



TERM 3  
WEEK 1  
19 July 2023



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

We welcome everyone back to Term 3 and we hope you had a fantastic holiday break. A warm welcome to our new students Maria (Year 4) and Christina (Year 3) and their family.

We are excited for students to be continuing their learning in all areas of the curriculum, athletics carnival and cricket gala days, education week and book week, bookfair and we can't forget our wonderful grand friend's day to finish the term.

Staff engaged in professional learning on Monday to give feedback on the Draft NSW Public Education plan and you will find information at the end of this newsletter on how as a school community member you can also provide feedback on this draft education plan. We also looked at a numeracy focus area of Number and Place Value and ways we can continue to support teaching and learning during Mathematics in line with new syllabus implementation. Staff engaged in professional learning on epilepsy to assist staff in care and management of students with this condition. The day also allowed for some planning and organisation for the term ahead.

I am pleased to advise we will be continuing extra curricula before and after school activities as an option for those wishing to register and funding received will continue to allow students to attend at no cost to families. The programs will commence in Week 2 and finish in Week 9. **There will be no programs running in the last week of school this term.** Please register before student places fill up as some activities have a capped limit. The providers are remaining the same as last term on the same days.

The school- based OT program will also be continuing for those students who were identified last term. We are beginning to see students transferring the skills they are learning each week into the classroom environment. This term the program will move from Mondays to Thursdays and Kelly Stevens will be our provider.

Congratulations to Mrs Biffin who is expecting a baby in November. At this stage Mrs Biffin is continuing to support and teach Possums on Thursdays and Fridays for all of Term 3 and part of Term 4.

Kind regards

Mrs Julie Sivell, *Principal*

*Principal*

## School Assemblies

Thank you to those families who completed our online survey. Friday mornings was the most popular choice, closely followed by Monday afternoons. So, we will move most assemblies in Term 3 to Friday mornings in Weeks 4, 6 and 8 and due to Gala Days Weeks 2 and 10 will be held Monday afternoons.

Week 2 Monday 24th July	2:20pm	Wallabies
Week 4 Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	9:15am	Koalas
Week 6 Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	9:15am	Echidnas
Week 8 Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	9:15am	Possums
Week 10 Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	2:20pm	School Leaders

## School Attendance

We know that the last couple of years have been tough, and we will continue to prioritise student's health and wellbeing by listening to health advice, providing support and maintaining a safe learning environment.

We want to thank you for sending your children to school when they are well because our overall attendance rate for Semester 1 was a very high 91.4% and students attending school above 90% of the time was 63.9% which was well above the state rate. Let's see if we can further improve during Term 3.

### ***Why attendance matters - Let's do the maths!***

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can impact your child's learning more than you think.

When your child misses one day a week over a year, that's 40 days of school, 8 weeks of lessons and 2.5 years over their school life lost.

## UPCOMING DATES TERM 3

Monday 24 July	2.20pm Assembly: Wallabies class
Tuesday 25 July	Cybersafety Talk, Echidnas and Koalas classes
Friday 28 July	GALA Day Cricket—team trials and notes soon
Tuesday 1 August	Author Visit
	P&C Meeting 3.20pm—All welcome
Thursday 3 August	Celebrating 175 Years of Public Education— Open classrooms, more information coming home soon
Wednesday 9 August	Orienteering Day Years 4, 5, 6 (new date)

## Have your say on your child's education

The NSW Department of Education is developing a new plan for NSW public education. We want to hear from our parents, carers, and community on this important work.

Our plan for NSW public education outlines how we will create an outstanding and equitable education system and uplift trust and pride in the teaching profession.

It sets aspirations for every learner.

We invite you to have your say on this important work. You can do this by visiting the Department's plan for NSW public education webpage at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/campaigns-and-initiatives/draft-plan-for-nsw-public-education.html>

On this page you will find an online engagement platform that can be used to share feedback on the plan. The platform has been designed for everyone to have their say on the plan.

It will take about 10 minutes for you to share your feedback using this platform.

The platform will be available for six weeks, from Monday 17 July 2023 to Friday 25 August 2023. We encourage you to share your feedback during this period.

The Department has organised several focus group sessions with parents, carers, and students, to provide more detailed feedback on the plan. This was organised through an expressions of interest process.

If you have any questions about the draft plan, or the consultation, please contact the team directly by email at [engageTD@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:engageTD@det.nsw.edu.au).

Thank you for supporting our work in NSW public schools.

## P&C NEWS .....

Keep up to date with the latest P&C news and events—join our Facebook page : **CAWDOR PARENTS GROUP**

**WANTED**

**P&C SECRETARY**—We are looking for someone willing to join meetings face to face or via zoom to type up the Meeting Minutes once a month.

**CANTEEN** will reopen for Term 3 on **TUESDAY 25 JULY**. Our new menu is attached. As canteen operating days can change due to availability of parent helpers please check the parent facebook page for updates. Next week the canteen will be open **TUESDAY AND FRIDAY ONLY**.

