



TERM 3
WEEK 5

17th Aug 2023



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

We have some of our most popular events Athletics Carnival, Gala Day 2 and Book Character Parade and Book Fair coming up in the next fortnight. We look forward to our parents and carers joining us.

It was wonderful to have many parents and grandparents come visit classrooms last week as part of 175 years of Public Education Week. We know the students are always proud to show you, their learning. Check out our Facebook page to see some photos from the events that took place during that week.



This week we received a new seating bench inscribed "Lest We Forget".

The seat is made of recycled plastic bottle tops, and we look forward to our community and students enjoying the seat.

Thank you to the NSW Office for Veterans Affairs (OVA) who provided our P&C with the grant funding to purchase this for our school.

Wollondilly Council provided a donation of \$500 that was used for obtaining 2 flagpoles and these should be installed next week.

We plan to develop a Garden of Remembrance which will include the 2 new flagpoles and our 'Mates Bench'.

We also need to thank the North Wollondilly Rotary for a donation of \$500 that has been used to purchase Mathematics resources for our classrooms.

Kind regards

Mrs Julie Sivell,

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 6 Friday 25 th August	9:15am	Echidnas
Week 8 Friday 8 th September	9:15am	Possums
Week 10 Monday 18 th September	2:20pm	School Leaders

Bushfire Season and School safety

Cawdor Public School's Bushfire and Grassfire Risk Rating is Category 2. This means your school has high landscape-to-site bushfire and grassfire risk. For this reason, early proactive decision making to reduce risk is required. This means that when the NSW RFS has declared a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating (FDR) for the following day, the department will direct our school to temporarily cease operations on that day. Our school may also be directed to temporarily cease operations at any time by the department on advice from emergency services or the State Emergency Operations Centre, even if a Catastrophic FDR has not been declared. School safety and the NSW School Education Parents app provide parents and the school community with up-to-date information on all adverse weather conditions and school closures across the state. Download the app to keep informed!

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.

Orienteering -

Students in Years 4,5, and 6, represented our school at orienteering this week. It was wonderful to hear how well they worked individually and as a team while learning new skills. Our students achieved great results including many finishing in the top 10.

Congratulations to Victor Lee who came in third place and will now go onto the NSW championships. We wish him all the best.



Sustainable School Grant

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and Early Learning Pru Goward has recently announced the successful recipients of the fifth round of a 4-year grants scheme supporting students to develop innovative sustainability projects at their schools.

The Sustainable Schools Grants program is in its fourth year and offers all NSW public schools and preschools up to \$15,000 for student-led initiatives that improve the environment at schools.

Cawdor Public School has been awarded funding based on several criteria including the project's ability to improve the sustainability of the school environment, its connection to the curriculum and the hands-on activities included in the project. Mr Harrison and his class are leading our sustainable project to tie in with the waste program that commenced in Term 1 and after a long delay our new bins have now arrived which will see the Koala's class start educating our school on how we can reduce waste, recycle or reuse it.

"The grants program inspires and empowers students and school communities to develop ideas and put plans in place that will benefit the environment by helping to save energy or water, reduce waste, or improve biodiversity.

"This funding will enable schools to bring their sustainability ideas to life. Students will gain practical skills and a valuable understanding of reducing our environmental footprint.

UPCOMING DATES TERM 3

WEEK 5

Wednesday 16 August	Athletics Carnival
Friday 18 August	GALA Day Cricket

WEEK 6

Wednesday 23 August	Book Week Character Parade—start planning!
Saturday 26 August	P & C Bunnings BBQ—HELPERS NEEDED

Week 7

Wednesday 30 August	Book Fair arrives (Book Fair continues until Tues 5 Sept.)
Thursday 31 August	Father's Day stall
Friday 1 September	Year 6 Fundraiser 'Welcome to Spring' coordinated by members of the SRC

Week 8

Tuesday 5 September	P&C Meeting—3.20pm
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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.



SNAPSHOTS OF CAWDOR at GALA DAY cricket

