



**TERM 1  
WEEK 5**

**28 February 2025**



## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:**

Dear Parents and Friends of Cawdor PS

In the very fast paced world we live in, we understand the need for you, our parents/carers, to have the ability to receive and respond to communication at a time that best suits your needs.

As a result, we are excited to announce our school is engaging the services of School Bytes who offer a simplified digital system for communicating with parents and carers.

### **Changes you can expect**

- Online forms including permission notes, will be sent to you directly via School Bytes with a link enclosed. Select the link to open the secure online form.
- Emails will be sent to you from [noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education](mailto:noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education).
- The online form will have information about the activity with a section for a digital signature (either with a mouse or your finger) prior to submitting.
- If the activity involves a cost, there will be a make online payment button on the form, which will allow you to pay securely, quickly and easily via credit or debit card after granting permission.

### **HPGE Student Leaders Day**

I had the pleasure of taking our school leaders and Year 6 SRC representative to a high potential and gifted education (HPGE) student leader's day at Wooglemai last week. They interacted with other school leaders from schools in Camden, Campbelltown and Macarthur areas. It was wonderful to see them communicating, solving problems and reflecting on their 2025 leadership goals.



Kind regards, Mrs Sivell

### **School safety**

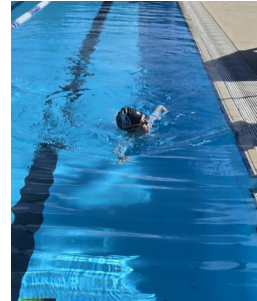
Students should not arrive at school prior to 8.20am due to limited supervision and are then to remain seated under the COLA until the teacher on duty releases them to play at 8.30am. Parents arriving prior to 2.50pm in the afternoon are asked to please remain away from classrooms to minimise disruption to classes and ensure the safety of our students.

If you are arriving late or it is necessary for you to collect your child/children early, please ensure the gate is securely closed again when you leave. Students arriving late to school must call into the school office to have their attendance recorded correctly.

When using the parent carpark please reverse park. This ensures that you have a clear view of any children exiting the school grounds before driving away. Parents arriving after 2:45pm are kindly asked to park in the lower part of the carpark as children may already be out and making their way to vehicles.

## Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who represented Cawdor PS at the Swimming Carnival last week. Some wonderful results and personal best swims in very warm conditions. Many students were attending a swimming carnival for the first time. We look forward to sending our representatives to Razorback Swimming Carnival this week. We wish them all the best.



## Student Leaders Assembly

Our first whole school assembly will be held this Friday 28th February at 9:15am under the COLA. We will be inducting all our school leaders at this assembly. We will also be presenting school swimming certificates. Below is our Term 1 assembly dates.

Friday 28th February	Student leaders
Friday 14th March	Koalas
Friday 28th March	Wallabies
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Hat Parade (more information to come)

## NAPLAN In 2025

**NAPLAN will be held from Wednesday 12 March.** Students in Years 3 and 5 who are enrolled at a school are expected to participate in four NAPLAN tests:

- writing
- reading
- conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy

All schools in NSW undertake NAPLAN online. However, Year 3 students do the writing test on paper. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the format of the tests before the NAPLAN test window.

The public demonstration site <https://nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site> is available for students, teachers and parents to familiarise themselves with the types of questions, tools and functions available for the NAPLAN tests.

It includes demonstration tests for each NAPLAN year level, test domain and alternative tests for students with disability.

Adjustments are available for students with disability. The adjustments should reflect the normal support a student receives in classroom assessments. Contact the school to discuss possible adjustments and to sign a parent/carer consent form.

## P & C COMMITTEE

On Monday 24th February, the P&C met for the Annual General Meeting in the school library, where all executive positions were declared vacant. Following voting, the following parents and community members have accepted executive roles on our 2025 P&C committee:

**President- Jasmin Dodds**

**Vice President- Elise Cunningham & Kristal Prior**

**Treasurer - Rebecca Woods**

**Secretary- Danielle Gillespie**

Our P&C plays a vital role in supporting our school community. Through fundraising, events, and various initiatives, we help provide resources, equipment, and opportunities that benefit all students. To make this happen, we rely on parent volunteers throughout the year, both at school and at community events. Whether it's helping at a fundraiser, assisting at a school event, or lending a hand behind the scenes, every bit of support makes a difference. If you can spare some time, we'd love to have you involved. The P&C has several events planned throughout the year and we're always looking for volunteers to help out.

If you have any questions or hesitations, feel free to chat with one of our P&C members, we'd be happy to help.

**Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 31st March at 9.15am in the school library and all community members are invited to attend.**

## Sports News

Jacob F is representing our school as a Sydney Southwest representative at the State Cricket Championships this week. We wish him and the team great success.



## School attendance

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unexplained on the student's record. Use school bytes to notify us of your child's absence from your phone if you download the app.

## School hats

Our school's policy is "No hat, play in the shade." Please ensure that your child wears their school hat each day. As protection from the sun, students without hats will be asked to play under the COLA at recess and lunch time. Please encourage your child to wear a school hat or navy plain hat, over other hats they wear at home. Hats can be purchased from the school office at any time.

All styles are \$12 each. There are 3 styles:

Baseball style cap, bucket hat and wide brim hat.

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