19 if you become symptomatic.
- Practice good hand hygiene by washing regularly with soap and water.
- Take a RAT before visiting vulnerable loved ones or going to large gatherings and events.

Please continue to let the school know by letter, email, or message if your child is too unwell to attend school with the date, reason for their absence.



Walk Safely to School Day

Walk Safely to School Day is coming up on Friday 19th May. You probably already know that your child can easily be distracted! As a pedestrian, they are small and can be difficult for drivers to see. Developmentally, your primary aged child is still learning the skills to predict or identify dangers, judge speed and know which directions sounds come from. They tend to act impulsively too.

Until your child is at least 8 years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road. If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School Photos will be taken on **Tuesday 16th May**. All students are asked to wear their WINTER school uniform on the day.

To help make Photo Day run as smoothly as possible photo order forms have been preprinted with student's name and class details. Payment can be made by:

Cash - please enclose correct money as NO change can be given

Online using credit card - online order number to be written on the front of the photo envelope

Sibling photos are also available, please see Mrs. Hillier in the school office to obtain a family photo order envelope.

To help streamline procedures on photo day, completed forms with payment can be sent in to school any time prior to Tuesday 16th May.

Netball GALA day

Students in Year 3 -6 who were successful in our school trial for the 2 netball teams went to Narrellan Sports Hub on Friday. I heard wonderful reports on their teamwork, new skills and willingness to learn the rules and positions, as well as demonstration of outstanding sportsmanship, which was noted by many teachers from other schools.

The junior teams won all 4 games and did not have any goals scored against them and our senior team won 3 of 4 games.

We are so proud of your striving always attitude and look forward to Week 5 when we you play again. Thank you to Mrs Turner for all the lunch time training and support on the day. Ms Sekulov loved attending and cheering from the sidelines. Thank you to parents who were able to assist in transporting their child to the grounds and cheering loudly from the sidelines.





ON THURSDAY 11 MAY 2023

APPLICATIONS FOR THE YEAR 5 2024 OPPORTUNITY CLASS CLOSES MONDAY 15 MAY 2023.

INFORMATION WAS SENT HOME WITH CURRENT YEAR 4 STUDENTS PRIOR TO THE BREAK, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANOTHER COPY.

HIGHLIGHTS OF TERM 2

ASSEMBLY MONDAY 1 APRIL, 2.20PM

ECHIDNAS EXCURSION New date! WEDNESDAY 17 MAY

MOTHER'S DAY STALL THURSDAY 11 MAY

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY TUESDAY 16 MAY

GALA DAY NETBALL YR 3-6 FRIDAY 26 MAY, 30 JUNE

FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM THURSDAYS, WEEKS 6 TO 10

FOOTSTEPS SCHOOL DISCO THURSDAY 22 JUNE

Assemblies in Term 2

Due to the OT program commencing on Mondays this term, our assemblies will be changing to afternoons on the following dates.

The assemblies will be held at 2:20pm.

Monday 15th May Possum's class assembly Monday 29th May Echidna's class assembly

Monday 12th June Public Holiday

We will hold a **NAIDOC** week assembly in the week commencing 26th June. A date will be confirmed soon, and it will be a morning assembly. We will be handing out double class awards to cover for the fortnight missed due to the Public Holiday.

Cawdor Public School

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Students arriving late to school must call into the school office to have their



attendance recorded correctly.

Students leaving early must be signed out by a parent or carer.